

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Juvenile Probation Update**  
**March 7, 2016**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Pro Tem Marc Eberlein and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Juvenile Probation (JPRO) Director Debbie Nadeau, Juvenile Detention (JDET) Assistant Director Linda Hoss, and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch. Chairman Dan Green was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Pro Tem Marc Eberlein called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- D. Business:**

**Status update on Work in Lieu of Detention Program (WILD) collaboration with Juvenile Detention Center**

JPRO Director Debbie Nadeau reminded the Board that JPRO had begun to collaborate with JDET running the WILD program after they terminated the former coordinator. She explained that the program was successful and still needed. She said that JDET had provided 465 hours to the WILD program since October when their collaboration began. Ms. Nadeau added that she had received positive feedback from the community regarding the change in staff.

Commissioner Stewart noted that fewer juveniles were in the program in 2015 than 2014. Chairman Pro Tem Eberlein inquired why there was a shift away from the programs.

Ms. Nadeau replied that there was no clear answer, but there was an increase in the severity of crimes as well as mental health issues over the past ten years.

JDET Assistant Director Linda Hoss explained that JDET staff was trained to act as role models and build competent development. She added that juvenile crime was up but juvenile programs were down, and she discussed the changes in handling juveniles over the length of her career.

Ms. Nadeau commented that JDET calculated their billable services to other agencies based on the number of staff working in the facility each day. She asked that in order to avoid a negative impact on JDET's budget, the Board allow her to keep the coordinator position in the JPRO budget, but keep the position vacant for one more year. She added that both JPRO and JDET were looking into the benefits of permanently transferring the program to JDET.

**Juvenile Justice staff members attending National Association of School Resource Officers Training Conference**

Ms. Nadeau briefed the Board on her request for Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) funds. She explained that two years ago she had applied for this grant, but because the local school districts had so many new school resource officers then, all funds were used for school employees. She said this time the Juvenile Justice staff would be primary beneficiaries, and any remaining grant funds would be used for school resource officers. Ms. Nadeau reported that the grant was for \$25,000; that it would cost approximately \$2,400 per person; so the grant amount would allow eight County staff members to attend the conference.

- 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 Pro Tem Eberlein adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

MARC EBERLEIN, CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

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Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk

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