

Minutes of Meeting
FY19 Final Budget Deliberations
July 19, 2018
1:00 p.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, Coroner Dr. Warren Keene, Undersheriff Dan Mattos, Captain Lee Richardson, Captain John Holecek, Lieutenant Nancy Ellis, Sergeant Rikki Hinchee, Deputy Mike Douglass, Administrative Assistant Tammy Exley, Chief Deputy Assessor Rich Houser, Human Resources (HR) Director Skye Mercer, HR Generalist – Benefits & Compensation Dorothy Cross, BOCC Financial Analyst Nanci Plouffe, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were citizens Leslie Duncan and Ruben Miranda.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Discussion Regarding the FY19 Budget Process, Considerations, and Decisions (Action Item)

Clerk Jim Brannon said that during the break between meetings, the Auditor’s Office had performed the calculations and research that had been requested. Finance Director Dena Darrow said the two Contingency Funds the Board had inquired about were both levy funds and showed the amounts in each fund. She then pointed out that in 2017, both Contingency Funds were used up, the Board even had to dip into Fund Balance to cover shortfalls, which was the reason why the Contingency Justice Fund had been increased in FY2018.

KCSO Administrative Assistant Dorinda Thurman entered the meeting at 1:28 p.m.
Citizen Leslie Duncan entered the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Clerk Brannon asked the Board if they would consider freezing any open positions. The Board discussed the positions at length and opted to freeze any position open more than 100 days and to fund them at 60%. Each Commissioner then discussed their desires for tax increases, wage increases and Sworn Officer increases.

Chairman Eberlein recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Eberlein reconvened the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion with many negotiations between both Commissioners Bob Bingham and Chris Fillios, they agreed upon a 1.5% tax increase, 2.5% merit increase, 2.0% Top Sworn Officer increase (less Command Staff), fund open positions at 60%, cut one Patrol Vehicle, and keep the Patrol Administrative Assistant position.

Commissioner Fillios moved to tentatively approve a property tax increase of 1.5%, 2.5% employee merit increase, 2% wage increase for Top Sworn Officers (Sergeant and below), and a 40% freeze on Open positions. Commissioner Bingham seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Bingham: Aye
Commissioner Fillios: Aye
Chairman Eberlein: Nay

The motion carried.

Clerk Brannon closed the meeting by thanking the Board for all their hard work on the Budget, assuring them the Auditor's Office would provide the final numbers at the next meeting. Commissioner Fillios then thanked Ms. Darrow for keeping them on track and doing so logically.

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 were no public comments.

Chairman Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
