

**Minutes of Meeting
Prosecuting Attorney's Office
March 11, 2019
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 Prosecutor Barry McHugh, Human Resources (HR) Director Sylvia Proud, Treasurer Steve Matheson and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Alliant Employee Benefits Vice President Scott Burkhardt.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

House Bill 149 (Discussion) – Bill Related to Self-funded Health Care Plans

Prosecutor Barry McHugh called the Commissioners' attention to proposed House Bill 149, related to self-funded Health Care Plans. He said he had been communicating with Ada County regarding a proposal to offer some alternative language. He provided the Board with copies of the bill as it was written and the suggested changes. He explained the changes would exempt any county from Department of Insurance oversight as long as their self-funded program was in place by July 1, 2019. He said he wanted the Commissioners to review the proposed language and offer their impressions.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked what steps the Board would take if they decided they wanted to support Ada County. Prosecutor McHugh said they could send a letter to the senators as a Board or individually.

Alliant Employee Benefits Vice President Scott Burkhardt suggested that, if the amendments to the language were not accepted, another possible route would be to ask that any plan currently in place complete a financial review and those plans that passed the review would be exempted. He explained the goal of the bill was to compel self-funded plans to exhibit financial sufficiency. Mr. Burkhardt provided the Commissioners with a list of talking points Alliant had generated regarding the bill and a copy of an email from Alliant's lawyer discussing the bill.

All three Commissioners agreed to support Ada County's suggested amendments. Prosecutor McHugh volunteered to draft a letter to that effect for the Commissioners to sign.

D. Public Comment (Discussion): 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 was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
