

Minutes of Meeting
Kim Edmondson – KCSO
July 16, 2014
3:00 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 Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Major Kim Edmondson, Captain John Holecek, and Deputy Clerk Cheryl Baumann. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:05 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:

Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Major Kim Edmondson and Captain John Holecek came before the Board to review medical services options for inmates housed at the County Jail. Major Edmondson presented a Revised Cost Proposal from Correctional Healthcare Companies (CHC), Inc., which is a medical and behavioral healthcare provider for criminal justice systems.

The attendees reviewed comparisons of two (2) options provided by CHC that addressed the County Jail's medical staffing and medical service needs:

- Option One (1) continues services according to the staffing and terms of the current contract between Kootenai County and CHC. The cost of this option is \$989,426.
- Option Two (2) includes enhanced mental health services for jail staffing, by adding a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner for eight (8) hours per week and a Mental Health Professional for forty (40) hours per week. This option also includes mobile dentistry services and a revised pharmacy cap limit. The cost of this option is \$1,304,000.

Major Edmondson requested approval of Option Two (2), stating that by adding mental health professional services, some of the added benefits include improved inmate behavior, fewer incidents requiring use of force, less injuries to the staff and inmates from the use of force, fewer inmate transports to the hospital due to drug or alcohol impairment, and improved inmate transitions into the community.

The Board directed Major Edmondson to re-negotiate with CHC for a less expensive, 3-year contract. The Board also requested that CHC prepare another contract option, removing mental health staffing. The Board may consider seeking less expensive mental health services from a local provider, such as Heritage Health.

The Board asked Major Edmondson to get more detailed information about CHC's electronic medical records option.

The attendees discussed the need to purchase or lease a new or a used commercial dishwasher for the Jail's East Pantry Servicing area as the current lease with PureForce has expired. The Board directed Major Edmondson to contact PureForce to obtain the purchase price of the dishwasher that is currently being leased and compare their price with other companies for purchasing a new dishwasher to determine which option will best meet the needs of the County.

- 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 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

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Cheryl Baumann, Deputy Clerk