

Minutes of Meeting
Fairgrounds FY21 Budget Review
May 14, 2020
3:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Finance Director Dena Darrow, Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiamonte, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson and Contractor Shawn Riley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

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North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan prefaced her request with the information that the Fairgrounds had lost a significant amount of revenue due to COVID-19. She stated that five of their eight permanent staff had been furloughed. Because of this, she said they were requesting to alter their original request for funding for FY21 and the plans for its use.

Ms. Jordan said they would like to reduce their initial request of \$300,000 to a total of \$120,000. She explained that \$40,000 of this would be targeted for their Master Plan project, since that was vitally important for the Fairground’s economic development. She asked that they have the remaining \$80,000 to be used at the Fair Board’s discretion, rather than directed to any particular project.

Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson stated that the \$80,000 would be used for maintenance and necessary infrastructure, not for personnel.

Ms. Jordan reported that the RV Park was open for business. She said it had started slowly but was picking up volume.

Ms. Jordan closed with the information that, at this time, the Fair was going to be held as planned, although with some changes to assure public safety.

- D. Public Comment (Discussion):** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
