

Minutes of Special Meeting
Jail Policies
July 20, 2015
10:00 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 Clerk Jim Brannon, Undersheriff Dan Mattos, Captain Andy Deak, Lieutenant Nancy Ellis, and Deputy Clerk Theresa Atchley. Also present were bail bond agents Lee Allen, Frank Davis, Nanette Meaux, and Toni Meyer.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**

Discussion with various Bail Bond Company representatives regarding Jail issues relevant to bail

Bail Bond Agent Nanette Meaux expressed thanks for the opportunity to address the Board. She stated that her company has had a positive relationship with KCSO with the exception of two minor items.

Ms. Meaux explained that the Idaho Department of Insurance maintains a current list of agencies authorized to provide bail services within the State of Idaho. She said that KCSO is the only agency statewide that provides bail bond information and phone numbers exclusively via the phonebook. Ms. Meaux requested the use of a printed list of local bail bond firms in addition to the use of the local phonebook.

Ms. Meaux expressed concern about Telmate, the current phone service provider for KCSO inmate calling services. She reported a variety of problems with the service and said inmates were not able to reach their bail bond agent.

Lieutenant Nancy Ellis said she had responded to complaints and verified that bail bond agent phone numbers were not blocked. Lieutenant Ellis said she further tested the Telmate system by randomly selecting an inmate in each pod of the jail facility and verified that the calls they made were received by bail bond agent Toni Meyer.

Captain Andy Deak said that the Sheriff's office verified with the Idaho Department of Insurance that bond agencies were properly licensed prior to inmate release. He also stated that if an inmate reports a problem contacting a bail agent, jail personnel would try to make accommodations by providing another phone.

Undersheriff Mattos assured the bail bond agents that he understood their concerns and said he would research these issues immediately. He requested a follow-up meeting with the Board and the bail bond agents.

Chairman Stewart said he would take a fieldtrip to the jail for further research. Commissioner Green said that if a list was posted it should be complete and contain all 57 Bail Bond Companies as listed by Idaho Department of Insurance, not just the six local bail bond companies.

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 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk
