

**Minutes of Meeting
Budget Discussion
February 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman David Stewart, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner Dan Green met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Staff Accountant Kimberli Price, and Deputy Clerk Mary Enquist.

A. Call to Order: Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions.

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

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

E. New Business:
FY2016 Budget Direction

Clerk Jim Brannon said he wanted direction from the Board on the FY2016 budget process and scheduling. Mr. Brannon gave the Board a calendar for May and June 2015 with budget blocks of time reserved for the Commissioners to meet with Departments and Elected Officials during the budget process.

Mr. Brannon asked the Board how they would like the Auditor's staff to open the FY2016 budget. The Commissioners responded that they would like to have the total FY2015 budget be similar to the total FY2016 budget; that the Board does not want to add any personnel (A budget) or capital (C budget) expenses; and that the Board wants to review three-year actual trends on operating (B budget) line items.

Mr. Brannon said the Auditor's staff supplied trend information to the Board last year and he recommended using three-year trends. Mr. Brannon promised timeliness and accuracy from the Auditor's budget team.

Commissioner Green said the Board direction for FY2016's budget should be announced at the Elected Officials meeting on February 25, 2015.

F. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Mary Enquist, Deputy Clerk
