

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Treasurer
August 24, 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 item. Also present were Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden, Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones, and Deputy Clerk Theresa Atchley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman David Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** Chief Deputy Treasurer Laurie Thomas asked to add an item regarding the minimum bid amounts on parcels for sale at auction on September 14, 2015, to the agenda. She said it was an oversight that this item was excluded.

Commissioner Dan Green moved to add this time sensitive item to the agenda. Commissioner Marc 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.

D. New Business:

Request for approval of the Proposed Minimum Bid Amounts on Parcels for Sale at Public Auction

Ms. Thomas presented the Board with a list of 23 parcels from the Tax Deed Hearings that were held in April 2015. She said these parcels had unpaid taxes and would be sold at auction. She explained the Treasurer's office had set the minimum bid to include unpaid taxes from 2011 to 2014, prepayment of 2015 estimated taxes, and fees.

Commissioner Green suggested adding a discussion of the auction process to a future Commissioners' Debriefing to prepare for the sale.

Commissioner Eberlein referenced two additional properties known as the Twin Lakes parcels and asked if these could be included in the auction. Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden identified these properties as AIN#114161 and AIN#135427 and said they could be added to the September auction. Commissioner Green instructed Mr. Braden to prepare the required paperwork to include AIN#114161 and AIN#135427 at auction on September 14, 2015.

Commissioner Eberlein moved to approve the minimum bid amounts as recommended by the Treasurer's office for 23 parcels for sale at auction on September 14, 2015. Commissioner Green 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.

Ms. Thomas asked for permission to add "as-is" language to the maps, she noted that this wording was already on the legal notice and on the Treasurer's website.

The Board approved the request to add wording as the Treasurer deemed appropriate.

Treasurer's office seeking authorization to distribute tax surplus funds to Karen Ingalls

Ms. Thomas said that a parcel deeded to Mr. & Mrs. Pearson was relinquished at auction for unpaid taxes in a 2014 Tax Deed Hearing. She explained Mr. & Mrs. Pearson were now deceased and Mrs. Pearson's daughter, Mary Ellen Brooks, was requesting the tax surplus funds through her representative, Mr. William Bailey. Ms. Thomas asked Ms. Brooks to provide documentation that she was heir to the property in order to distribute the tax surplus funds, however, Ms. Brooks died before any distribution could be made. Ms. Thomas reported that Karen Ingalls, sibling to Mary Ellen Brooks, had provided proper documentation that she was now the heir and had applied for the surplus funds.

Ms. Thomas stated that Ms. Brooks' representative, William Bailey, had requested a finders' fee. The Board stated that the County did not pay finders' fees and agreed to deny Mr. Bailey's claim.

Commissioner Green moved to authorize the distribution of the tax surplus fund in the amount of \$14,592.58 to Karen Ingalls. 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.

- 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 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DAVID STEWART, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk
