

Minutes of Meeting
University of Idaho Extension Office
September 9, 2020
3:00 p.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 Finance Director Dena Darrow, Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Operations Manager Greg Manley, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were North Idaho Fair General Manager Alexcia Jordan, Fair Board Member Linda Rider, University of Idaho Extension Office 4-H Educator Sharla Wilson, and Kootenai County Residents Pierce Clegg and Mike Howell.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

University of Idaho Extension Office Facilities

University of Idaho Extension Office 4-H Educator Sharla Wilson reported that she had viewed a couple of potential sites for their relocation. She said that one, located on Prairie Avenue, would have adequately housed their offices but would not provide room for meetings. She stated that the other was the University of Idaho Research Park in Post Falls. She remarked that she was not pleased with the location because it was too far from the population they serviced, but it was big enough to satisfy their needs.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked, since the building was owned by the University of Idaho, why the Extension office would be charged rent.

Ms. Wilson replied that it was the County's duty to house the Extension, not that of the University. She explained that, if the Extension were solely a University of Idaho Department, they would have to house them, but this was not the case. She noted that the University was willing to accept the \$70,000 the County could provide for two years rent, even though that was less than they would normally receive for that space.

The Commissioners and those present discussed the details of relocation of the Extension Office and their needs at length.

Ms. Wilson stated that they would need a large number of moving boxes to effect the shift to the new location. It was suggested that she put out the word asking for donation of boxes in addition to drawing on whatever Reprographics could provide before considering asking the County to buy boxes.

Kootenai County Resident Pierce Clegg asked whether inmates from the Kootenai County Jail could be involved to do some of the labor. Chairman Fillios suggested he contact KCSO.

Ms. Wilson expressed her dissatisfaction with the timetable under which the move was supposed to proceed. She also expressed dissatisfaction with the behavior of Elections staff who had been examining the space the Extension would vacate to determine its best use for their needs. Commissioner Duncan said she would discuss the complaint with the appropriate people.

It was generally agreed that the Extension Office would be moved to the proposed location at the University of Idaho Research Park in Post Falls, as discussed.

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.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
