

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
District Court  
October 20, 2015  
1:30 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 First Judicial District-Administrative District Judge Lansing L. Haynes, First Judicial District Magistrate Judges Clark A. Peterson, First Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer; County Human Resources Director Skye Reynolds and Senior Staff Accountant Kimberli Price, and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. New Business:**

**Discussion regarding the grant-funded Domestic Violence Coordinator position**

First Judicial District Trial Court Administrator Karlene Behringer opened a discussion with the Board regarding the grant-funded Domestic Violence Coordinator position. She explained this position was previously a state contract position but she advocated changing this to a County position for the term of the three-year grant in order to provide the employee benefits. She added that the State would only provide the additional \$20,897 for benefits as an incentive if the position was employed by the County.

First Judicial District Magistrate Judge Clark Peterson explained that this position was held in the other seven judicial districts at a fixed salary provided by the State through grants but these funds “passed through” the Counties the grant-funded employee services.

The Board debated options with the judicial representatives but determined providing the current proposed salary would be unfair to other employees in similar positions who earn less. The Board decided that hiring the employee as a full time position but allowing them to work part time for other agencies to make up the difference in grant funding would be disingenuous. Commissioner David Stewart asked if the position could remain a state contract position and Ms. Behringer stated she would look into the possibility.

The Board stated they wanted to remain consistent in their policies and as the grant currently stands it would not conform to current practices.

No decision was made.

**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 Green adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

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Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk

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