

Chair – Josh Hall Vice Chair – Lisa Winner Secretary – JoAnn Davis

## Minutes, January 28, 2025, 7:00 a.m. Boise Centre - Room 410A

## **Attendance:**

Clearwater County: Commissioners Vince Frazier, Ken Harvey and Mitch Reggear, Clerk JoAnn Davis, Sheriff Chris Goetz, Treasurer Dawn Erlewine

**Idaho County:** Commissioners Skip Brandt, Ted Lindsley and Brad Higgins, Clerk Kathy Ackerman, Assessor Kim Nuxoll, Sheriff Doug Ulmer, Sheriff's Office - Chief Deputy Brian Hewson

**Latah County:** Commissioners Tom Lamar and Jason Stooks, Clerk Julie Fry, Assessor David Sutherland, Treasurer BJ Swanson, Sheriff Richie Skiles, Sheriff's Office - Chief Deputy Tim Besst

Lewis County: Commissioners Justin McLeod, Eric Hasselstrom and Mike Tornatore, Clerk Alesia Winner, Chief Deputy Clerk Vicki Gifford, Assessor JoAnn Watson, Sheriff Jason Davis, Treasurer Shelley Ponozzo

**Nez Perce County:** Commissioners Doug Havens, Hannah Liedkie and Joseph Gish, Clerk Patty Weeks, Assessor Dan Anderson, Sheriff Bryce Scrimsher, Sheriff Deputy - Admin Lieutenant Jason Lee, Treasurer Missy McLaughlin

**Special Guests:** Idaho Legislative members Representatives Lori McCann, Brandon Mitchell and Charlie Shepherd; IAC Executive Director Seth Grigg and IAC Director of Government Affairs Sara Westbrook.

District II Chair Josh Hall opened the business meeting at 7:00 a.m. (MST) and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Updates were given by the attending Legislative Members:

Representative Shepherd is on the Resources and Conservation, Revenue and Taxation and Transportation and Defense Committees. He gave a brief overview of the bills he is sponsoring.

Representative Mitchell is now on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) and has been focused on that. He is working with counties on the Dates and Deadlines bill. The bill will align some of the dates and deadlines for elections. He spoke about the Transportation Expansion & Congestion Mitigation Fund (TECM) and that there is fifty million dollars that the Governor has requested that they are trying to get through JFAC. They expect it to turn into an eight hundred million dollar bond for road improvements. They are working on another bill in Transportation and Defense. The bill is in regards to UTVs and helmets. They are working with the Sheriffs on the bill. They are wanting to make sure individuals have seat belts on if they are not going to have helmets on.



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Representative McCann highlighted some of the bills she is working on. She is working on a bill that will raise the homeowners exemption and will cause a shift in the tax. She is looking at getting it raised to one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. She said this would not cause a huge tax shift. It would shift from 68% to 63%. She is also trying to get the Circuit Breaker (property tax reduction) raised from fifteen hundred dollars to two thousand dollars. She said this will cost the state so may be a bit of a challenge. She has been working with the Nez Perce Tribe and has a verbal agreement that properties held in fee simple by a tribal member will be taxable whether the property is on the reservation or not. She is also working on the issues with EMS fees not getting paid. Representative McCann is working on getting bees/honey added into the Agriculture classification so that it will qualify for the agriculture exemptions. She is working with Prosecuting Attorneys on involuntary commitments. They would like to revise statutes to make it more clear and consistent to protect people who are needing help.

Chair Josh Hall read a letter sent to District II from former Nez Perce Commissioner Doug Zenner. Zenner thanked the district and is very grateful for being chosen as the recipient of the Sidney Duncombe Award.

Josh Hall – Chair presented the minutes for the IAC District II November 13, 2024 meeting and the Treasurer's report. Tom Lamar made a motion to approve the minutes. JoAnn Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Missy McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Lisa Winner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Missy McLaughlin opened discussion for the next meeting. It was decided that the next meeting will be held in June or July in Nez Perce County with a possible tour of the new Nez Perce County Courthouse. Details will be relayed at a later date.

Missy McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn. Jason Stooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23am.

Respectfully,

JoAnn Davis IAC District II Secretary/Treasurer