

Minutes of Meeting
OEM Emergency Training Exercise Meeting
April 10, 2014
1:33 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Dan Green and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss an emergency situation in Kootenai County. Also present were Administrative Assistant Nancy Jones, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley. Chairman Todd Tondee was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Green called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** Office of Emergency Management Manager Sandy Von Behren joined the meeting by telephone and introduced the individuals at the Emergency Operations Center to the Board.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There was no agenda as per *Idaho Code* §67-2343.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**
Chairman Pro Tem Green advised that an emergency meeting was being held under *Idaho Code* 67-2343(2) due to an emergency situation involving injury or damage to persons or property.

Ms. Von Behren updated the Board on the emergency situation in Kootenai County. Ms. Von Behren advised that excessive snowfall had accumulated in the county over the last two (2) days affecting several areas in Kootenai County and these areas are in need of additional emergency resources. Ms. Von Behren informed the Board that several roofs have collapsed due to the heavy snow and additional collapses are expected. Road conditions have deteriorated, snow removal crews are fatigued from trying to maintain the roads, and a blizzard warning remains in effect through 8:00 a.m. on April 11, 2014.

The City of Coeur d'Alene has experienced the majority of the roof collapses and the hospital is inundated with accident victims. The City of Rathdrum has a need for five (5) additional snow plow operators for a three (3) day period. The estimated cost for these additional drivers is \$12,750, and the City of Rathdrum is requesting that the Board approve a Project Agreement to provide twenty-five (25%) of the funding. Ms. Von Behren advised that the City of Rathdrum is also dealing with a propane tanker truck accident at the intersection of Highway 53 and Highway 41, which has prompted the closure of the railway in that area.

Ms. Von Behren informed the Board that shelters have been opened at Twin Lakes Elementary School, Coeur d'Alene High School, and Real Life Ministries. Real Life Ministries was housing 2700, but a fire forced the evacuation of this center and those affected were moved to the Spokane Arena in Spokane, Washington. Kootenai County Residents have been advised to "Shelter in Place" and avoid travel unless it is an emergency.

Commissioner Nelson moved approve the Project Agreement between Kootenai County (Board of County Commissioners) and the City of Rathdrum to share the cost of funding relief snow plow operators, with the County providing twenty-five percent (25%) of the \$12,750. Chairman Pro Tem Green seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Bradley called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Tondee: Excused
The motion carried.

F. Staff Reports: *This meeting was held as part of a training exercise only and was not reflective of any real disaster or threat to Kootenai County.*****

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 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
