

Minutes of Meeting
Settlement Presentation Discussion
With Jeff Owen Regarding Shearer
January 30, 2013
3:00 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 Attorney Jeff Owen, County Assistance Manager Todd Rickard, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John Cafferty, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, and Deputy Clerk Christine Sessions.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:09 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:** Jeff Owen came before the Board to discuss settlement to the case regarding Kimberly Shearer, Plaintiff, and the lawsuit involving Mary Clay, an independent party, her insurance carrier Hartford, and the second-named party accountable, Citylink. An agreement has been made with Ms. Clay's insurance carrier; however, the entire case has not been resolved. Mr. Owens informed that there are sufficient funds to attempt to resolve most of the outstanding liens, which are all medical in nature. Still outstanding are subrogation claims, liens and other entities that have rights of reimbursement totaling approximately \$122,000. An agreement has been made with the majority of these entities; and an agreement with Kootenai Medical Center is in progress as their interests are being handled by North Idaho Credit Corporation. Chairman Tondee shared his opinion that if the County has already cut the bill in half and the request being made is to reduce the bill even further with tax-payer dollars that the County pays out, the reduction should be shared equally to include a reduction of legal fees by Jeff Owen and Mike Chapman as well. The Board is considering a \$45,000 settlement if Jeff Owen can negotiate the reduction and make that offer within a week's time for the Board's approval in the standard Indigent Meeting.
- 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 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Christine Sessions, Deputy Clerk