

Minutes of Meeting
Commissioners' Debriefing
June 23, 2014
2:00 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 Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden, Federal Transit Administration Administrator Christine Fueston, Grants Compliance Officer Jody Bieze, Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas, Support Captain Lee Richardson, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 2:04 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: No old business was discussed.

E. New Business:

The Board discussed the Coverall Building Change Order agenda item. Commissioner Green advised that this was a change order for the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board (HARSB). Commissioner Green explained that he needed to get clarification on this item before it would be ready for discussion.

Federal Transit Administration Administrator Christine Fueston asked the Board to consider the purchase and sales agreement for the transit land purchase at Riverstone. All environmental reviews have been completed and clean-up of debris has been started by Riverstone West, LLC. Closing of this property is scheduled for June 30, 2014. Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas advised the Board that there is a developer's credit on these two (2) parcels which will be the responsibility of the developer and will become due once the purchase of the property is complete. Ms. Thomas stated that the title company is requesting assurances that these taxes will be cancelled once the County takes ownership. The Board agreed that the request for cancellation of taxes would go through the normal cancellation process, but that it would be appropriate for staff to draft a letter to the title company informing them of the Board's intentions.

Commissioner Green moved that the Board authorize staff to draft a letter to First American Title that the taxes on these two (2) parcels will be cancelled at the appropriate time and to direct First American Title to proceed with closing. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Bradley called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Tondee: Aye

The motion carried.

Ms. Thomas exited the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Grants Compliance Officer Jody Bieze inquired if the results of the environmental reports had been reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to ensure that no contamination exists for these properties and that the County is still in compliance for this land acquisition. Ms. Fueston advised that she had not sent the reports to FTA for a second review as no potential contamination existed per the reports. Ms. Bieze stated that the report indicated that there were some findings in regard to the well and the cistern and that these required a second review by FTA. The attendees discussed the compliance requirements and agreed that it was in the County's best interest to have FTA review the most recent reports and to get approval from FTA prior to proceeding with the closing on this property.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden exited the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Ms. Bieze and Ms. Fueston exited the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Support Captain Lee Richardson requested that the Board authorize 9-1-1 to utilize temporary dispatchers from other local emergency communications agencies to staff some of their shifts. Captain Richardson advised that the 9-1-1 department has multiple vacancies and that the staff have been working numerous hours of overtime to provide adequate coverage for all shifts. The three (3) temporary staff will go through the County's normal background investigation prior to performing any duties at the 9-1-1 center. The attendees discussed the current workload of the background investigators and the length of time that the background investigations take. Captain Richardson advised the Board that the need to fill vacant positions determines the priority of the investigations that are completed. Currently there are no pending investigations that need to be processed. Captain Richardson noted that with appropriate staffing background checks can be done in two (2) weeks to four (4) weeks. The Board agreed to allow Captain Richardson to use the temporary staff, provided that these individuals go through the normal County background investigation process.

Support Captain Richardson exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The Board discussed the request that was made by John Gillmore, an inmate at the jail. Mr. Gillmore made a request to access inmate trust account funds to pay his medical costs. Commissioner Nelson stated that Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson had advised her that these funds were for the operations of the jail and not for individual inmate expenditures. The Board directed Chairman Tondee to notify Mr. Gillmore that his request was denied.

Chairman Tondee stated that no bids were received in response to the request for bids for the Solid Waste leachate pond project. Chairman Tondee advised that Solid Waste Director Cathy Mayer is negotiating with some potential vendors to get this work completed.

The Board discussed Juvenile Probation Director J.T. Taylor's request to take a County vehicle home on the weekends to use for County business. Mr. Taylor would use this vehicle in the event that an emergency occurs at the detention facility and to perform regular checks on the juvenile detention facility outside of normal business hours. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable provided that the vehicle is only used for County business.

Chairman Tondee advised that Kestrel West had inquired as to the Board's intentions in regard to the Facilities Master Plan bond measure. The Board agreed that this is not the appropriate time to take this item to bond and that the services of Kestrel West are no longer needed. The Board agreed to draft a letter to Kestrel West to advise them of this decision.

The Board discussed the request that was made by Lake City Development Corporation (LCDC) seeking support from the Commissioners to declare the Mill River site as an urban renewal area. The Board agreed that they were not willing to support LCDC on this request until they have a study completed that supports the recommendations and opinions of LCDC. Chairman Tondee will respond to LCDC and advise them of the Board's decision.

Commissioner Green stated that the counter offer that was submitted on the Coeur d'Alene North Building office space was rejected. The Board discussed the monetary difference between the offer that was made by the Board and the property owner's proposal, which was a difference of \$182 per month. Commissioner Green advised that there is available office space at the Spokesman-Review and Coeur d'Alene Mines buildings that are also an option, but that he would need to gather additional information on these spaces. The Board agreed to review other space that is available.

Commissioner Nelson informed the Board that it appears that the new behavioral health crisis center will be located in Kootenai County. Commissioner Nelson explained that the agreement has been drafted and that it may be necessary for the County to be the administrator of these funds, should the State choose Kootenai County for this facility. The Board agreed that they would be willing to participate if the Community Health Partners are unable to accept the funds.

Commissioner Nelson stated that she is working on the budget for furniture in the new Human Resources Space. Buildings and Grounds will be responsible for the construction of some of the cabinetry and counters.

Commissioner Green moved that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to *Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(a)* to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and pursuant to *Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(b)* to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, and pursuant to *Idaho Code §67-2345(1)(f)* to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated (Davis Notice of Tort). Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Deputy Clerk Bradley called the roll:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Tondee: Aye

The motion carried.

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson joined the Board and Executive Session was entered into at 4:02 p.m.

Mr. Ferguson exited the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. No decision was made by the 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 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
