

Minutes of Meeting
FY 2016 Budget Deliberations
July 8, 2015
1:30 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 Clerk Jim Brannon, Senior Staff Accountant Kimberli Price, County Fair Manager Dane Dugan, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler. Also present was citizen Bob Bingham.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.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:**

County Fair Manager Dane Dugan presented and discussed with the Board the Fair's FY2016 Budget requests. After some discussion, the Board decided to reduce the Fair's proposed requested amount from \$250,000 to \$150,000.

Commissioner Green moved to tentatively accept the Fair's FY2016 Budget requests with the amendment to reduce the Budget to \$150,000. Chairman Stewart 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.

Clerk Jim Brannon and Senior Staff Accountant Kimberli Price opened a discussion with the Board regarding the current deferred decisions. The Board confirmed that the Sheriff 9-1-1 Auto Vehicle Location Software is being cut from the FY2016 Budget, as it is being purchased with funds from the current FY2015 Budget.

Chairman Stewart paused the meeting at 2:29 p.m. for a break and resumed the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Human Resources Director Skye Reynolds joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Ms. Reynolds opened a discussion with the Board regarding wage adjustments for County employees. Mr. Brannon provided the Board with a 4% increase projected numbers. The group discussed salary grades and structures, merit increases, and 2% and 4 % increases across the board.

Senior Staff Accountant Keith Taylor joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Brannon discussed with the Board the Justice Fund and explained the Fund Balance appropriation for committed and unassigned fund balances. The group reviewed the preliminary Budget Summary.

Commissioner Green proposed to cut the B Budget across the board by 2% and change the compensation adjustment from 4% to a 2% increase. Commissioner Eberlein agreed. Chairman Stewart said he would like to see the wage adjustments be a 4% increase at minimum.

Commissioner Green moved to tentatively accept the FY2016 Budget with the amendment of a 2% overall cut to the B budget, and change the compensation pool to a 2% wage increase excluding temporary positions.

Commissioner Eberlein seconded the motion. After some discussion, Deputy Clerk Missler called the roll:

Commissioner Eberlein: Aye

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Stewart: Nay

The motion carried.

F. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue.

Citizen Bob Bingham commented on the salary structuring and gave feedback on research he had compiled regarding the County's Budget. The Board thanked Mr. Bingham for his comments.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk
