

Minutes of Meeting
FY23 Budget Deliberations
August 1, 2022
10:00 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, Deputy Finance Director Keith Taylor, Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon, Court Services Director Marissa Garza, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Human Resources (HR) Director Sylvia Proud, Human Resources Generalist – Employee Relations Dorothy Cross, Sheriff Bob Norris, Undersheriff Brett Nelson, KCSO Captains Andy Deak and Kevin Smart, Lieutenant Ryan Higgins, KCSO Chief Budget Officer Stephanie Drobny, Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP) Director Keith Hutcheson, Community Development Director David Callahan, Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer, Solid Waste Business & Finance Manager Angela Burgeson, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present was Coeur d’Alene Press Staff Writer Kaye Thornbrugh.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. **Business:**
 - 1. **Preliminary Balanced Budget Presentation with Staff Accountant Brandi Falcon (Action)**

Clerk Jim Brannon said that in accordance to Idaho Code §31-1604, they were presenting the tentative budget today. He said upon the Board’s tentative approval, they would have it published in the Coeur d’Alene Press.

Staff Accountant – Budget Brandi Falcon presented estimated revenues values, as the actual revenue values had not yet been received from the Assessor, which would be the same for every taxing district in the County. She pointed out that if actual revenues came in higher than what was budgeted, they would have to use forgone taxes to cover the difference.

Ms. Falcon reminded the Board that, at a prior meeting, it had been discussed on whether they would adjust the matrices for 911 and Jail, which would result in an estimated \$317,000 difference. She asked that, if the Board were amenable to that adjustment, they make the final decision today because the Budget needed to be published by end of day.

The Board and the attendees had a lengthy discussion on the proposed matrix adjustment and the possibility of freezing a few specific positions within the Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Bob Norris said that the Matrix adjustment would help the Sheriff’s Office be more competitive with other local agencies.

Ultimately, the Board opted to fund the Matrix adjustments for the Sheriff's Office and freeze four detention deputy and two dispatch positions.

Commissioner Duncan moved to approve the preliminary balanced budget to be published in the newspaper. Commissioner 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.

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 were no public comments.

E. Adjourn: Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BY:

Ronnie Davisson
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

BOCC SIGNATURE

