

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Conflict Attorney Issue – Scot Nass
August 21, 2015
11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman David Stewart and Commissioner Dan Green met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Administrative Secretary Stephanie Clark and Deputy Clerk Grace Blomgren. Also present was attorney Scot D. Nass. Commissioner Marc Eberlein was excused.

A. Call to Order: Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

B. Introductions: There were no introductions.

C. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

D. New Business:

Discussion with Conflict Attorney Administrator Scot Nass regarding updates and a few issues concerning Conflict Attorneys

Commissioner Dan Green said he thought a discussion was necessary because of a recent issue. He explained the County's conflict attorneys were vetted by an independent review board that included a Chief Deputy Public Defender, an Administrative Judge, and two private sector attorneys. Commissioner Green said the review board had provided comments regarding conflict attorney Brandie Rouse.

The parties discussed the issue and decided that attorney Scot Nass would transfer all open cases assigned to Ms. Rouse to another conflict attorney.

Commissioner Green moved to terminate the contract between the County and conflict attorney Brandie Rouse. Chairman Stewart seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Blomgren called the roll:

Commissioner Eberlein: Excused

Commissioner Green: Aye

Chairman Stewart: Aye

The motion carried.

E. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Grace Blomgren, Deputy Clerk

BY: _____

Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk