

**DISTRICT III COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2024
10:00 A.M.
FIRE STATION COUNCIL, ID**

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 Andy Creech called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Andy Creech led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Creech gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ada County: Assessor Rebecca Arnold, Clerk Trent Tripple, Commissioner Rod Beck

Adams County: Assessor Stacy Dreyer, Clerk Sherry Ward, Commissioner Daren Ward, Prosecutor Chris Boyd, Treasurer Tonjua Pelman

Boise County: Prosecutor Alex Sosa, Treasurer Gina Turner

Canyon County:

Elmore County: Assessor Josh Dison, Treasurer Amber Sloan

Gem County: Assessor Hollie Ann Strang, Clerk Shelly Tilton

Owyhee County: Assessor Tiffany Nettleton, Treasurer Annette Dygert

Payette County: Assessor Sandy Clason, Clerk Lindsey Bratcher, Commissioner Jennifer Reibe, Sheriff Andrew Creech, Treasurer Joan Howell

Valley County: Commissioner Sherry Maupin

Washington County: Assessor Debbie Moxley-Potter, Clerk Donna Atwood, Commissioner Gordon Wilkerson, Deputy Clerk Brenda Lee

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF MINUTES, January 30, 2024

Motioned by Commissioner Jennifer Reibe

Seconded by Commissioner Sherry Maupin

BANK REPORT

Kelli Brassfield with IAC reported on the financial transition. She said that 9 of the 10 counties have paid dues and all bills are paid. Numbers will be available for the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Creech presented the proposed schedule. He stated that changes to the schedule don't require a bylaw amendment. Clerk Trent Tipple made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. It was seconded by Assessor Rebecca Arnold and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: NOMINATIONS FOR H SYDNEY DUNCOMBE AWARD

Assessor Hollie Ann Strang discussed the award and her recommendation to nominate Secretary of State Phil McGrane for this award for District 3. Sara Westbrook with IAC reviewed past recipients. Commissioner Sherry Maupin discussed nomination of Sandra Mitchell for the award. After discussion Commissioner Maupin withdrew her nomination of Sandra Mitchell. Assessor Arnold would like to have both nominees available for consideration. A virtual meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for a candidate to be nominated.

IAC – SARA WESTBROOK – LEGISLATIVE CHANGES/UPDATES

Sara discussed legislation considered during this legislative session. Topics she covered included impact area, homeowners proration, use of prior levy information to calculate notices and burden of proof on Assessor’s with regard to Board of Equalization legislation. She discussed the state taking over public defense which was revised to include child protection cases; counties should use pro bono attorneys for Guardian As Litem cases when possible, there will be some reimbursement to the counties for GAL case costs. A trailer bill regarding school funding allows schools to set attendance by hours or days, capping the amount for West Ada School District; there is a claw back clause to ensure appropriate usage. Homeowners recapture, Highway funding, electrical and plumbing inspectors, solid waste disposal sites and E911 fees were discussed. Commissioner Jennifer Reibe talked about Payette County’s landfill being full and discussed out of county fees. Valley County is creating a regional landfill with 4 other counties in the Grangeville area. The counties included are Valley, Lemhi, Nez Perce, Idaho and Lewis. There will be a solid waste discussion at the upcoming Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerk’s Conference as well as a discussion regarding public health districts. Recycling programs and struggles with the Idaho Transportation Department were discussed.

IDAHO AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

With the session running long there were no legislators in attendance.

LUNCH ROUNDTABLES WITH AFFILIATES

AFFILIATE REPORTS

During lunch each of the affiliates discussed matters that are of concern to them.

The Assessors discussed old platted subdivision research, road that are platted but not adopted or vacated. The also discussed property tax exemption reviews, properties reported below market and how to establish if it was really charitable.

The Clerks discussed various aspects of elections. Clerk Trent Tripple will provide more detail during his presentation.

The Commissioners discussed public defense. They also discussed user fees, needs and increases and the need to revisit fees regularly to be sure they are sufficient.

Prosecutor Alex Sousa stated the need for more funding and resources.

The Sheriffs talked about the E911 system. They discussed a 4 county system with each county having a separate dispatch office. Payette County hosts the main system and Valley County will have a redundant backup system as of June. They also discussed repeaters and radio funding. Fire agencies have grants and are trying to include repeaters in those grants, there are no grants or funding available for E911 or law enforcement. They discussed intoxication in public laws and struggles they have with kids going to school high but having no paraphernalia or drugs on them.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Idaho County Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Committee

Clerk Shelly Tilton provided the report prepared by Commissioner Mark Rekow stating that the insurance marketplace is volatile, always moving. Property values have increased. Climate change is a factor with more severe weather and patterns changing with a shift

eastward toward more populated areas. Inflation is high, the cost of repair and replacement is very expensive. ICRMP has had to absorb a lot of the marketplace volatility. Things are starting to look a little bit better for 2024, some signs of stabilization. ICRMP is dealing with these issues as best they can. Tim Osborne with ICRMP will be providing more information at the Commissioner's and Clerk's meeting.

Legislative Committee

No report given.

Capital Crimes Committee

Kelli Brassfield with IAC reported that there is \$3 million remaining in the fund. There are 3 active cases with the possibility of 2 more before October 1st. Funds will be prorated back to the counties if there is any remaining.

Gem Plan Committee

No Report given.

IAC Committee

Assessor Hollie Ann Strang stated she will have a report after upcoming IAC board meeting.

PRESENTATION – TRENT TRIPPLE – ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Clerk Trent Tripple presented on election administration discussing security, processes, voter roll cleanup, legislative changes, ballot harvesting, ballot images and cast vote records.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Creech stated that the next meeting in July will be held online. He will invite Senator Lakey and Federal representatives to the October meeting and also suggested a County 101 presentation for that October meeting which will be held in Boise County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.