

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Jail Stakeholders' Meeting
October 7, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Judges Lansing Haynes and Scott Wayman, Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, KCSO Major Kim Edmondson, Captains Andy Deak and John Holecek, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Barry Black, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys R. David Ferguson and Darrin Murphey, Deputy Public Defender Mayli Walsh, Adult Misdemeanor Probation (AMP) Director Kevin Creighton, AMP Supervisor Melissa Miller, Administrative Assistant to the Jail Commander Dorinda Thurman, and Deputy Clerks Theresa Atchley and Alicia Lynch. Also present were National Institute of Corrections representatives Karen Albert and Mark Martin, City of Coeur d' Alene representatives Mayor Steve Widmyer, Deputy City Attorney Wes Somerton, and Police Captain Steve Childers, City of Hayden representative Steve Griffitts, Coeur d'Alene Press staff writer Brain Walker, citizens Tina Kunishige and Carla and Verland Woempner.

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.
- B. **Introductions:** All participants introduced themselves.
- C. **Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. **New Business:**

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) findings on the Kootenai County Jail and Justice Assessment survey.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger welcomed all participants. He said he had invited the NIC to conduct this Jail and Justice Assessment at no cost to the County to discover how KCSO could improve services. He said he was interested in all programs and services to increase efficiencies within the justice system.

NIC representatives Karen Albert and Mark Martin provided a recap of their 2½-day visit with the County's justice departments.

Mr. Martin provided general information about the steps necessary to build a justice facility and explained the decision points required from arrest to sentencing.

Ms. Albert stated that the KCSO jail was, for its age, clean and well maintained. She summarized problem areas by stating that the jail did not have enough beds, was not conducive to ease of inmate supervision, the decentralized spaces were inefficient, and storage space was limited.

Chairman Dan Green and Clerk Jim Brannon expressed concerns regarding how the shifting political climate affected the long-term planning necessary for a proposal of this size.

Ms. Albert said a written report would be provided to Sheriff Wolfinger in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Martin advised that NIC had additional resources available at no cost that provide programs and training for planning and opening new institutions.

Sheriff Wolfinger acknowledged this was a complicated subject and welcomed input from all stakeholders. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised participants that the PowerPoint presentation would be available through a link on the KCSO website.

- 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

The meeting ended at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk
