

Minutes of Meeting
Forfeited/Donated Funds – Discussion of Logistics
March 27, 2013
2:30 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 Clerk Cliff Hayes, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, Finance Director Dave McDowell, Major Dan Mattos, Lieutenant Lee Richardson and Deputy Clerk Pamela Bogaert.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 2:36 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:

The group came to discuss the opinion that was recently received from the Attorney General's Office regarding forfeiture funds. It was Sheriff Wolfinger's feeling that the opinion, rendered in 1988, was outdated as several of the drug laws have changed. Prosecutor McHugh felt that the opinion was still valid. Clerk Hayes noted that, in the past, purchases have been made using forfeited funds that have not been approved by the Board and Chairman Tondee stressed that all purchases made using forfeiture funds must be approved by the Board before the expenses are incurred.

Lieutenant Lee Richardson explained to the group how funds are being handled through the North Idaho Violent Crimes Task Force (NIVCTF) and Mr. Hayes requested a copy of the agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the NIVCTF.

After a discussion regarding how forfeiture funds are being received and spent, the group agreed that for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013 purchases will be made with prior approval of the Board. Beginning Fiscal Year 2014, forfeited funds will be brought into the Sheriff's Budget as a specific, separate revenue source.

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 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Pamela B. Bogaert, Deputy Clerk