

**Idaho Association of Counties
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

700 Washington St. | Boise, Idaho | February 22, 2017 | 1:30 pm
In-Person # 208-717-1950

Members Present:

Chair: Joe Larsen, Cassia Clerk
Vice-Chair: Jim Tibbs, Ada Commissioner
IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IACT: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IACT Alt.: Tracie Lloyd
ISA: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 2: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
District 2 Alt.: Pat Vaughan, Latah Assessor
District 3: Gordon Cruickshank, Valley Commissioner
District 4 Alt.: Larry Schoen, Blaine Commissioner
District 6: Abbie Mace, Fremont Clerk

Members Not Present:

IACC: Terry Kramer, Twin Falls Commissioner
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
IPAA Alt.: Holly Koole, Ada Deputy Prosecutor
ISA Alt.: Vaughn Killeen, ISA Executive Director
ISACC Alt.: Pam Garlock, Boise Coroner
District 1 Alt.: Glenda Poston, Boundary Clerk
District 3 Alt.: Vicky McIntyre, Ada Treasurer
District 4: Helen Edwards, Gooding Commissioner
District 5: Ladd Carter, Bingham Commissioner
District 6 Alt.: Shelly Shaffer, Butte Clerk

Other Guests:

Teresa Baker, IAC Staff
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County Prosecutor's Office
Larry Maneely, Ada County Commissioner's Office
ISACC: Jim Fanter, Ada Coroner Representative

- 1:30 pm **I. Call to order** - Chair Joe Larsen
- A. Roll Call
 - B. Approval of February 15, 2017 Minutes.
*Jim Tibbs made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2017. Chris Goetz seconded.
Motion carried.*
- 1:35 pm **II. IAC Legislative Committee**
- A. Meeting Schedule – Next meeting reminder 03/01/17 Conference Call 1:30 pm
Joe Larsen mentioned he will not be available for this meeting and Jim Tibbs will be filling in as Chair.

1:40 pm

III. Non-IAC Legislation (Discussion/Action) – See Tracking Sheet

A. Invasive Species – Sen. Harris - [S1068](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated that Senator Harris is probably going to have a new draft of this bill to include more funding and that the position filled may be moving out of the Office of Species Conservation.

Jim Tibbs mentioned that his weed and pest control director had some concerns about the state pushing and there might be additional cost to the counties. Abbie Mace stated that their weed guy is in support of moving this away from the Department of Ag. Larry Schoen is concerned about supporting this because the state is continually cutting funding to the counties and now they want to create a new position with funding. It is taking away from the counties and giving to others, all while we are still in need. Larry Schoen was also concerned that this bill was going to effect their weed management.

Teresa Baker stated that she doesn't think this has to do with weed management. Joe Larsen advised the group about waiting until the new bill comes out and add this to the agenda next week for further discussion.

B. State Land Purchases – Sen. Vick - [S1065](#)

Teresa Baker stated that the District 1 conference call showed that they have had success with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game because they receive funding like PILT payments and maybe this concept could be applied to this bill. Teresa also mentioned that there is concern from the land board about whether this is even constitutional.

Joe Larsen asked the group to hold off until there is more information about whether or not this bill is indeed constitutional and if it goes anywhere.

C. Immigration – Rep. Chaney - H0198

Chris Goetz stated that he doesn't see the sheriffs opposing it because they took out some of the restrictions. Teresa Baker stated that the cities most likely are still going to oppose this. Chris Goetz stated that he sees this bill as a big political thing, so I don't think we should take a position.

Donna Peterson made a motion to stay neutral position. Abbie seconded.

Pat Vaughn: Do we really want to take a position? Kelli Brassfield stated that a neutral position means that the committee doesn't care what happens and if there is no position taken, it means that the committee does care but cannot support nor oppose the bill.

Joe Larsen asked the committee if they wanted to modify the motion.

Motion carried.

D. Park Model – Jack Lyman, See Power Point [H0156](#)

Justin Baldwin stated that the assessors have to apply actual and functional use, and these park models are not RVs as Jack Lyman wants to call them. Gordon Cruickshank stated that if his county were to go with registration instead of taxes, they would lose approx.. \$40K. That doesn't include the solid waste fees, which are about another \$15K. Gordon also asked about how the the circuit breaker and homeowners exemptions would work? People will realize that the registration is cheaper than the taxes and I think this will set a precedent for getting around taxes.

Justin Baldwin stated that this is a liability issue also. I think the RV industry is trying to get out of the liability because individuals are not using them properly. By classifying them as RVs, the standards/codes are different and so there is less liability on them.

Gordon Cruickshank stated that if it is a park model and it is put on land, we have to try to put services to it. The registration fees will not cover the cost of these services. Donna Peterson asked if the park models could be considered personal property and be depreciated over time? Justin Baldwin stated that it could be done but it is difficult.

