

Minutes of Meeting
Homeland Security – General Richy
February 25, 2014
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Idaho Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Director Brigadier General Brad Richy and North Area Field Officer Jay Baker, Emergency Management Manager Sandy Von Behren, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Jones. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 1:05 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:

Brigadier General Brad Richy and North Area Field Officer Jay Baker came before the Board to discuss the functions of the Idaho Department of Homeland Security and ensure that their office is providing consistent support to the County. The attendees discussed the following subjects:

- Planned updates and scheduled meetings with regard to the County All Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Office of Emergency Management (OEM) plans for a full-scale exercise on April 9, 2014
- Changes in the Federal Emergency Declaration process
- Short and long term recovery processes after an emergency declaration
- Stability in 2014 grant availability and processes (both from the State of Idaho and the Department of Homeland Security)
- Future focus on cyber-security as a growing area of concern

General Richy noted that the Department of Administration is responsible for cyber-security planning. He stated that one current area of concern is related to widespread use of Windows XP at a time when Microsoft will be ending customer support, as this change will greatly increase vulnerability for cyber-attacks on machines running that software.

The attendees discussed typical areas of concern with regard to emergency planning. General Richy stated that the top-ranked concerns in North Idaho are fires, floods, and hazardous materials risks. Further, General Richy noted the importance of asking local emergency responder groups (i.e. Sheriff's Office, fire departments) to coordinate with schools, to ensure that their plans are not disparate. It was mentioned that the St. Maries' School District will be acting as a test location for a program that places voice over internet protocol (VoIP) hotline phones with cameras in classrooms, for active shooter or other emergency situations. The group discussed the importance of holding emergency exercises, to highlight differences between theoretical plans and the realities of implementation.

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 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Nancy A. Jones, Deputy Clerk
