

Minutes of Meeting
Phone Promotion Discussion - IS
November 18, 2014
3:00 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 Information Systems Director James Martin, Network Administrator Grant Kinsey, and Deputy Clerk Daniel Robertson.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions made.

C. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

D. Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

E. New Business:

Information Systems Director James Martin said that he had requested an upgrade from the current phone system to Voice Over Internet Protocol phones (VOIP) for the Administration campus and Sheriff's Office be included in the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) budget, but this had not been approved. He said that the vendor was offering a sale on VOIP handsets until the end of the year, which would reduce the cost of hardware by half, for a savings of \$130,000. Mr. Martin said the phone system would need to be replaced within two years as parts are no longer available to repair the current system, and he believed that taking advantage of this sale now would offer the County substantial savings.

Network Administrator Grant Kinsey suggested two (2) options for the County:

- Purchase the handsets now and hold them in storage. Information Systems (IS) would request the installation be included in the FY16 budget. This would cost \$130,000 in FY15 and \$50,000 in FY16 if approved by the incoming Commissioners.
- Purchase the handsets and installation now for \$180,000.

Commissioner Green asked if IS had any other capital improvement projects which could be carried over into FY16 in order to release funds for this project. Mr. Kinsey replied that cabling upgrade required for the VOIP network was scheduled for FY15. The attendees discussed why these projects should be run in tandem.

The Board agreed to approve the purchase of the hardware as well as installation for this upgrade for FY15.

F. 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 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Daniel Robertson, Deputy Clerk
