

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Conflict Attorney Process
July 15, 2015
3:00 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 Administrative Secretary Stephanie Clark and Deputy Clerk Theresa Atchley. Also present was attorney Scot D. Nass.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** Commissioner Marc Eberlein made a motion to add an Executive Session pursuant to *Idaho Code §74-206 (1) (f)* to the agenda to discuss a matter of importance according to Attorney Scot D. Nass. Commissioner Dan Green seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Atchley called the roll:
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| Commissioner Eberlein: | Aye |
| Commissioner Green: | Aye |
| Chairman Stewart: | Aye |
- The motion carried.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**

Conflict Attorney Process

Mr. Nass explained the Conflict Attorney process to the Board. He provided an overview of the process and presented statistical reports. Mr. Nass stated that his role was to provide oversight and control and report directly to the Board. His duties include:

- Reviewing contracts and billing statements for fairness
- Addressing complaints from clients and solving problems directly
- Hiring and firing conflict attorneys
- Ensuring conflict attorneys follow the contract and understand the process
- Providing quality control and charting trends
- Acting as a liaison and point-of-contact for judges

Mr. Nass advised that the caseload would likely expand in the future due to the Jonathan D. Renfro case and the increased arrests now being made by the newly formed North Idaho Violent Crimes Task Force.

Commissioner Green said he appreciated the service provided by the Conflict Attorney Process and felt it was a good system, but admitted that he was frustrated with the expense. The Board thanked Mr. Nass for his presentation and his efforts.

Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated (Stone).

Commissioner Green moved that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to *Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.* Commissioner Eberlein seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Atchley called the roll:

- Commissioner Eberlein: Aye
 - Commissioner Green: Aye
 - Chairman Stewart: Aye
- The motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. Attorney Scot D. Nass joined the Board.

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. with no direction given.

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 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk
