

Minutes of Meeting
FY19 Budget Deliberations-Prosecutor Departments
May 30, 2018
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Marc Eberlein, Commissioner Chris Fillios, and Commissioner Bob Bingham met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Financial Performance & Compliance Senior Manager Kimberli Riley, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Barry Black, Criminal Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Art Verharen, Administrative Supervisor Patti Surplus and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- B. **Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. **Action:**

Discussion with the County Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Barry Black, and Auditor's Staff Regarding FY19 Prosecuting Attorneys Budget Requests

Clerk Jim Brannon provided a snapshot of the Prosecutor's Budget and said there was an increase to the Operating Budget of approximately \$4800. Prosecutor McHugh said the biggest increases in their Budget came by way of the personnel requests, stating they were requesting numerous positions due to the growth of the County and the subsequent increased workload. Criminal Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Art Verharen provided a spreadsheet of violent and sexual cases that had been handled by the Prosecutor's Office, explaining those types of cases were on the rise.

Prosecutor McHugh stated if the Board were to grant all the positions requested for both their office and the Public Defender, the two offices would be on par. He explained that for some time, the Prosecutor's Office had been behind on the number of attorneys. He said with the levels of the support staff, the Public Defender would continue to be ahead of the Prosecutor, even if they were to get the two and a half positions they requested.

The Board and Prosecutor McHugh discussed the Personnel Requests at length and Chairman Eberlein said he was somewhat sympathetic to the attorney reclassification from a level 4 to a level 5.

No decisions were made.

- E. **Public Comment:** 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 were no public comments.

Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
