

HEALTH INSURANCE TASKFORCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 4:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (4:08 PM)

Members Present: Burns, Duty, Erbes, Flanigan, Mueller and Stokes

Members Absent: Bohm and Oellermann

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Liz Hunter, Paula Clark

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- I. [21-6596](#) Retiree Insurance Discussion
Erbes informed the committee that AFSCME negotiations were currently in progress and asked that everyone be mindful not to comment on anything that would affect the negotiations.
 - II. [21-6597](#) Paula Clark
Ms. Clark handed out a copy of the 2009 Continuation of Employee Health Insurance Benefits Through Retiree Health Insurance Resolution to the committee. She asked that the committee review the resolution and the benefits offered and to update the numbers based on cost trends and inflation. She also asked that this resolution be reviewed regularly to keep it up to date. The committee and Ms. Clark discussed the issue and the costs that current retirees pay for insurance. Hunter clarified that the retiree rate for insurance was lower than regular employee rates. The County Administrator commented that for the resolution to change, it would have to be individually reviewed by each union since the resolution was created based on the union contracts. She also noted that the County Board allowed the bargaining employees to participate even though they are not part of the resolution and union contracts.
 - III. [21-6598](#) Health Insurance Concerns
Duty brought up the concern of preferred providers. She mentioned that certain providers are not covered at all and employees do not want to have to change their providers. Hunter responded that HOPE is constantly working on expanding their preferred providers list. SIH was mentioned as not being a preferred provider. Hunter commented that HOPE works with SIH to cover partial costs, but is still working on making them a preferred provider.
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Adjourn (4:32 PM)

Mueller moved and Stokes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
