

Minutes of Meeting
Budget Meeting
July 10, 2013
9:00 a.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 Clifford Hayes, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Finance Director David McDowell, Staff Accountant Randi Bain, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

C. New Business:

Finance Director David McDowell presented, for Board consideration, the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Mr. McDowell summarized the recommendations, which were developed by the Kootenai County Elected Officials. The proposal supported a FY2014 budget in the amount of \$67,491,272, which included new growth and an allowable three percent (3%) property tax increase. That amount reflected an overall shortfall of \$5,796,161.

Mr. McDowell detailed the expenses that will be associated with PERSI and employee health insurance benefits in FY2014, and helped to define statutory and functional expenditures. The group debated personnel change recommendations, discussed the internal and external factors affecting the budget, and considered the effects of the new expenditure policy, while reviewing multiple financial reports. The attendees engaged in significant discussion regarding the costs associated with increasing security in the administrative building. Clerk Clifford Hayes suggested that a shared employee agreement might be preferable to assigning full-time deputies for security purposes, and expressed disapproval of plans to replace the current security guards with armed deputies.

Chairman Tondee called for a recess at 10:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

The Board considered capital requests from individual County departments. Mr. McDowell clarified that each item was being presented per the original request, without changes by the Elected Officials.

The group decided that final budget determinations would require individual meetings with several departments, and options for meeting organization and consolidation were discussed. Deliberations were initiated regarding specific line items within the BOCC budget.

D. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk