

Minutes of Meeting
Grants Management Office
April 15, 2016
10:00 a.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 Grants Management Office (GMO) Director Jody Bieze, Program Specialist Kimberly Hobson, and Deputy Clerk Alicia Lynch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- D. New Business:**

GMO Director Jody Bieze Briefing on Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Transit Budget

GMO Director Jody Bieze reminded the Board that in September 2015 she was authorized by the Board to send a letter to all Transit contributing agencies. She explained that since the letter's release the Coeur d'Alene Tribe had indicated that they would like to decrease their contribution to the transit system. She briefed the Board on her upcoming presentation to request an increase in city contributions from the cities of Coeur d'Alene, Dalton Gardens, Hayden, and Post Falls. Ms. Bieze added that she would not be petitioning the City of Huetter because they only had one bus stop. She said she was speaking with the Tribe on April 15, 2016, to discuss the potential decrease to their financial contributions.

Commissioner David Stewart inquired if there was an incentive to the cities to increase their contributions to the transit system. Ms. Bieze replied that if the Tribe decreased their contributions and the cities did not increase their contributions accordingly, the level of service would potentially change. She explained that her role as the director of public transportation made her the intermediary between the Tribe, the cities, and the federal government.

Chairman Green recommended that Ms. Bieze emphasize the difference between the fixed-route services and the paratransit service in her presentation. Commissioner Marc Eberlein suggested Ms. Bieze also note that paratransit services cost the transit system \$25 per person per ride versus \$3 per person on the fixed-route bus. He also recommended mentioning that Kootenai Health provided the majority of match contributions for paratransit services. Commissioner Stewart requested the Tribe provide representation at the city council presentations.

Commissioner Stewart requested current data regarding the County cost to operate the Grants Management Office.

- 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 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Alicia Lynch, Deputy Clerk
