

**Minutes of Meeting  
Quarterly Highway District  
January 26, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman David Stewart, Commissioner Dan Green and Commissioner Marc Eberlein met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Community Development Director David Callahan, East Side Highway District Chairman Terry Sverdsten, District Supervisor John Pankratz and member Terry Wall, Worley Highway District Commissioner Jim Mangan and Supervisor Kevin Howard, Lakes Highway District Commissioners Rod Twete and Monty Montgomery and Director of Highways Eric Shanley, Sheriff Deputy Adam Zitterkopf, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler. Also present were Coeur d'Alene Press reporter Jeff Selle and citizens Tina Kunishige, and Carla and Verland Woempher.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.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:**

**Transportation Revenue – User Based vs. Property Tax**

Lakes Highway District Director of Highways Eric Shanley discussed with the Board how funding for the highway districts is decreasing each year and offered suggestions of user revenue increases to ease the burden on property taxpayers. Mr. Shanley said highway user fees are needed to offset the demands on improvements and maintenance to the roads.

Lakes Highway District Commissioner Rod Twete agreed and believes a tax should be added to purchases for all automobile related items such as car batteries, windshield wipers, and fuel, to fund the road improvements.

Lakes Highway District Commissioner Monty Montgomery requested the Board's support in talking with State Legislators on the current bill proposed for a taxation increase on fuel and an additional sales tax be added to taxable goods for these fees.

East Side Highway District Supervisor John Pankratz said funding is diminishing each year and these drastic changes limit the upkeep on roads. There are bridges that were built around World War I and cannot be improved because of the lack of funding.

**Status of Resolving Issues regarding Airport Expansion Plan**

Worley Highway District Commissioner Jim Mangan requested clarifications regarding the Coeur d'Alene Airport expansion plan as it affects two highway districts. The Board said there is an analysis currently being completed that should help define the expansion plans and will be available mid-February.

- F. Staff Reports:** There were no staff reports in this meeting.
- G. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing.

There was significant public comment. Chairman Stewart thanked the citizens for their points of view.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

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Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk

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