

Minutes of Meeting
Public Defender Position Request Discussion
February 20, 2015
2:00 p.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 Public Defender John Adams and Administrative Supervisor Jamie Woods, Buildings and Grounds Director Shawn Riley, Staff Accountant Kimberli Price, Sheriff's Deputy Adam Zitterkopf, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 2:03 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:**
Buildings and Grounds Director Shawn Riley said there was significant damage in the old Public Defender's office from dogs, which according to Resolution 2007-24 dogs are not permitted in County buildings. Mr. Riley wanted to remind the Public Defender's office about this Resolution going forward in their new building.

Public Defender John Adams requested three new positions be added *at* the Public Defender's office:

- Courier position
- Legal Assistant
- Full Time Attorney

Mr. Adams said that according to state guidelines the Public Defender's office is understaffed, with constitutional mandates and national standards set by the Supreme Court that are not being met, which he wanted to bring to the Board's attention.

Public Defender's Administrative Supervisor Jamie Woods said she has a temporary employee that she would like to place in the courier position. After some discussion, the Board agreed to approve only the courier position at this time.

Commissioner Green moved to direct the Auditor's office and Human Resources office to retire the temporary position and authorize hiring of a permanent courier/secretary with a grade C, which would be funded from the Justice Contingency Fund for the remainder of FY2015. Commissioner Eberlein seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Missler called the roll:

Commissioner Eberlein: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Stewart: Aye

The motion carried.

- F. 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 were no public comments.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk
