

Minutes of Meeting
Tentative Balanced Budget
July 31, 2020
9:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan, and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, District Court Services Director Marissa Garza, Court Services Manager Kally Young, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Human Resources (HR) Sylvia Proud, KCSO Undersheriff Dan Mattos, Chief Deputy Coroner Lynn Acebedo, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were Contractor Shawn Riley, Fairgrounds General Manager Alexcia Jordan, 4H Extension Educator Sharla Wilson, Coeur d’Alene Press Staff Writer Madison Hardy, and citizen Art Collins.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Review Tentative Balanced FY21 Budget

Clerk Jim Brannon commended the Commissioners on their hard work during the Budget discussions, and also Finance Director Dena Darrow and Staff Accountant – Budget Michelle Chiaramonte for their work with the numbers.

Ms. Darrow opened the meeting by showing the Preliminary Summary and pointing out that the Budget was currently balanced; she also noted that they were more than \$2 million dollars less than FY20’s Budget. She said it was an amazing feat, considering there was 12% growth in the County and the Board was able to still take a 0% property tax increase. Ms. Darrow then showed an FY21 taxing authority sheet, which showed the maximum available taxing authority, the new and forgone taxing authorities and levy rates. She provided a levy sheet that broke each down by the funds and explained that the levy rates had dropped year over year, and also how the levy rates were calculated.

Ms. Darrow then showed the Draft FY21 Proposed Budget, which would be published in the paper on August 10, 2020 and a copy of Resolution 2020-50, which would reserve Forgone Taxes the Board did not use.

Chairman Fillios opened the floor for Public Comment.

- 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.

Art Collins, 814 Glenmore Court, Hayden, asked where in the Budget the Community Development budget was held. The Board explained that Community Development's budget was within the Board's budget, but was paid for using levy funds; however, it was primarily fee based.

Sharla Wilson, Extension Educator, asked if they could know how much money the Board budgeted for the Extension Office so they could start planning for the year. Ms. Darrow and Chairman Fillios said that it was budgeted as requested - \$156,075.

Contractor Shawn Riley asked if there had been any funds set aside for the new building inside Fund Balance; Ms. Darrow said that there had been \$5 million set aside. Mr. Riley said that it would take approximately \$1.2-1.5 million for architectural fees, so hopefully design could start in the spring and he would have a better idea for an approximate cost for the next budget cycle.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan said that she was not in favor of raises this budget year, as people were losing their businesses and livelihoods, but that she would make the motion to bring the budget forward for publishing.

Commissioner Duncan moved to bring the budget forward to be published. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Davisson called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

E. Adjourn: Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
