

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

JULY 11, 2017

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz. Excused Commissioner Obie O'Brien.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Lisa Young, HR Director and Jon Kaino, Executive Director of WCIF.

SPECIAL MEETING

WCIF ANNUAL VISIT

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:05 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to meet with Jon Kaino, Executive Director of WCIF, for the WCIF/Kittitas County annual update.

Jon Kaino, Executive Director for the Washington Counties Insurance Fund, 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 they serve and other participating employers. He stated that the expected increases for the 2018 rates will be determined at the August Board meeting on August 10 & 11, 2017. He indicated that while there will be increases to Medical as of right now they have no feedback indicating an increase coming in from vision, dental and life insurance.

He discussed the benefits of "Legacy" Groups which Kittitas County is categorized as. He stated that WCIF Board of Trustee's has voted to have their demographics reviewed with a rating model which could benefit the County or possibly hinder the County with additional increases. He reviewed how the rates will be evaluated/considered and noted that the Wellness Incentive will still be offered. He stated that they are looking into a new, wellness provider portal as they don't feel that the current provider is providing a portal members want to visit outside of open enrollment.

Commissioner Jewell expressed his frustrations and questioned why the Board of Trustee's would approve this rate review if they have no data to base it on.

Mr. Kaino stated that they will be adding ancillary plans that will be 100% cost to the employee.

There was discussion on what is sustainable with rate increases and what's not. There was discussion on impacts from losing groups since younger groups go out and get lower rates leaving the WCIF with an older demographic.


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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Paul Jewell, Chairman