

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Ordinance**  
**December 17, 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 Republican Central Committee Chairman Neil Oliver, *Coeur d'Alene Press* Staff Writer David Cole, *KREM News* Reporter Taylor Viydo, Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jamila Holmes and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

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

The attendees met to discuss a proposed Second Amendment Resolution, which was drafted by the Kootenai County Republican Party. This Resolution urges the Board of County Commissioners to draft an ordinance, which prevents federal infringement on the right to keep and bear arms. Republican Central Committee Chairman Neil Oliver presented this proposed document to the Board for consideration.

Prosecutor Barry McHugh advised the Board that they do not have the authority to direct the Sheriff to enforce, or not to enforce, any particular laws. Mr. McHugh explained that this direction can only be given in special circumstances and that he was not aware of a statute that would be appropriate for these circumstances. Mr. McHugh further explained that the Sheriff, per statute, does not have to enforce federal laws, but is required to enforce state laws. Sheriff Ben Wolfinger added that he agreed with Mr. McHugh and that it was not within his power to enforce this kind of ordinance.

The Board expressed to the attendees that, as gun owners, they support protecting the rights of the citizens to bear arms, but that they did not agree with some of the language within this proposed ordinance. The Board asked Mr. Oliver if he would be willing to take the Board's concerns back to the Republican Central Committee for amendment. Mr. McHugh (also a member of the Republican Central Committee) offered to work with the Republican Central Committee to draft an ordinance that the Board of Commissioners could support. Mr. Oliver agreed that he will take this information back to the committee for review. The Board agreed to table this discussion, in order to give the Republican Central Committee time to make changes to this document, and encouraged the committee to accept assistance from Mr. McHugh.

**F. Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAT RAFFEE, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

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