

**Minutes of Meeting
IAC District 1
November 17, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Benewah County

N.L. "Bud" McCall, Commissioner
Phil Lampert, Commissioner

Boundary County

Glenda Poston, Clerk
Sue Larson, Treasurer
Dan Dinning, Commissioner

Shoshone County

Mike Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jay Huber, Commissioner
John Hansen, Commissioner
Jerry White, Assessor

Bonner County

Glen Bailey, Commissioner

Kootenai County

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
Bob Bingham, Commissioner
Marc Eberlein, Commissioner
Jim Brannon, Clerk
Mike McDowell, Assessor
Richard Houser, Chief Deputy Assessor
Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

Other Attendees

Aaron Freudenthal, North Regional Coordinator – Public Defense Commission
Seth Grigg – IAC Executive Director

Call to Order: IAC District 1 Chairman Jim Brannon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Business:

Approval of September 29, 2017 Minutes: Boundary County Clerk Glenda Poston moved to approve the minutes from September 29, 2017. Kootenai County Commissioner Marc Eberlein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election of Officers for District 1/Committee Assignments: IAC District 1 Chairman Jim Brannon stated according to the bylaws of District 1, the election of new officers were to be held every two years. He said he had been honored to serve District 1 as the Chairman for two years and asked if there were any nominations for the new Chairman of District 1. Mr. Eberlein nominated Bonner County Commissioner Glen Bailey as Chairman; Kootenai County Sheriff Ben Wolfinger seconded the motion. Mr. Bailey said he would be open to serving as Chairman. Mr. Eberlein moved to close nominations for Chairman; Ms. Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brannon briefed the attendees on the Secretary/Treasurer position and Mr. Eberlein nominated Kootenai County Commissioner Chris Fillios. Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brannon asked the attendees to research the committees in which they may be interested, to help serve the counties and IAC. Mr. Brannon asked if Mr. Dinning would like to continue serving on the Legislative Committee and Mr. Dinning said he enjoyed serving and wished to continue. He had no challengers, so Mr. Dinning would continue to serve as the Legislative Representative.

Ms. Poston stated she wished to continue serving as the IAC District 1 Representative and noted it was up for election for a two-year term. Kootenai County Assessor Mike McDowell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2018 IAC Meeting Schedule and Locations: Mr. Dinning requested to hold the next year's IAC District 1 meetings at the Kootenai County Administration Building and to utilize one of Mr. Brannon's employees in order to take the minutes. Mr. Brannon said that it may be feasible, but he would need a legal opinion from Kootenai County's Legal team to say.

Mr. Brannon asked for nominations for Benewah County Commissioner Jack Buell to remain Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Brannon asked for nominations of a Legislative Alternate, who would take Mr. Dinning's place if he were unable to serve. Benewah County Commissioner Phil Lampert volunteered to serve as Alternate. The attendees all agreed.

Mr. Brannon discussed the four scheduled meetings for District 1. He explained there had always been an attempt to have a meeting during the Mid-Winter Conference and the meeting locations and dates needed to be voted on. Mr. Bailey requested to continue to meet at Kootenai County, as it was the easiest for each to travel to because of its centrality. Mr. Wolfinger asked if there were any other months they were required to meet in addition to November, but there were not. Mr. Bailey requested to have the first meeting of 2018 at the Mid-Winter Conference in Boise on February 7, 2018. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Bailey and the attendees decided upon February 7, May 4, August 3, and November 9, 2018 as the tentative dates for the IAC District 1 quarterly meetings. Mr. Dinning moved to approve the dates as presented. Mr. Wolfinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Introduction of Seth Grigg: New IAC Executive Director Seth Grigg introduced himself and provided a brief background of his previous work with IAC and Idaho Association of Cities. Mr. Grigg stated he looked forward to working with District 1 and said he would try to attend as many meetings as he could and would like to get to know each county's Elected Officials. He encouraged each member to reach out to him or the IAC staff for any questions or concerns that might arise and provided his personal cell phone number for use.

