

**DISTRICT III COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2025  
10:00 A.M.  
Elmore County**

The District III County Elected Officials met this date in a regular meeting conducted in person, to act on the following items.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Josh Dison called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dison led the pledge of allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Treasurer Dygart led the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

**ADA County:** Rod Beck (Commissioner), Trent Tripple (Clerk), Rich Riffle (Coroner)

**ADAMS County:** None

**BOISE County:** Alex Sosa (Prosecuting Attorney)

**CANYON County:** Zach Brooks (Commissioner), Jennifer Watters (Treasurer), Brad Holton (Commissioner), Rich Hogaboam (Clerk)

**ELMORE County:** Al Hofer (Commissioner), Josh Dison (Assessor)

**GEM County:** Leandra Roundtree (Clerk), Megan Keene (Treasurer)

**OWYHEE County:** Annette Dygert (Treasurer), Angela Barkell (Clerk)

**PAYETTE County:** Joan Howell (Treasurer)

**VALLEY County:** Scott Carver (Coroner)

**WASHINGTON County:** Gordon Wilkerson (Commissioner)

Sara Westbrook and Clay Boeckel (Idaho Association of Counties) were in attendance.

- QUORUM PRESENT

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

No amendments to the agenda motioned.

**ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, July 9, 2025**

The motion to approve was made by Clerk Tripple and seconded by Treasurer Keene, with unanimous support.

**BANK REPORT:**

No motion taken. Chairman Dison provided bank report specifically that the current balance of \$3,530.88.

**ACTION ITEM: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Treasurer Dygert motioned to nominate Treasurer Howell to be the new Secretary/Treasurer for IAC District III, and Treasurer Keene seconded, with unanimous support.

**SWEARING IN NEW OFFICERS:**

Chairman Dison swore in Clerk Hogaboam as new Chairman, Prosecuting Attorney Sosa as new Vice Chairman, and Treasurer Howell as new Secretary/Treasurer for IAC District III, which became effective at the conclusion of the meeting.

**ACTION ITEM: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Chairman Dison provided proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget, where dues were to remain the same. Treasurer Dygert motioned to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget as provided, and Clerk Roundtree seconded, with unanimous support.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

For the Idaho County Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Committee, Treasurer Keene provided update that uncertainty existed in the insurance market, but that generally the market is stable. There was information shared about a new software program, as well as attorney fees would increase. The next meeting was noted to be on October 22, 2025, which would analyze deductibles.

For the Legislative Committee, Commissioner Brooks provided an update, noting that the committee had not met yet, but that it would on October 29, 2025 to discuss the approximate fifteen resolution passed at the previous meeting. There was discussion of anticipated legislative committee action. IAC Westbrook provided that five legislative priorities will be determined. Chairman Dison posed a question about revenues, where IAC Westbrook provided discussion on property taxes.

For the Gem Plan Committee, nothing new was reported.

For the IAC Committee, Treasurer Dygert provided an update, that IAC continues to analyze its strategic plan to provide: 1) county advancement, 2) education and leadership, 3) county services innovation, and 3) member responsiveness. IAC Westbrook and Commissioner Beck provided a discussion that IAC continues to be the most trusted source for county government education and organization, and that County Officials Institute has expanded to allow other taxing districts to attend sessions for \$40.

## **ELMORE COUNTY LANDFILL:**

Chairman Dison introduced Commissioner Hofer who spoke about the Simco Road private landfill that is located in Elmore County. Shortly after taking office, Commissioner Hofer visited the Simco Road landfill, and personally observed multiple tire piles waiting to be disposed of. Used tires cause a significant risk of fire, because once lit, it is nearly impossible to extinguish the flames. Thereafter, Idaho Regional Waste Services (“IRWS”) purchased the landfill on July 17, 2020. IRWS permitted tires, as much as 1.8 million, to continue to accumulate in violation of State and Federal Codes, including the Waste Tire Disposal Act of 2003. Eventually, and despite a 5 year consent order from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) that had lapsed without enforcement, Elmore County issued multiple notices of violation, where the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission revoked the conditional use permit (“CUP”) for IRWS. The Elmore Board of County Commissioners upheld the revocation of the CUP, and IRWS continued to operate. The Elmore County District Judge issued a preliminary injunction against IRWS. On November 16, 2023, IRWS ceased operations at the Simco Road Landfill.

In 2024, a receiver was appointed over the Simco Road Landfill to oversee the site, and later to enter into a purchase agreement with Republic Services. To this day, Republic Services continues to remediate the site.

Without the assistance of DEQ, Elmore County’s sole remedy was the revocation of the CUP and to enforce provisions of the contract as it relates to the post-closure fund.

## **AFFILIATE REPORTS:** Provided after a Lunch Roundtable with Affiliates.

For the Assessors, Chairman Dison provided an update.

For the Clerks, Vice Chairman Hogaboam and Clerk Tripple provided an update.

For the Commissioners, Commissioner Brooks provided an update.

For the Coroners, Coroner Carver provided an update.

For the Treasurers, Treasurer Howell provided an update.

For the Sheriffs, no update was provided.

For the Prosecuting Attorneys, Secretary Sosa provided an update.

## **LOCAL VICTORIES: IT WORKED IN OUR COUNTY:**

For Boise County, Secretary Sosa provided that Boise County relied upon successful uses of grant writers in Elmore and Shoshone County and hired a grant writer. Boise County also implemented enhanced victim services for domestic violence victims, which includes utilizing grant money for gas cards to get victims to resources in Ada and Canyon Counties, and using local hotels as a quasi-domestic violence shelter.

For Elmore, Chairman Dison provided that Elmore County has increased revenue sources by increasing department of motor vehicle service fees so the service is more self-sustainable and in-county tax payers do not subsidize out-of-county users. Further discussion was provided of Mayfield Springs master planned community, and

For Canyon County, Commissioner Holton encouraged others to think about increasing user fees so services are self-sustaining, in order to limit property tax for paying for services. It

was later discussed that Canyon County installed a standby generator for the Coroner's Office and crime laboratory.

For Ada County, Clerk Tripple provided that there are discussions from the Clerk's Association to provide for a universal recording fee. Commissioner Beck stated that Counties should look at Coroner certificate fees on cremations. Commissioner Beck further provided that in 2021, Ada and the City of Boise entered into a Emergency Rental Assistance Program agreement, where a three hundred unit apartment complex will be permanent housing. Commissioner Beck also stated that the City of Boise will have a professional soccer team, where as part of the joint agreement, profits of the facility will pay for maintenance of Ada County owned park. Clerk Tripple added that the ballot verifier was successfully used to show a candidate of the election total after an election, saving Ada County approximately ten thousand dollars for the ballot recount.

For Payette County, Treasurer Howell provided that it was using Clearwater Analytical to navigate a jail levy.

For Owyhee County, Clerk Barkell provided that a local ambulance district which did fall under the Board of County Commissioners, has dissolved to become its own self-governed ambulance district.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Dison opened discussion on a legislator engagement meeting, and the meeting's historical challenges. Commissioner Beck provided that Ada County hold a legislator engagement meeting at the Ada County Courthouse for Ada County legislators, noting that the format is productive. Further discussion was had that IAC District III is geographically large, that previous legislator engagement meetings have poor attendance, and the feeling that it adds another obligation to legislators and IAC District III members. No action was taken to schedule or to further analyze an official IAC District III meeting, rather it was encouraged that counties partner up within legislator districts for engagement meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dison adjourned the meeting at 3:12 P.M.