

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Juvenile Probation Monthly Discussion**  
**October 5, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Juvenile Probation Director Debbie Nadeau and Deputy Clerks Theresa Atchley and Alicia Lynch. Also present was citizen Tina Kunishige.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 8:32 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:**

**Juvenile Justice Programs update: Equine Therapy, Pawsative Works, and Idaho Youth Ranch Academy**

Juvenile Probation Director Debbie Nadeau gave the Board a status update on how the youth-orientated programs were currently performing.

She explained that Equine Therapy, a collaboration with the Department of Health & Welfare, involved youths spending time at a horse ranch where they are being mentored and learning team building, and empathy. Ms. Nadeau added that this program is funded by the State and runs from spring to late fall.

Ms. Nadeau stated the Pawsative Works program, a collaboration with the Idaho Humane Society, was similar to the Equine Therapy except it used dogs. She said that the goal was while teaching the youths to train dogs the dogs were training the youths in dealing with their own issues. The example she gave was a hyper child teaching a hyper dog to be calm.

Ms. Nadeau explained that the Idaho Youth Ranch Academy was funded by the State and operated by the Idaho National Guard. She said this was a boot camp program that taught children skills and accountability as well as offering academic help. She added that mentoring was a big part of the program.

**Work in Lieu of Detention (WILD) Program transition to Juvenile Detention**

Ms. Nadeau detailed for the Board the changes the WILD program had undergone since Juvenile Detention had its first weekend running the program. She stated there were a few minor glitches such as youths showing up who were not registered but said overall

the program was going very well. She added that the Juvenile Detention staff were better qualified and have better experience working with juveniles as mentors than the program offered previously. She explained that the children involved in the program are providing janitorial services to school districts outside of school hours.

**Behavioral Health Board- Juvenile Justice Representative**

Ms. Nadeau explained that Juvenile Justice would be represented on the reorganized Regional Behavioral Health Board. She added that she received a \$10,000 donation from the disbanding Kootenai Alliance for Children & Families to continue their work in trauma-informed care.

**Juvenile Probation (JPRO) Staff Development Day**

Ms. Nadeau informed the Board that on September 29, 2015, the Juvenile Probation officers went to Lutherhaven Ministries for team building exercises. She said it was very successful and beneficial to her staff. She added that the cost to the County was \$321.

**Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Building concerns**

Ms. Nadeau expressed that she wanted her concerns to be heard before any Board decisions were made regarding moving staff in and out of the JJC. Her chief concern was the potential mixing of adult offenders with juveniles. She stated that the purpose of the Juvenile Justice Center was to keep all juvenile services together and that taking Juvenile Diversion (JDIV) and the Juvenile Prosecutors out of the building would defeat that purpose. Ms. Nadeau added that JPRO interacts with JDIV on a daily basis and that JPRO leads training events in which JDIV is included. She said parking is also an issue and reminded the Board that the County pays for employees' parking passes out of funds reserved for juvenile services.

The Board invited Ms. Nadeau to the meeting for District Court at 11:00 a.m. October 5, 2015, to bring her points to the discussion regarding the move of District Court offices.

- F. 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.

Citizen Tina Kunishige expressed positive comments regarding the juvenile programs.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

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Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk

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