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PANHANDLE HEALTH DISTRICT 1 FY24 BUDGET HEARING MEETING MINUTES May 25, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. | Kootenai Room

Budget Committee Members Present:

Bonner County/Budget Committee Chairman
Kootenai County
Boundary County
Benewah County

Commissioner Steven Bradshaw
Commissioner Leslie Duncan
Commissioner Wally Cossairt
Commissioner Phil Lampert

Board of Health Members Present:

Panhandle Health District BOH Chairman
Bonner County Representative (At Large)

Marlow Thompson
Dr. Thomas Fletcher

Panhandle Health District Staff Present:

District Director
Management Assistant
Health Services Division Administrator
Clinical Services Division Administrator
Financial Officer
Human Resource Specialist
Public Information Officer

Don Duffy
Jessica Eastin
Kim Young
Jenna Dowell
Christine Crummer
Santee Riggs
Katherine Hoyer

Others Present:

Public Guest

Sandy White

1. Call to Order:

FY24 Budget Chairman/ Commissioner Steven Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. in the Kootenai Room of Panhandle Health District (PHD), located at 8500 North Atlas Road, Hayden, Idaho 83835.

2. Prayer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call by County:

Benewah County	Present
Bonner County	Present
Boundary County	Present
Kootenai County	Present
Shoshone County	Not Present

5. Welcome:

Panhandle Health District (PHD) Board of Health Chairman Marlow Thompson welcomed everyone to PHD's FY24 Budget Hearing.

6. FY24 Proposed Budget Presentation & Discussion:

Panhandle Health District Director Don Duffy presented a brief overview of the FY24 Budget proposal, highlighting total expenditures of \$12,979,613.00, a decrease of \$50,165.00 from the FY23 budget of \$13,029,778. Mr. Duffy further detailed the changes in revenue being due to the loss of the home health department, the gain of funds through the Opioid Settlement Fund, and the recent receipt of the Infrastructure Grant. Mr. Duffy reminded the Committee that the proposed FY24 county funding request of \$2,496,903.00 is a 0% increase/decrease from the previous FY23 budget.

Kootenai County Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked to elaborate on the Trustee Payments (Pass-Through) Total Expenditures as shown on page three of the FY24 Budget Proposal packet, which states a total of \$140,600.00, a 1306% increase or \$130,600.00 difference from FY23. Panhandle Health Financial Officer Christine Crummer stated that these are funds that are paid out to community partners. Ms. Crummer clarified that those expenses do not represent operating expenses of the Health District.

FY24 Budget Committee Chairman and Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw inquired more information regarding the increase of License and Fees income, as well as Health Services income. District Director Don Duffy stated that this change is due to the loss of Home Health and decreased use of clinical services.

FY24 Budget Committee Chairman and Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw voiced his severe distrust of the health district and its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically the COVID-19 vaccine. A discussion about Covid vaccines and the upcoming release of vaccines for expecting mothers ensued.

District Director Don Duffy clarified that the Panhandle Health District provides the public with as much data possible to allow them to govern themselves, further stating that he hopes patients are conferring with their primary provider in regard to questions they may have.

Kootenai County Commissioner Leslie Duncan stated that, although she agrees with a lot of what Commissioner Steven Bradshaw stated, she has not seen a push from Panhandle Health District of the Covid vaccine to children and asked the same be done for the vaccine to expectant mothers, further requesting the possibility to remove offering the COVID-19 vaccine through the Panhandle Health District. Mr. Duffy and Commissioner Leslie Duncan agreed to meet at a later date to discuss adding the topic to the July Board of Health meeting.

Budget Committee Chairman/ Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw questioned why Panhandle Health District chose not to endorse legislation in the last session that would require all health providers to offer a Health Risk Benefits Analysis for any procedure or medicine provided to patients.

District Director Don Duffy explained that, because the Idaho Association of Counties voted not to support that legislation, it stopped the process moving forward.

Benewah County Commissioner Phil Lampert requested to have the current discussion moved to a regularly scheduled Board meeting and asked that the committee get back on the task of reviewing the budget for FY24.

Budget Committee Chairman/ Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw asked Dr. Thomas Fletcher for his input on the discussion.

Bonner County Representative (At Large) Dr. Thomas Fletcher spoke on discussing the Health Risk Benefits Analysis with the Board, his request, and subsequent denial, to audit patient information from the Panhandle Health District vaccination program, and the release of a gene-based RSV vaccine to pregnant women.

Kootenai County Commissioner Leslie Duncan reiterated the request to add the topic to the July Board of Health meeting and asked Budget Committee Chairman/ Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw for a motion of the approval of the FY24 budget as presented.

7. Motion:

Boundary County Commissioner Wally Cossairt moved to approval the FY24 budget as presented; Benewah County Commissioner Phil Lampert seconded the motion.

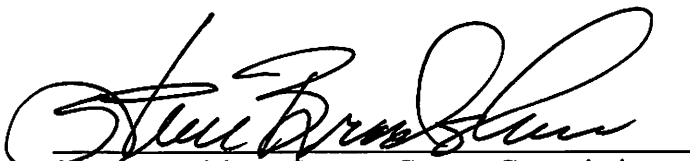
Roll Call Vote:

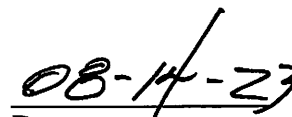
Benewah County: Yes
Boundary County: Yes
Kootenai County: Yes
Bonner County: No

8. Meeting Adjourned:

Benewah County Commissioner Phil Lampert moved to adjourn the Panhandle Health FY24 Budget Hearing; Kootenai County Commissioner Leslie Duncan seconded the motion.

There being no further business, the Budget Committee Chairman/ Bonner County Commissioner Steven Bradshaw declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.


Steven Bradshaw, Bonner County Commissioner
Budget Committee Chair


Date