

Minutes of Meeting
Public Defense Commission Grant
October 25, 2016
3:00 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, Finance Director Dena Darrow, Senior Manager Financial Performance & Compliance Kimberli Riley, Public Defender Administrative Supervisor II Jamie Woods, and Deputy Clerk Randi Davis. Also present was Idaho Public Defense Commission Executive Director Kimberly Simmons, Deputy Director Kelly Jennings, Idaho State Appellate Public Defender Eric Fredericksen, and citizen Chris Fillios.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. New Business:**

Discussion of Defense Grant Funds

Chairman Green opened discussion about the Public Defense Commission Grant. He asked whether the grant could be used for conflict attorneys, and Idaho Public Defense Commission Executive Director Kimberly Simmons confirmed it could. Chairman Green asked whether the County needed to use the entire amount in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, or if some could be carried over into FY 2018. Ms. Simmons confirmed that unused funding could carry over into the next FY, but it would lead to a decrease in funding in the future.

Ms. Simmons said guidelines for the grant would be complete on November 25, 2016. She said the state planned to fund the grant through FY 2019, and then reassess how well counties were meeting proposed Public Defense standards.

Deputy Public Defender Christopher Schwartz entered the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Ms. Simmons said the County would need to hire two additional attorneys to be within 120% of the current proposed national standard. Chairman Green asked whether there was a support staff recommendation. Ms. Simmons confirmed the current recommendation was one support staff member for every three attorneys.

Ms. Simmons stated that the County was eligible for approximately \$358,000 in FY 2018. Commissioner David Stewart expressed concerns about the standards becoming an unfunded mandate in the future. Chairman Green and Commissioner Eberlein agreed.

- 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 Green adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Randi Davis, Deputy Clerk
