

**Minutes of Meeting
Panhandle Health District
September 12, 2022
11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Panhandle Health District (PHD) Director Don Duffy and PHD Environmental & Health Protection Division Administrator Eric Ketner. Chairman Chris Fillios was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Pro Tem Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Quarterly Update with Panhandle Health District Director Don Duffy (Discussion)

Panhandle Health District (PHD) Director Don Duffy thanked the Board for approving the 5 acre rule regarding septic systems.

PHD Environmental & Health Protection Division Administrator Eric Ketner provided additional information about the 5 acre rule.

Mr. Duffy reported that they had 425 participants in their Suicide Prevention Walk last Saturday. He announced that PHD was ending its Home Healthcare services, after 55 years. He explained that they could not find enough nurses and increases in expenses made it impossible to continue. He noted that they had already managed to find coverage for 28 of their 35 patients and were working to find services for the last 7 people.

Mr. Duffy reviewed the current situation regarding “food fees”: the amount PHD charged for licenses for restaurants and related businesses. He indicated that their costs to provide the service were not being covered by the current fees.

Mr. Duffy asked the Board what they were thinking of doing with the Opioid Settlement funds that the County might receive. He asked them to consider signing over the money to PHD.

Chair Pro Tem Duncan remarked that she was inclined to suggest that the County retain the settlement funds for use in its own applicable programs.

- 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): Chair Pro Tem Duncan adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk