

Minutes of Special Meeting
Sheriff's Department
August 5, 2015
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman David Stewart and Commissioner Marc Eberlein met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Pat Raffee, Sheriff's Major Kim Edmondson and Captain John Holecek, Civil Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson, and Deputy Clerk Meshell Missler. Also present were bail bond agents Lee Allen, Frank Davis, Russell McHenry, Nanette Meaux, and Toni Meyer; and citizen Tina Kunishige. Commissioner Dan Green was excused.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.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 the Sheriff's Department regarding the Jail phone system contract with Telmate

Clerk Jim Brannon presented and discussed with the Board the Telmate contract terms and conditions, and said the renewal date was October 7, 2015. The Board reviewed three related contracts and discussed at length the terms with Civil Prosecuting Attorney R. David Ferguson.

Sheriff's Major Kim Edmondson and Captain John Holecek said they were aware of some issues with lost or dropped calls, but overall the Telmate system was functioning and they did not want to cancel the contract at this time.

Bail Bond agent Frank Davis presented the Board with a May 2015 summary of collect and prepaid calls received through the Telmate system. Mr. Davis questioned the County's accountability for lack of revenue shown for Interstate calls. Captain Holecek explained there was a Federal Communications Commission ruling that does not allow any state or county to collect revenue on out of state calls.

Bail Bond agents Frank Davis, Russell McHenry, and Toni Meyer expressed strong concern regarding the rates Telmate charged their clients; and said they were being charged in excess of \$3 and sometimes even \$6 a minute for receiving collect phone calls from inmates. Captain Holecek said he would contact Telmate regarding the rates per minute and follow up with the Board and attending bail bond agents to resolve the issue.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board thanked the attendees for their input and agreed there are issues that need to be addressed. Chairman Stewart said he would like to allow the Sheriff's office time to investigate and remedy the concerns.

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 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Meshell Missler, Deputy Clerk
