

Minutes of Meeting
Impact Fees Meeting with the Mayors
September 21, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan, Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were KCSO Sheriff Robert Norris, KCSO Captain Kevin Smart, Parks & Waterways (P&W)/Noxious Weeds/Snowgroomers Director Nick Snyder, Finance Director Brandi Falcon, Community Development Director David Callahan, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were TischlerBise (Galena Consulting) Representative Anne Wescott, Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson, Post Falls City Attorney Shelly Enderud, Athol Mayor Bill Hill, Rathdrum Mayor Vic Holmes, City of Rathdrum Attorney Emily Smith, Hayden Mayor Scott Forssell, Dalton Gardens Mayor Dan Edwards, City of Hauser Attorney Kinzo Mihara, Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Bill Buley, Channel 6 Reporter John Webb and Kootenai County Resident Gary Hall. Chairman Fillios was present via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Impact Fee Collection by Individual Kootenai County Cities (Discussion)

Those present introduced themselves.

TischlerBise (Galena Consulting) Representative Anne Wescott reviewed the projected growth figures for Kootenai County population and the impact these would have on services offered by KCSO, the Jail and Parks & Waterways. She answered questions regarding the types of expenses which could be paid through impact fees, including facilities and equipment. She explained that impact fees could not be used to remedy a current deficiency, such as the Jail not having enough space right now, but only things which were caused by population growth.

City of Rathdrum Attorney Emily Smith disputed causation versus correlation in terms of population growth requiring expanded services with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden.

Rathdrum Mayor Vic Holmes and Athol Mayor Bill Hill expressed their unwillingness to participate in collection of impact fees, citing the high cost of housing in Kootenai County, among other reasons.

Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson remarked that the County's recent decision to keep property tax late payment fees and penalties, rather than handing them over to the cities, was a factor in his reluctance to participate.

Ms. Wescott stated that it was possible to arrange exemptions from impact fees for designated affordable housing projects.

Substantial discussion of different aspects of impact fees ensued with no final decision being announced by any participant.

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): Chair Pro Tem Duncan adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk