

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Disaster Declaration 2015 Winter Storm
December 30, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Marc Eberlein and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Director Sandy Von Behren, and Deputy Clerks Alicia Lynch and Cecilia Sweet. Chairman Dan Green was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Business:**

Disaster Declaration 2015 Winter Storm/ Resolution 2015-107/ Office of Emergency Management

Chairman Pro Tem Eberlein stated under Idaho Statute 74-204(2) the Board could meet for a special meeting if an emergency exists. He said Kootenai Electric Co-Op (KEC) was requesting assistance from the County with damages from the Winter Storm.

OEM Director Sandy Von Behren stated that KEC was reporting substantial damages to their power line infrastructures of \$1.7 million and rising since December 21, 2015. She said that KEC would only be reimbursed by the federal government if the state-wide threshold for damages was met. She added that she has reached out to the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) as well as profit and non-profit agencies for damage assessments to prepare for the application of a Presidential Declaration. Ms. Von Behren stated she was doing more research into the storm itself to see if it was record breaking snow fall or if there was something significant about this snow that caused so much damage.

Commissioner David Stewart moved to adopt Resolution 2015-107. Chairman Pro Tem Marc Eberlein seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Lynch called the roll:

Commissioner Stewart: Aye
Chairman Pro Tem Eberlein: Aye
Chairman Green: Excused
The motion carried.

The Board signed the Resolution.

Ms. Von Behren stated she would send the Resolution to the BHS today.

- D. 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 Pro Tem Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
