

Minutes of Meeting
Final FY2016 Budget Deliberations
July 31, 2015
9:00 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, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Senior Staff Accountant Kimberli Price, Treasurer Steve Matheson, Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas, Undersheriff Dan Mattos, Sheriff's Majors Kim Edmonson and Neal Robertson, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:**

Final Budget Deliberations with the Auditor's Office

Airport Land Discussion

Commissioner Dan Green said it was likely that the Airport would not use the total funds in FY2015 for Land Acquisitions and said these capital funds should be carried forward to FY2016.

Commissioner Green moved to tentatively appropriate an additional \$60,000 for Airport Land Acquisitions from Airport Fund Balance for FY2016. 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.

Community Development Director David Callahan joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

ipad Discussion

Commissioner Marc Eberlein said he had been in communication with Community Development Director David Callahan and discussed at length the FY2016 Budget request for an ipad Module. Mr. Callahan asked the Board to reconsider the request as it would increase service to customers and lower the cost for the County. After some discussion, Chairman Stewart and Commissioner Dan Green said they would support the request.

Commissioner Eberlein moved to tentatively replace the ipad Module request of \$10,500 back into the FY2016 Budget for Information Systems/Community Development. Commissioner Green 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.

Commissioner Eberlein moved to tentatively add \$2,400 for the ipad Air Cards and \$1,500 for the annual maintenance expense into the FY2016 Budget for Information Systems/Community Development. Commissioner Green 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.

Proposed Budget Presentation

Clerk Jim Brannon presented and discussed with the Board the FY2016 proposed Budget. The Board discussed at length the summary of expenditures.

Clerk Brannon requested the Board's approval of the FY2016 Budget as presented. Discussion continued regarding wage adjustment percentages. Undersheriff Dan Mattos expressed concern about the Sheriff's matrix staff that did not receive a raise in March and were excluded from the 3% wage increases.

Commissioner Green said the matrix funds a raise every year and he could not support an additional 3% increase on top of what the matrix already provides. He said over the last few years the matrix employees had received multiple increases although the rest of the County had not.

Clerk Brannon clarified the motion was for a 3% wage increase for all non-matrices employees.

Commissioner Green said the Sheriff's 9-1-1 salary adjustment was completed in 2014, and the Sheriff's deputy's adjustment was completed in March 2015. Commissioner Eberlein said if he could do it again he would not support the raises that were approved in March.

Commissioner Eberlein and Commissioner Green agreed with their prior motion from the meeting on July 22, 2015.

Undersheriff Mattos said there were 26 Sheriff's matrix employees that were at the highest level of pay according to the matrix and requested a 1.7 % COLA increase for these employees.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas requested the Board look County-wide as this same issue was in every department where employees were at their highest rate of pay possible or capped out. Ms. Thomas also requested that all other Elected Officials be allowed to make pleas for their staff as well.

Chairman Stewart said he would support a 1.7% wage increase to the 26 Sheriff's matrix staff.

Chairman Stewart paused the meeting at 10:51 a.m. for a break and resumed the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Commissioner Green moved to authorize the Sheriff to disburse a portion of the previously appropriated wage adjustment at his discretion to matrix staff with salaries at their cap as a one-time bonus. 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.

Clerk Brannon briefed the Board on what to expect going forward and explained the process of the public hearing on August 26, 2015. The Board directed the BOCC staff to arrange a meeting with the Coeur d'Alene Press.

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 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk
