

**Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
August 26, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Dan Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present was Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones. Chairman Todd Tondee was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Pro Tem Green called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions made.

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

D. New Business:

The Board considered an application for an open position on the Region One Mental Health Board. Commissioner Nelson explained that before a position can be filled, the applicant must receive approval from each Board of County Commissioners within region one (the five northern counties). Further, Commissioner Nelson described the desired qualifications for the position, and the inherent difficulties associated with filling the open position within the narrow parameters set by statute. Upon review of the submitted application, the Board determined that there was not enough information available to support a recommendation.

The Board considered responses to several questions and requests that were submitted by Parks and Waterways Director Nick Snyder. The first topic revolved around County vehicle use, and when it is permissible for employees to take vehicles home after their scheduled work shift. The Board acknowledged that, generally, the County has encouraged Elected Officials and Department Heads to approve such requests on a case-by-case basis. Further, the Board agreed that, in some cases, it is appropriate for employees to keep vehicles overnight. The Board agreed that the official policy should be reviewed, and Commissioner Nelson and Chairman Pro Tem Green stated that they would gather more information from their respective departments before bringing this issue forward for additional deliberation. Commissioner Nelson then brought forward a request from Mr. Snyder that would allow him to initiate a proposal for an RV Park in Harrison. Mr. Snyder had suggested that approximately \$3,500,000 in grant money might be available for the project. In addition, Mr. Snyder felt that numerous entities might be interested in contributing toward grant match amounts, resulting in minimal cost to the County. The Board denied the request, determining that this project fell outside of the scope of County mandates.

Continuing on, the Board considered a property line issue that has emerged on a property that is adjacent to the Kidd Island Bay boat launch. Commissioner Nelson explained that the property owner recently began construction of a fence, only to discover that he is encroaching on County property. Counsel for the County has determined that it would be possible to provide an easement to allow construction of the fence, if that is the will of the Board. Chairman Pro Tem Green agreed to meet with Mr. Snyder to gather additional information and visit the property. The Board will readdress this issue again once that meeting has taken place.

Commissioner Nelson reminded the Board that Mr. Snyder was ready to proceed with the overnight moorage fees hearing. Previously, the Board had discussed the advantages of holding this hearing at the same time as an anticipated Solid Waste fee increase hearing. Chairman Pro Tem Green stated that the Solid Waste hearing might not be necessary at this time, and he agreed to get more information regarding the status of that issue. Commissioner Nelson noted that Parks and Waterways might also be pursuing a boat launch fee increase, which would take effect next summer (2014). The Board agreed to reconsider these topics after receiving a status update regarding the Solid Waste fees and after Legal has reviewed the boat launch fee increase proposal.

The Board discussed potential insurance coverage deficiencies with regard to the vehicles that are driven by the County Sheriff's deputies. Commissioner Nelson shared information from the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), which indicated that the County has been maintaining unsatisfactory tort claim act protection (predominantly due to the increased liability of vehicles that are driven over the state line into Washington). Commissioner Nelson agreed to coordinate efforts with HR Specialist Kimberley Buffin, Legal, and ICRMP, in order to obtain clarification and direction.

E. Old Business:

The Board members shared general information and updates with regard to several items, including the potential benefits of renewing the National Association of Counties (NACo) membership, the status of the current Position Review Committee (PRC) deliberations, an update on the status of the grants associated with the Panhandle Area Council (PAC), and a brief review of two contracts that were scheduled for consideration at the August 27, 2013, Business Meeting.

Chairman Pro Tem Green presented an addendum to the Blue Cross contract, which served to confirm the cancellation of the Healthy Measures option and an adjusted aggregate total in the Calendar Year 2014 contract. Chairman Pro Tem Green noted that the full contract had already been approved, and he requested that the Board authorize a designated signer for the addendum, in order to keep the process moving forward.

Commissioner Nelson moved to authorize Commissioner Green to sign the Kootenai County Blue Cross of Idaho ASC Medical and Prescription Alternatives. Chairman Pro Tem Green seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Jones called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Tondee: Excused

The motion carried.

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 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

BY: _____
Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk