

Minutes of Meeting
University of Idaho Special Meeting
June 19, 2018
11:00 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 Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Director Shawn Riley and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were University of Idaho Associate Vice President Charles Buck and Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Brian Walker.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Discussion with University of Idaho Associate Vice President Charles Buck regarding possible purchase of property currently owned by Kootenai County

Commissioner Chris Fillios told the Board that he and University of Idaho Associate Vice President Charles Buck have been discussing the University's desire to expand their services into Coeur d'Alene. He said Mr. Buck had expressed an interest in the Juvenile Justice Building, also called the Federal Building, located on Lakeside and 4th in Coeur d'Alene.

Mr. Buck said the project is in an exploratory phase right now; there has been no definite direction given by the University President. He explained that the College of Engineering and the College of Business would like to open a site, with the intention of working cooperatively with North Idaho College.

Chairman Eberlein informed Mr. Buck that the Federal Building is on the National Historic Buildings Register, which meant that there were certain limitations placed on its renovation. Mr. Riley commented that there are five departments housed there: District Court, Public Defender, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Juvenile Probation and Buildings & Grounds. He added that there are two holding cells in the building also, one for adult offenders and one for juveniles. Mr. Riley said space for these departments would have to be found elsewhere before selling the building could be considered.

Commissioner Bob Bingham inquired whether the University might be amenable to a staged approach to allow the County time to migrate its departments bit by bit elsewhere. Mr. Buck replied that ultimately they would like to secure 60,000 square feet, to allow for lab space and classrooms. He said they have no firm timeline but could be looking at a move into the Federal Building within two years. Chairman Eberlein asked Mr. Riley how much it might cost to replace the space. Mr. Riley estimated two to two and a half million dollars.

Chairman Eberlein suggested that additional work needed to be done by Commissioner Fillios in conjunction with the University to work out details and determine a feasible plan. All parties present agreed to pursue the subject further.

- D. 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 was no public comment.

Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
