

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.

AUGUST 11, 2015

Board members present: Chairman Gary Berndt and Vice-Chairman Obie O'Brien; Paul Jewell, Commissioner.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Stephanie Conley, HR Representative and Jon Kaino, Executive Director of WCIF/WCIP.

SPECIAL MEETING

WCIF ANNUAL VISIT

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to meet with Jon Kaino, Executive Director of WCIF.

Jon Kaino, Executive Director for the Washington Counties Insurance Fund/Washington Counties Insurance Pool, introduced himself and gave the Board a handout that outlined the benefits offered by WCIF. He reviewed an insert to the handout reflecting the Counties served and other participating employers. He stated that this year the Chairman of the WCIF Board of trustee's is Kittitas Counties own Commissioner Obie O'Brien. He stated that the expected increases for 2016 rates will be determined at the August board meeting set to take place August 13 & 14, 2015. He stressed the importance of the Live Well-Wellness Program offered through WCIF, noting that the employees receive \$150.00 credit applied to their deductible and if the 40% participation in the program is met then the insurance rates are at a reduced rate. He presented the Board a general comparison of WCIF and PEBB medical Plans for 2015, for review and provided a brief summary. He stated that through recent legislation PEBB has to accept Counties. He stated there would be no increase in the ancillary insurance plans.

There was discussion on the potential introduction of a new network offered by Premera called the "Prime-network" and that would provide a 6% reduction in rates. He stated they are currently working to produce reports to provide to the counties that WCIF represents so they know what effects would take place and what if any services would be lost if the County chose to go with the new network.

Commissioner Jewell stressed the importance of getting the rate information to the counties as early as possible because it has a huge impact on their budgeting process.

The Board thanked Mr. Kaino for taking the time to come meet with them and give them updates and allow time for the County to provide feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Gary Berndt, Chairman