

Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Emergency Medical Staff
April 22, 2014
1:00 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 Finance Director David McDowell, Human Resources Director Skye Reynolds, Emergency Medical Services System Chief Officer Christopher Way, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 1:04 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:**

Lois Morris of Mercer Health and Benefits joined the meeting by phone at 1:12 p.m.

The attendees met to discuss the option of adding Emergency Medical Services staff to the County's self-insured health benefits. Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services System (KCEMSS) Chief Officer Christopher Way advised the Board that they currently pay \$22,000 per year for each employee. He stated that KCEMSS is reviewing a plan with Blue Cross that would cost \$15,000 per year for each employee. Chief Officer Way explained that if the best rate that the County can offer KCEMSS is \$17,000 per year for each employee that it would be fiscally responsible to enroll in the plan with Blue Cross. The Board discussed the mechanics of adding the KCEMSS staff and Human Resources Director Skye Reynolds advised that two percent (2%) below the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) premiums would be the most accurate cost, which equates to the \$17,000 per year for each employee. The attendees agreed that Chief Officer Way could present this proposal to the KCEMSS Board.

- 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 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
