



Panhandle Health District

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

District One Fiscal-Year 2026 Budget Hearing

May 15, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. | Kootenai conference room or Virtual Via Teams

1. Call to Order

- a. The FY26 Budget Hearing of the Panhandle Health District was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on May 15, 2025, by FY26 Chairman Philip Lampert, Benewah County Commissioner. The meeting was held in the Kootenai Conference Room at the Panhandle Health District office, located at 8500 North Atlas Road, Hayden, ID 83835.

2. Roll Call by County

Benewah County/ FY26 Chair	Present, Commissioner Lampert
Bonner County	Present, Commissioner Williams
Boundary County	Present, Commissioner Bertling
Kootenai County Representative	Present, Commissioner Mattare
Shoshone County	Present, Commissioner Cowles (virtual)

3. Welcome Remarks

- a. Welcome remarks were not given, as Dr. Thomas Fletcher, Chair of the Panhandle Health District Board of Health, was not in attendance.

4. FY 2026 Proposed Budget Presentation

- a. Panhandle Health District Director Erik Ketner provided a brief update on the amended FY26 budget, noting a total of \$11,585,676, which reflects a \$280,000 decrease from the originally proposed \$11,865,676. This adjustment stems from the removal of planned infrastructure upgrades at the Hayden facility, following discussions with county commissioners who expressed concern about current county-level funding constraints.

5. Committee Discussion

- a. Committee members acknowledged the responsiveness shown toward concerns related to fiscal responsibility and service delivery. There was a broad consensus on the need for prudent, long-term planning in light of ongoing uncertainties surrounding federal funding. Committee members expressed support for postponing infrastructure investments until a clearer direction for service priorities is established.

6. Motion

- a. Kootenai County Commissioner Bruce Mattare moved to approve the Panhandle Health District FY26 amended budget as presented. Boundary County Commissioner Tim Bertling seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Shoshone County: YES
Kootenai County: YES
Bonner County: NO
Benewah County: YES
Boundary County: YES

Upon roll call vote, Benewah County Commissioner and FY26 Budget Committee Chairman Philip Lampert declared the motion carried.

7. Meeting adjournment

- a. With no further business to discuss, FY26 Budget Hearing Chair Philip Lampert, Benewah County Commissioner, called for a motion to adjourn the FY26 Panhandle Health District Budget Hearing.

MOTION: Boundary County Commissioner Tim Bertling moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kootenai County Commissioner Bruce Mattare.

VOTE: With all in favor and none opposed, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.



Philip Lampert, Benewah County Commissioner
Panhandle Health District FY 26 Budget Hearing Chairman

06/09/2025

Date