

Minutes of Meeting
Panhandle Health District
April 27, 2021
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Treasurer Steve Matheson, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Panhandle Health District (PHD) District Director Lora Whalen, PHD Division Administrator Don Duffy, PHD Financial Officer Christine Crummer, and Coeur d'Alene Press Reporter Madison Hardy.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Panhandle Health District Annual Report

Panhandle Health District (PHD) District Director Lora Whalen thanked the Commissioners for the time and effort they put into selecting the new PHD Board of Health Member. She introduced PHD Financial Officer Christine Crummer and Division Administrator Don Duffy. She called attention to the packets provided to the Commissioners and announced that their Budget Hearing would be on May 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. She noted that Chairman Chris Fillios would be the Chair for the meeting this year.

Ms. Whalen reviewed the history of health districts in Idaho, listed some of the services they offered the communities and reviewed their funding mechanisms.

Mr. Duffy provided statistics on the COVID-19 response: numbers of people vaccinated, effectiveness of vaccines and the number of breakthrough cases. He expressed some concern regarding the potential impact of variant COVID viral strains on the area. He also described PHD's probable role should a third round of vaccinations be required and announced that there would be vaccination services offered during the North Idaho Fair.

Ms. Crummer presented the FY22 Budget Proposal and said it had been prepared based on the assumption that HB316 would not pass. She described the funding formula they used, taking into account changes in population and property valuation changes. She said that the State of Idaho provided a match of 67% of the amounts pledged by each county. She said that District 1 was slated to receive \$1,299,500.

Ms. Crummer reviewed their Proposed Budget figures, revenue and expenses. She noted that the revised FY21 Budget had been \$14,653,238 and the proposed FY22 Budget total was \$14,190,985. She stated that they were not asking for an increase in the County contribution of \$1,237,000.

Ms. Whalen stated that, if HB316 passed, they would provide updated information to each county. She remarked that its passage would also bring about the end of the Indigent Fund and reallocation of those funds.

- 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.

- E. Adjournment (Action):** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
