

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**FY15 Budget Meeting**  
**May 12, 2014**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee and Commissioner Dan Green met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Finance Director David McDowell, Area 4-H Youth Extension Educator Jim Wilson, Staff Accountant Kimberli Price and Deputy Clerk Pamela Bogaert. Commissioner Jai Nelson was excused.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.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:**

Area 4-H Youth Extension Educator Jim Wilson presented his proposed Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Budget to the Board and advised that the State of Idaho has mandated a two percent (2%) increase in salaries effective July 1, 2014. However, the Extension office will not be receiving any supplemental funding to cover those salary adjustments. Mr. Wilson also advised that the contract between the University of Idaho and Kootenai County specifies that operations and support staff costs are the responsibility of the County. The Board directed Mr. Wilson to seek other avenues to fund the increase and suggested that they would support the current Fiscal Year 2014 budget again for FY15.

Commissioner Nelson joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Finance Director David McDowell asked that the Board revisit the travel and training budget request from the Auditor's Office and presented a five (5) year analysis to support the request. Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee pointed out that, historically, training funds for the Auditor's staff has been invested in the upper level accountants. This year, however, it is the desire of the Auditor to expend additional training funds on the Technical Staff who have been cross-trained and are handling more duties.

After a brief discussion the Board granted the Auditor's Office a total of \$49,200 for their FY15 B Budget.

In response to a question from Ms. Raffee, Commissioner Nelson advised that the Recorder's B Budget was approved without the new program request, which will be deliberated at a future date.

The group agreed on the future form and content of the Expense Budget Worksheet Reports and the Priority Ranking forms.

**F. Staff Reports:** Commissioner Green informed the Board that Sheriff Ben Wolfinger has expressed his frustration at the Board's freezing of positions for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Green reported that he advised Sheriff Wolfinger that he would have an opportunity to bring the subject up at one of the Sheriff's scheduled Budget Meetings.

**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 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela B. Bogaert, Deputy Clerk

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