

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Rocky Mountain Corrections Discussion**  
**June 19, 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 Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, Captain Neal Robertson, Undersheriff Travis Chaney, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Finance Director David McDowell, Rocky Mountain Corrections President Walt Femling, Justice Consultant Earl Engleman, Municipal Capital Markets Group Senior Vice President James Anderson and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**B. Introductions:** Introductions were 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:**

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger gave a brief overview of the current overcrowding and budget issues of the Kootenai County Jail system. Sheriff Wolfinger explained that, at this time, several budget items are in excess of the amounts allotted for FY2013.

Rocky Mountain Corrections President Walt Femling presented the Board with a copy of the proposed jail site concept. Mr. Femling advised that this concept was developed after several meetings with the Sherriff's Office, and contained all of the major elements identified at these meetings. Mr. Femling further explained that his firm has located possible building sites for this project and that each site meets the criteria for water and sewer access, location to users, site topography, compatibility of adjacent users, property tax, and zoning requirements. Specific site information was not provided as further discussion with the property owners is necessary.

Mr. Femling provided an overview of the proposed campus and facility layout to the Board. This proposal includes facilities for inmate intake, medical services, crisis services, staff services, work release, minimum security dormitory, and self-sufficient inmate pods with cells that can house one (1) to eight (8) inmates. A maintenance facility has been included outside of the secured area that will contain a wellness/training room, day locker room and storage. Mr. Femling explained to the Board that the infrastructure of this facility will allow for future growth and expansion needs.

A comparison was provided outlining possible revenue and projected expenditures for this facility. Mr. Femling explained that these figures were based on 88% occupancy with 175-200 beds being allocated to agencies outside of Kootenai County and an inmate to staff ratio of 6:1.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the Board's concerns regarding Rocky Mountain Correction's role in this project. Also briefly discussed were concerns regarding the proposed lease, existing contracts, utilization of existing facilities, possible shortcomings of existing services to juvenile detention, and the impact of delaying the project start date of 6/19/2013 and occupancy date of 7/1/2015.

**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 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

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Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk