Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Obie O’Brien.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Mark Larson, Public Health Officer; Linda Navarre, Public Health Co-Interim Director; James Rivard, Public Health Co-Interim Director; Amber Simon, Public Health Accountant.

SPECIAL MEETING  PUBLIC HEALTH  COMMISSIONERS

At 1:45 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a special meeting to discuss budget concerns in the Public Health Department.

Amber Simon presented the Board with a memo outlining what they have been informed of regarding direct impacts to our County’s Public Health budget from the Legislature. She indicated that 2011 will present itself with a number of new challenges for the Public Health Department, and there is currently a loss of funding in the amount of $61,211.00.

The Board and Public Health discussed a memo presented which offered different budget scenarios as well as the pro’s and con’s to each of them.

Chairman Jewell requested that Public Health get him a “worst case scenario” for their budget. He also said that at that point they can look and see if the General Fund can make up any of the dollar amount in which Public Health would “worst case scenario” have to cut.

They continued discussions regarding mandated services. Ms. Navarre explained the importance of having staff as knowledgeable as they are to be able to react to “major events”

Mr. Rivard expressed concerns of burnout in a prolonged scenario.

The Board determined that they would take some time to review the documents that the Public Health staff had been requested to provide to them.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
Mandy Robinson

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