

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
December 19, 2012
2:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden and Deputy Clerk Pamela Bogaert.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions made.

C. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes made to the agenda.

D. Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

E. New Business:

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden advised the Board that Plummer-Gateway Fire Protection District will provide ambulance service in Benewah County, previously served by Worley Ambulance, through the Kootenai County EMS System. Benewah County is now requesting that all 911 calls for EMS services originating from Benewah County be forwarded to their dispatch. However, users of the system have been requesting Worley Ambulance be dispatched rather than Plummer-Gateway. 911 Director Brad Coughenour and Chief Lynn Borders have asked the Board for clarification as to how to respond in those situations. Mr. Braden advised that without an agreement in place, Kootenai County is unable to bill for paramedic intercepts for Plummer-Gateway. Chief Borders is currently billing Plummer-Gateway directly, however, there is no assurance that the bills will be paid. Mr. Braden advised the Board that Kootenai County is not obligated to follow Benewah County's request to dispatch directly to them. The Board discussed the possible ramifications of transferring 911 calls to Benewah County. Chairman Tondee suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), outlining the terms and fees of intercept requests, be executed between Kootenai County and Plummer-Gateway Fire Protection District. The Board agreed that the 911 calls would continue to be sent to Benewah County for the time being.

Mr. Braden advised the Board that Discovery and Fudge have come to an agreement on the two (2) cases currently in District Court and will drop both appeals in exchange for Discovery correcting the defective issues in their application. Mr. Braden asked for the Board's authorization to remand the issue of Discovery/Fudge back to the Board for a re-hearing.

Commissioner Nelson moved to approve Pat Braden's signature on the stipulation in the case of Discovery/Fudge appeals. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Bogaert called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Tondee: Nay

The motion carried.

Commissioner Green asked to add a discussion regarding the Position Review Committee's recommendations to the agenda.

Commissioner Green moved to add a discussion regarding the Position Review Committee's (PRC) recommendations to the agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Bogaert called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Tondee: Aye

The motion carried.

Commissioner Nelson agreed to discuss the Board's concerns regarding the 10% discount from Kootenai Medical Center with County Assistance Manager Todd Rickard.

Commissioner Nelson informed the Board that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is sending their juveniles to the Martin Hall Juvenile Detention Facility in Medical Lake, Washington; a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approved facility, rather than Kootenai County facilities due to the fact that the BIA will bear the cost. Juvenile Detention Director JT Taylor is currently researching the process to become BIA approved.

Commissioner Nelson met with Judges Mitchell and Peterson to discuss potentially raising revenues for the Public Defender's department by reducing Public Defender cases and awarding Public Defender fees.

Commissioner Nelson mentioned that Dan English called about having a Public Defender for children who have no Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Commissioner Nelson suggested that Mr. English discuss the issue with Public Defender John Adams and then bring any agreement they may make before the Board.

The Board discussed the process by which the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board (HARSB) collects fees and the premiums that comes into the County. The Board agreed that it would be necessary to determine what amount should be set aside for repairs and maintenance and that a separate fund would be needed for those monies.

Commissioner Green informed the Board that Lakes Highway District has offered to complete the turn lane that is required at the new rural collection site off of Ramsey Road. Commissioner Green is waiting for direction from Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John Cafferty as to whether or not the construction will be required to be put out for bid.

The Board discussed their meeting schedule for 2013 with Administrative Secretary Lori Cogley and made several changes to the current schedule.

Finance Director David McDowell arrived at the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson requested that a discussion regarding carryover funds be added to the agenda. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Deputy Clerk Bogaert called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Tondee: Aye

The motion carried.

Mr. McDowell addressed the Board's questions regarding 2012 carryover funds that were not expended and agreed to add several items and reformat the spreadsheet for clarification.

The Board discussed the PRC's recommendations and Commissioner Green and Commissioner Nelson were in favor of adopting the recommendations. Chairman Tondee and Commissioner Green felt that the Department Heads were not rated correctly by the PRC. Chairman Tondee wondered if appeals from the Elected Officials should be heard prior to adopting the recommendations, after adoption, or not at all. The Board did not agree upon a final decision.

Commissioner Green will be meeting with Panhandle Area Council (PAC) Executive Director Jim Deffenbaugh next month to discuss Mr. Deffenbaugh's potential replacement and splitting grant administration fees. Grant Writer Jody Bieze feels that Kootenai County is doing the majority of the work of administering the grants.

Commissioner Green informed the Board that Office of Emergency Management Manager Sandy VonBehren is completing an inventory of the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) cards.

Commissioner Green noted that the year-end compensation reports for each employee will be sent out with the W-2 forms.

Commissioner Green noted that Clerk Cliff Hayes is asking the Board to be more aggressive regarding the investment decisions of the Treasurer. Commissioner Nelson felt that the Board's investment policy gave the Treasurer some of the Board's authority and wondered if the legal department should review the policy.

Chairman Tondee briefed the Board on his recent meeting with some of the Fire Districts regarding Impact Fees and felt that in order for impact fees to work the entire District would need to collect the same fee. Chairman Tondee will be meeting with the City governments to discuss their willingness to charge the impact fees. The Board discussed the challenges facing the Districts regarding the collection of the impact fees.

Commissioner Green noted that applications for the Advisory Boards are being accepted until December 21, 2012 and several good applications have come through. Administrative Secretary Teri Johnston is compiling a list of the openings, board members who are remaining and new applicants.

F. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Pamela B. Bogaert, Deputy Clerk