Mr. Eberlein pointed out that Ada County had been back and forth on their membership over the years and said that he had an \$18,000 bill for Kootenai County's IAC dues. He asked Mr. Grigg what benefits IAC provided and why Kootenai County should stay invested in IAC. Mr. Grigg said IAC was created to be the voice of each county and pointed out that IAC had a number of services that were provided. There were two conferences in which the county was able to voice an opinion on many different subjects, three different litigation funds, and multiple other resources at hand that would prove beneficial to each county.

Mr. Brannon said IAC should do a better job making sure each county was agreeable on certain ideas that had been presented. He used an example of a bill that had been proposed by a member of the IAC Board and IAC voted against it without speaking to the proposer to acquire more information. Mr. Eberlein stated

he brought a bill forward that would have allowed local governments to adopt building codes that were adopted by the state. He said there had been no support on the bill and had not received any questions or comments on the bill or as to why it gained no support.

Mr. Grigg said he had heard some of the same concerns from counties in Southern Idaho that he was hearing from District 1 and said his goal was to show there was value in being a part of IAC and that the districts need to work through any disagreements to ensure the best return on their investment.

Mr. Brannon said there needed to be some direction on the Capital Crimes Defense Fund (CCDF), as no questions have been answered and stated it needed to be cleaned up soon. Mr. Grigg asked Mr. Brannon if it was a statutory deficiency; however, Mr. Brannon said he did not wish to discuss it to great lengths on public record.

Mr. Fillios stated if it were up for vote today, he would vote to extricate Kootenai County from IAC, not because IAC was not doing any good for the betterment of Kootenai County, but because the challenge ahead was to rectify relationships between other counties. Mr. Grigg asked to give IAC a chance in hopes of finding ways to bridge the gap between the districts and counties.

DIGB/FirstNet Discussion: Mr. Wolfinger spoke on the DIGB/FirstNet proposal, which would bring dedicated bandwidth for only first responders and law enforcement to Idaho and outlined benefits and uses of the proposal. After explaining the proposal, Mr. Dining stated the information Mr. Wolfinger had provided was much different from what had been relayed during the previous conference.

Legislative Reports: Mr. Dining stated there had not been a Legislative meeting since the previous IAC meeting.

IAC Reports: Ms. Poston asked if there was any status report on the TracFone settlement and Mr. Grigg said the checks should be sent out the week after Thanksgiving. Mr. Eberlein asked if Mr. Grigg knew what each County's share was, but he did not, but did note the settlement was approximately \$4 million, with \$100,000 in Legal fees being extracted.

Secretary/ Treasurer's Reports: Mr. Brannon presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report on behalf of Treasurer Steve Matheson, who was not present at the meeting. He stated there had been no activity on the account and it had \$15,020.09.

County Reports: Mr. Bailey gave a brief update on the Resilient Federal Forest Act and the letter that had been crafted. He said the more research that was done, it became more apparent it was not as big a concern as initially believed. He said they had been assured by Congressman Raul Labrador's office that the issues were being addressed and they had voted down presenting a letter against the Act.

Public Comment: Mr. Brannon asked Public Defense Commission North Regional Coordinator Aaron Freudenthal if he had any comments and Mr. Freudenthal said he soon would be starting his second round of meetings with County Commissioners. He also explained there were two pieces of legislature that were up for approval: one was the Extraordinary Litigation Fund, which was asking the state to change the literature so the County Commissioners can apply retroactively, and the second was to modify the statute that related to the Public Defense Commission, so the Commission was able to have a clerk and an additional county commissioner on their Commission. Mr. Freudenthal stated he hoped it would be a Northern county commissioner.

Mr. Dining stated he would love a northern county commissioner to be on the public defense commission as he had called with concerns and was unable to speak with anyone.

Chairman Brannon adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk