

MEETING MINUTES FOR: IAC District 1

January 17th, 2025 : 10:00 a.m.

Kootenai County Administrative Building : 1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B : 451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

A. Call to Order: Chairman Benjamin Allen called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Members Present:

Benewah: Treasurer Sara Sexton (11am)

Bonner: Assessor Dennis Engelhardt, Clerk Michael Rosedale, Commissioner Brian Domke, Commissioner Asia Williams, Commissioner Ron Korn, Sheriff Daryl Wheeler, Treasurer Clorissa Koster

Boundary: Assessor Olivia Drake, Clerk Glenda Poston

Kootenai: Clerk Jennifer Locke (and Chief Deputy Grace Blomgren), Commissioner Leslie Duncan, Undersheriff Brett Nelson

Shoshone: Prosecutor Benjamin Allen

IAC: Executive Director Seth Grigg

Guests Present: none

B. Introductions: No first-time attendees. Olivia will work with Gracee at IAC to get an updated contact list and a new set of name-cards for the next meeting.

C. Changes to the Agenda: none presented.

D. Officer & Sub-Committee Reports

D-1. Secretary Report – Assessor Drake submitted the draft Nov. 8 2024 minutes by email. MOTION to approve the 11/08/2024 minutes as corrected orally today, made by Assessor Engelhardt and seconded by Treasurer Koster, motion carried.

D-2. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Sexton had previously submitted the balance of \$21,148.08. \$601.17 paid for legislative committee. \$282.27 for the Tax Policy class after dues received back. \$1500 deposited for district dues and Red Robin has been paid for the luncheon. Received good feedback from the legislative luncheon and made notes for menu options. Upcoming bills \$31.30 to Kootenai for meeting beverages & snacks. MOTION to approve expenditures by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Clerk Rosedale, motion carried. MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Koster and seconded by Clerk Rosedale, motion carried.

D-3. Legislative Committee Report – Commissioner Mattare submitted a written report (attached with agenda). (More discussion to follow in item F below)

D-4. Budget Committee Report – The budget committee should meet before the next meeting to provide a preliminary proposed budget.

D-5. IAC Report – Clerk Poston noted a meeting coming up on the 27th. Kudos to IAC for maintaining the accounts for many affiliates and different boards. The Board is working on an acknowledgment of former Director Dan Chadwick.

Director Grigg spoke on procurement programs for local governments in Idaho, which would allow for a resource/partner for bidding & contracting.

D-6. GEM Plan Update – Clerk Poston noted a meeting coming up on the 26th in Boise. Most things happen during the April planning session so there aren't a lot of changes currently. There are still 27 Counties in the program. Ernie Moser is the Chair and Glenda Poston is the Vice Chair.

E. Officer & Sub-Committee Reports

E-1. Assessors: - Assessor Drake noted upcoming Assessor meetings at IAC Midwinter in Boise, along with the CFTM meeting in March. 4 of 5 northern Counties are working on adjustment of County boundary lines. Assessors are looking forward to hearing a decision from the Idaho Supreme Court regarding proration of homeowner's exemptions. Director Grigg noted that some decisions come through quickly but others take much longer. IAC may still be looking at legislation to address proration, although it might get tied in with burden of proof language. Assessor Engelhardt discussed how limited disclosure of sales data is used in Montana.

E-2. Clerks: - Clerk Chair Rosedale noted having an annual election conference in January with a large attendance from Kootenai County. Offices have been stressed by record high early-voting and record turnout along with new registrations. The State is doing an RFP for possible new software program. Counties are looking at getting plans in place for another flood of early voting.

E-3. Coroners: - Coroner Chair Nordin submitted a written report (attached with agenda).

E-4. Prosecutors: - Prosecutor Allen shared news regarding the current public defense situation, which IAC has also been working on. North Idaho is moving forward with a federal SAUSA position. SAUSA is the Special Assistant United States Attorney. This entails an additional federal prosecutor targeting drug crimes, specifically trafficking. The target area is centered on the I-90 corridor from Washington to Montana, and Hwy 95 from Lewiston to I-90. This will help take at least some caseload and incarceration costs off of the Counties. There would be limited cost-sharing requirements for partner Counties, based on population. The funding levels have changed significantly since the original pitch a couple of years ago. Those interested in partnering need to make a commitment by around May.

E-5. Sheriffs: - Sheriff Wheeler noted that the Sheriffs met at a recent training in December. The 5 northern Sheriffs are advocating for funding for a pursuit driving track at North Idaho College. Some feel that it would be competing with POST money but this would be important training. A new track is needed because they won't be able to use the current track at the airport forever. Director Grigg noted a current preference in leadership for a decentralized model where there are more regional training centers through the community colleges. A significant investment would be required to be worked in over the next couple of years.

E-6. Treasurers: - Treasurer Koster reported finishing up the first half of tax collections. She shared the common public worry that the higher assessed values would equal proportional higher taxes and the possibility of being taxed out of their homes. A higher PTR benefit amount is being looked at, and many are discussing a fix for the median value cap. Avista won another judgement for '20, '21, & '22 on their Electric parcels. Many districts will want to do judgment levies to recoup those funds. The late fee court case is anticipated to begin with oral arguments this April. Director Grigg spoke to consideration of switching to kilowatt hour tax instead of property tax, and separately looking for a possibility of reimbursement to taxing districts for the judgements. There was some discussion of any possible benefits of issuing notice of utility credits vs mailing checks. Legislation is needed to clarify that the 4R act applies to Railroads only.

F. Business:

F-1. Feedback from Lunch with Legislators Event

Director Grigg thought that District 1 did a great job.

Commissioner Williams received feedback from LD1 legislators that it was beneficial as it allowed them to hear from elected officials and community members. Clerk Locke mentioned the timing coinciding with canvassing of elections. Chairman Allen noted a requirement in the bylaws for the meeting dates, but that it could be shifted around a bit.

F-2. Regional Behavioral Health Board – Commissioner Williams noted that this Board requires 3 commissioners to serve, and that 2 commissioners are currently needed. There is a huge need for behavioral health support. A couple suggestions were brought up for Commissioner Williams to reach out to.

F-3. IAC Weekly Legislative Meetings – County officials can register via Zoom (see recent IAC email) to attend the weekly meetings online.

F-4. 2025 Legislative Priorities – Legislative Chair Mattare previously provided a written synopsis and invited feedback. Director Grigg supplied an overview of each item and provided some updates. Several items were discussed in depth and the group followed up with a recommendation for placing emphasis on the following: House Bill 7, IGA-07, JPS-01 (with opposition to favor JPS-04 & IGA-10), IGA-13, IGA-04, and a merger between JPS-04 and IGA-10. Additional notes on the discussion forwarded to the legislative committee.

G. State Updates: - none

H. Presentation: - none

I. County Reports: - held for next meeting

J. Public Comment – Commissioner Duncan noted that the room is not available on Nov. 14th. This will be discussed April 11th. Commissioner Duncan will temporarily hold the room for Oct 31 & Nov 21.

Clerk Locke asked which other offices have lobbyists other than IAC: Sheriffs & Prosecutors.

K. Adjourn: MOTION to forgo remaining items on the agenda & adjourn by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Clerk Rosedale, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM. Next meeting April 11th.

Attachments: FY 2024-2025 Budget

Coroner's Report

Legislative Committee Report

IAC DISTRICT 1 - 2025 OFFICERS

Chair – Benjamin Allen Shoshone County Prosecutor	Secretary – Olivia Drake Boundary County Assessor
Vice-Chair – Asia Williams Bonner County Commissioner	Treasurer – Sara Sexton Benewah County Treasurer
Legislative Representative – Bruce Mattare Kootenai County Commissioner	IAC Representative - Glenda Poston Boundary County Clerk
1st Alt. Legislative Representative - Phil Lampert Benewah County Commissioner	Alternate IAC Representative – Marc Eberlein Kootenai County Commissioner
2nd Alt. Legislative Representative – David Dose Shoshone County Commissioner	Gem Plan Representative - Glenda Poston Boundary County Clerk

Elected Office Chairs

Assessor: Jerry White
Clerk: Mike Rosedale
Coroner: Carrie Nordin

Prosecutor: Louis Marshall
Sheriff: Bob Norris
Treasurer: Clorissa Koster