

**Idaho Association of Counties
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Conference Room| 700 W. Washington St., Boise, Idaho | January 30, 2019| 10:00 am
Conference Call 208-717-1950

Members Present:

Chair: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
Vice-Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IACT: Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff
ISA Alt.: Vaughn Killeen, ISA Executive Director
ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner
ISACC Alt.: Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 3: Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 4 Alt.: Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor
District 5: Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff

Members Not Present:

IACT Alt.:
IPAA Alt.: Holly Koole, Ada Deputy Prosecutor
District 1 Alt.: Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner
District 2: Dave McGraw, Latah Commissioner
District 2 Alt.:
District 3 Alt.: Pam White, Canyon Commissioner
District 5 Alt.:
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison Commissioner
District 6 Alt.:

Other Guests:

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, IAC
Kristin Cundiff, IAC Staff
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff
Tim Hibbard, IAC Staff
Jeremy Chou, IAC Staff
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County

10:00 am **I. Call to order** - Chair Chris Goetz

A. Roll Call

B. Minutes – January 23, 2019

Tom Dale made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

10:05 am **II. IAC Package (Update/Re-evaluate Priorities)**

HHS-02 Indigent Jail Medical

The print hearing will be Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 3 pm in the Senate Health and Welfare committee. The Idaho Hospital Association (IHA) does not like the bill. St. Alphonsus and IHA will be opposing.

JPS-05 Public Defense:

JPS-06 Justice Levy:

Medicaid Expansion

IAC staff met with Rep. Wood and this meeting was much better received. He is open to including the justice levy in his proposal. Rep. Wood maintains that if the two programs are suspended counties still need to consider helping pay for Medicaid. He asked for a rolling 5 years average of indigent costs. The average may drop county costs to around \$17M and will help to relieve some pressure. He also recognized that mental health is a big cost. Approximately \$7.7M of our \$8M is involuntary holds. If the House gets their way, counties may have to give

something and IAC staff is working to make sure it isn't the 33% revenue sharing proposal.

IAC staff is working to make sure all the statutes are amended, as needed depending on what they come up with. Sen. Martin is maintaining his plan is to just fund straight Medicaid. He believes that there is enough money at the state to pay and the counties shouldn't have to contribute. Sen. Martin has suggested that after year one, counties may need to contribute but this won't be until after the program has been in place and it is know what the true costs will be. He doesn't want to touch the CAT and the indigent programs at this point.

It appears that as long as the legislature is looking at revenue sharing for Medicaid, public defense is off the table as they share potential funding. IAC staff has been focusing on getting the public defense rules done and making sure the state is stepping up on the funding side.

Intergovernmental Affairs

IG-04 Mail Ballot Threshold:

- To increase mail ballot precinct thresholds from 125 to 190 registered voters.

Rep. Crane is polling the House State Affairs committee to gauge support with a 140 threshold instead of 190. Kelli Brassfield will follow up with him.

IG-05 Flat Recording Fee:

- To implement a flat fee for recording all documents.

This proposal is scheduled for a print hearing.

IG-07 Electronic Notice:

- To give counties the option of posting public notices and agendas on their websites in lieu of the newspaper.

Justice and Public Safety

JPS-03 Tax Intercept for Debts Owed:

- To allow tax intercept on debts owed to the County that is under \$50.

IAC staff continues to work with the courts. The courts are hung up on what to do with juveniles. They would like to see them left out of everything, except for juvenile probation.

JPS-04 Odyssey and County Fees:

- To clarify those fees for pre-trial release and misdemeanor probation can be assessed and collected in Odyssey.

JPS-07 Jail Capital Improvement Optional Sales Tax:

- To change the passing threshold to 60% on sales tax for Jail Capital Improvements.

Chris Goetz would like to see all involved. The proposal was thought to be dead but Sen. Rice showed interest in hearing it. Rep. Collins said he would give a print hearing but it is unknown what will happen after that. IAC staff will continue to get Rep. Moyle on board.

Sen. Rice mentioned there was a concern that the business community has come out against it and how this affect Internet sales or resort tax? Seth Grigg mentioned that counties might manage it with the local retailers or work with the state tax commission to manage online sales. The STC fees are a little high but cities have not been successful in setting up the transfer with the companies like Amazon.

Transportation

T-02 Strategic Initiatives:

- To remove the sunset clause to create permanent funding.

The House has a number of different proposals floating around. There is a backstop in the Senate. Senator Brackett maintains his support with the locals. There is a bill right now that would take ISP out of Highway Distribution Account (HDA) and move them to the general fund. The senate is looking at bonding authority with the mitigation fund that was created. There is discussion of a transportation endowment. The other piece to consider is the Speaker wants money for dams. He wants to pull that money from these sources.

Other IAC Legislation

HHS-01 Behavioral Health Board Modification

-Removes requirement of Commissioner to be the Chairman of the Board.

This bill will be introduced in Senate Health and Welfare this week.

IG-03 Marriage Licenses:

- To remove requirement of County Clerks to provide AIDS pamphlet to those seeking a marriage license.

This bill will be introduced in Senate Health and Welfare this week.

PL-03 Federal Lands from Conservation Donations:

- To require that yearly payments of a fee in lieu of taxes for donated federal property.

This is the same resolution as last year. It looks like we will get a print hearing next week. Wayne Butts will be here for that.

10:25 am

III. Other Legislation (Update/Action)

A. E-Bikes

This proposal defines an e-bike and gives cities and counties authority to regulate the use of these. It doesn't appear the proposal is showing a difference between self-propelled bikes vs. others. The proposal defines those that are below 750 watts as an E-bike.

The committee chose to no action and to have IAC staffs monitor this proposal.

B. [H0041](#) Public Employees Severance Pay

This has become a hot button because there have been schools that have had sizable severances paid out. There are a few counties that do this. It is a tool that counties can use. The school board association is opposing.

Tom Dale made a motion to oppose H0041. Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.

C. [H0043](#) Public Defense Terminology

Donna Peterson made a motion to support H0043. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.

D. [S1033](#) Organ Donor Notification

The language of this proposal is not well written. The biggest concern is there is a considerable amount time to do the investigation and this requires a call to be made within a specific amount of time. Bodies over 12 hours don't qualify. Counties don't have enough time to do the notification to the families and counties also have to battle families when they don't want the donations to be done even if the driver's license says they are a donor.

Committee will review next week.

E. Liquor License

Sen. Rice introduced this proposal this morning. IAC staff is monitoring. It gives locals the option to create liquor licenses within their jurisdictions. Some members support it and some oppose it. Industry is fractured on their position as well.

This proposal would make liquor licenses transferable across the state and you could end up with a dry city. This proposal needs more review.

Doug Zenner made a motion to support. Donna Peterson seconded.

Committee members have concern with the transferability and believe there needs to be more review of the proposal.

Doug Zenner withdrew the motion to support until the next meeting. Committee will review next week.

F. [H0040](#) Quality Based Selection

Quality based selection is a process for professionals to submit their qualifications and then they are ranked. This is a clarification bill. Some entities that have read the statute to say this will only allow three and some say it should be at least three. This would say that counties could have more than three.

Committee will review next week.

12:00 am

IV. Adjourn