

Minutes of Meeting
Budget Meeting
July 26, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Finance Director David McDowell, Staff Accountant Kristi Graves, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.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 Board met for continued review and deliberation of the FY2014 (FY14) budget proposal. Finance Director David McDowell reviewed updated reports that had been added to the proposal, in order to reflect recent Board decisions. The attendees discussed the anticipated health insurance costs, wage adjustments, PERSI increases, and options for wireless communication upgrades in the Veterans' Services Office. Mr. McDowell asked the Board for clear direction as to the wage adjustment allocation for FY14, clarifying that the mandated PERSI adjustment will result in employees seeing a decrease in their take-home pay. The Board deliberated whether the increased employee PERSI contribution should be absorbed outside of the wage adjustment allotment, but no final determination was reached.

Commissioner Nelson expressed frustration with the current budget process and having insufficient time to review actual expenditures to determine necessary B budget cuts. The Board reviewed personnel budget requests, and discussed options for both broad and specific cuts that could be utilized to balance the budget. Mr. McDowell answered questions regarding fund balance amounts, use of assigned and restricted funds, and reviewing year-end reports to effectively manage costs. The attendees specifically discussed projects that might be supported through the Justice Fund and District Court Fund, including jail costs and vehicle purchases. The attendees agreed that it would be beneficial to create a summary to supplement the final budget proposal, to answer common questions and provide clarity.
- 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 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

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Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk