

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Public Defender Status Change Discussion**  
**May 20, 2015**  
**8:00 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 Public Defender John Adams, Deputy Public Defender Mayli Walsh, Administrative Supervisor Jamie Woods, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:00 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:**

Public Defender John Adams said he was concerned about salary structures and retaining the attorneys and employees of the Public Defender's office. Mr. Adams said the compensation rates are not competitive with the Prosecutor's office. He presented some comparable salaries and requested the Board to review and reconsider the salary structure of the Public Defender's office.

The Board agreed to raise the salary for Zack Jones to 92% of the range mid-point and instructed the Public Defender's office to submit a status change form.

Commissioner Eberlein said he would be interested in looking at the data of years of service versus current salary rates and encouraged Mr. Adams to submit the comparable numbers to him.

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

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

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Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk

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