

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**CASA Contract Discussion**  
**June 19, 2013**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer, CASA Executive Director Daniel English, Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 1:04 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:**

Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer came before the Board to request review of the proposed Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Attorney Contract, between Kootenai County and the law firm of Anderson Walsh, PLLC. This contract will provide representation for the First Judicial District CASA Program, Inc. Ms. Behringer explained to the Board that the contract may require a slight wording change, as it currently only covers children under the age of 12 and on occasion there will be a need to represent children over the age of 12 as well. Ms. Behringer advised the Board that Anderson Walsh, PLLC. has agreed to provide these services for \$40,000 a year, and once the language has been corrected, the contract will meet the needs of CASA and Kootenai County. CASA Executive Director Daniel English informed the Board that CASA looks forward to building a relationship with this law firm and appreciates the services they have provided to CASA in the past.

The Board expressed their concerns regarding conflict cases and would like clarification as to how conflict cases will be handled by the firm. The Board directed Ms. Behringer to address these issues with Anderson Walsh, PLLC. and bring this item before the Board at the next Business Meeting to be held on June 25, 2013.

**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 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk