

## IAC Legislative Committee

February 3, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The following committee members were present:

Chair: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor  
Vice Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer  
IACA: Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor  
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner  
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk  
IACT: Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer  
IPAA: Danny Clark, Bonneville Prosecutor  
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff

ISACC: Scott Carver, Valley Coroner  
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary  
Commissioner  
District 2: Justin McLeod, Lewis Commissioner  
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk  
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner  
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison  
Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC  
Sara Westbrook, IAC  
Kelli Brassfield, IAC  
Tim Hibbard, IAC  
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk  
Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner  
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner  
Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer

Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff  
Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner  
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner  
Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner  
Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff  
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office  
Holly Rebholtz, IPAA  
Jeff Lavey, ISA

#### Minutes Approval (Action Item)

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the January 29, 2021 meeting minutes. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Discussion Items

- [H0031](#) State police, forensic lab
  - Currently ISP is available to help local units of government with processing toxicology testing for criminal casing.

- The language of the bill would allow this for non-criminal cases and providing the results to the Coroner's office and the Department of Health & Welfare.
- ISACC voted to oppose the legislation on the basis that the bill is written with vague language regarding toxicology reports being given to Health & Welfare and the interpretation thereof, and IDHW using the data to potentially report incorrect death information. The time frames for getting results back from Coroners' offices take 10-15 days, but with the state crime lab, it can take up to six months, which can severely hinder the time it takes to certify death certificates. Insurance companies will not take a pending death certificate any more. There were several other objections presented as well.

*Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue moved to oppose House Bill 31 Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0053](#) Electronic notices
  - This bill has long been a priority for IAC. It allows a governmental notice via their website in lieu of a newspaper.

*Bonneville County Prosecutor Danny Clark moved to support House Bill 53. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0065](#) Local control of monuments & memorials
  - Representative Okuniewicz introduced a new RS in addition to this bill as he presented it to the committee and requested that the new RS be sent directly to the second reading calendar meaning there will be no hearing for the new RS.
  - The bill adds language that reduces micromanagement for monuments and memorials regarding construction and maintenance.

*Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue moved to oppose House Bill 65. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0066](#) Bond & levy election information restriction
  - This bill replaces House Bill 8. Representative Nate was made aware there is already a code that allows for contesting elections. This bill repeals the existing code and replaces them with new sections, identical in language until the addition of his new language that allows for 40 days within the date of the canvas to contest the election.

*Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning moved to oppose House Bill 66. Clearwater County Clerk Carrie Bird seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0073](#) Transparency
  - This bill has changed as a direct function of IAC comments. This bill does the following:
    - Establishes a committee on uniform accounting and transparency for local governmental entities. It will be comprised by the State Controller and members of the legislature, in addition to ad hoc members, that may include local government officials.
    - It would create a manual on uniform accounting and distribute the manual to local governments as a guide for reporting financial information.

- The State Controller’s office would then create an online repository that would report that information. This would replace the repository that is currently being held at LSO.
  - This version also fixes the issue from previous drafts regarding the transition of reporting practices.
  - This legislation would start as a pilot and expand from there until 2025 where it is expected that all local units of government would come on board.
- [S1031](#) Disaster emergency account
  - This issue is ever evolving and new versions are being drafted introduced at a regular interval. This bill fixes the issue with the ability to tap into the emergency account by changing language that removes the restriction the account can only be used during an emergency.
  - This bill is likely to sit for a while until they get the right proposal.
- [S1037](#) Mentally ill, hospital, hearings
  - The purpose of the bill is to align court timeframes in seven-day increments so that hearings don’t fall on a weekend. This would allow for a continuance of a non-voluntary medical hold hearing for up to seven days. Currently it’s set at five days. It does add costs because of the additional two days of commitment.
  - The Justice & Public Safety Committee moved to opposed the legislation this morning.

*Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue moved to oppose Senate Bill 1037 Bonneville County Prosecutor Danny Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried with two objections (Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner & Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson).*

- [S1042](#) Service contracts
  - This proposal is being advanced by the Associated General Contractors of Idaho, the Association of Architects and the Association of Engineers. AIC was also involved in the drafting process.
  - It does not allow for price to be considered for QBS process. But it does include a few other provisions that:
    - Change the bid threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
    - Clarify that a governmental agency can have any number on the list firms maintained for requesting bids, but no less than 2.
    - It seeks to change the dispute process. IAC asks that legislative committee members share this information and seek guidance from their procurement offices and prosecutors.
- [S1044](#) Urban Renewal/Eminent Domain
  - This bill alters the ability of Urban Renewal boards to use eminent domain only if they are an elected board.
  - It passed out of committee yesterday and seems to have broad support and is non-controversial.
- [RS28392](#) Property tax budget caps
  - This RS is a revised version of Senate Bill 1021.
  - It limits local budgets to a CPI based increase plus new constriction up to 4%. If a district cannot get to 3% based on that formula, it can take a 3% increase.
- Health District Draft Legislation
  - This is an alternative to Representative Blanksma’s bill from Senator Vick.

- This bill would allow for a board of county commissioners to meet with seven days of a county wide health district mandate to either approve (30-day approval followed by an extension meeting), or oppose.
- The intent of the bill is that it would apply only to unincorporated property in the county, though the bill does not state that.

*Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:52 am. Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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