Donna Peterson also asked about possibly using MLS to find the values? Justin Baldwin stated that this is not a good way to do it.

Chris Goetz made a motion to oppose HB 156 as it provides a mechanism to title but removes from property from rolls and tax is not collected. Gordon Cruickshank seconded. Motion carried.

- E. 63-602GG – Rep. Anderst – Attached to email
Teresa Baker stated this bill is regards to low-income housing. This is for housing with less than 20 units. The intent is that this would allow for better management. In subsection c, there are breakdowns for the units in different income brackets. The people in the lowest bracket are not able to afford rent at all and this is why Rep. Anderst wants to exempt them.

Dan Dinning asked Teresa Baker about Mike McDowell mentioning that there was a statute already in place to cover this. Teresa Baker had not found it yet. Justin Baldwin mentioned he would try to find out.

Pat Vaughn stated that he didn't see why we would have in interest in this. This would exempt the low income from paying property tax and I don't know why we would want this. I have two already exempt under this section and they have to show they are meeting the standards, and if they didn't have to meet the standards, they could just say they meet the criteria. This would allow them to work around and get the exemption they don't necessarily deserve. I don't know what we are trying to accomplish.

Justin Baldwin mentioned that if organizations are having a hard time managing these units, maybe they shouldn't be in this business. Teresa Baker stated that the organization that brought this to Rep. Anderst was in regards to a church. Teresa Baker will get more information.

2:45 pm

IV. IAC Legislative Resolution Priorities (Update) - See Tracking Sheet

- A. Early Voting – Need Action

Kelli Brassfield stated that after the last meeting with the motion to amend the draft language, Senator Hagedorn decided he did not want to sponsor this legislation. Senator Hagedorn stated that it was late in the session and he didn't see it going anywhere.

Carrie Bird mentioned she spoke with Mary Lou and she was ok with the draft but she also understood that it might not go anywhere.

Chris Goetz made a motion to remove early voting from the IAC legislative priority list. Justin Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

No Update

- B. Recording Fees for Irrigation Districts - [S1084](#)

- C. Missed Property Roll - [S1080](#)

- D. Magistrate Court Funding

- E. Open Meeting Notification - [S1085](#)

- F. Records Retention for LE media [H0174](#)

Teresa Baker stated she has received a little bit of push back from the associated press group and ????. The other groups would like a little bit of different timeframes. Chris Goetz stated the sheriffs don't like their numbers because it just isn't possible. We will have agencies stop using these types of media because of the cost.

Teresa Baker stated that there have been given some suggestions of...

Teresa also mentioned that she will continue to work with these two groups to try to come up with a compromise.

- G. Rule of 80 - [H0021](#)

- H. Whistleblowing/Protection of Employees - [S1076](#)

Teresa Baker stated that Sen. Lakey is working with the trial attorneys and Sen. Burgoyne to see if their concerns can be met. More conversations will happen in the future.

3:15 pm

V. Other Business (Discussion/Action)

Joe Larsen stated that he placed some information on the drive about his commissioners not being happy because the legislature is giving tax breaks, when our state is in disaster and are not considering sending that money to our locals to help with these issues.

Donna Peterson asked how this letter is being sent? On behalf of the committee or your county?
Joe Larson stated he is sending it as his county.

Gordon Cruickshank mentioned that while at NACo, leadership within the administration is going to sign a letter to try to get transportation package moving.

Kelli Brassfield asked the committee how you all feel about LHTAC? The reason for asking is because it is rumored that one of the concerns with the surplus eliminator bill is that LHTAC is the administer. It is said that the House Transportation Chair has issues with LHTAC. Laura Lantz, with the Idaho Association of Highway Districts, has asked me to write a small snipit of why we like/want LHTAC to administer these funds.

Dan Dinning mentioned there has been a push for a long time to have LHTAC eliminated and to have ITD take over. I am for LHTAC keeping it. Gordon Cruickshank stated that LHTAC is in charge of the formula for distribution. If we don't get the funding then we can't do anything. Let's not muddy the waters right now. Lets worry about getting the funding going. Kelli Brassfield stated that she will move forward with this and write in the support of LHTAC.

Dan Dinning asked about the government interference bills. Teresa Baker asked the clerks to review HB 197 and HB189.

Larry Schoen stated he heard of a new bill that would end law enforcement authority within forest service land and BLM. Chris Goetz stated it is to do away with federal law enforcement and give it to the sheriffs to cover federal law. Sheriffs probably won't want this. There are pros and cons. The feds don't think the sheriffs are properly trained. We don't have training on federal timber issues. Rep. from Utah is carrying it. It is HR622.

Chris Goetz asked if the Justice Reinvestment bill needs to go on the next agenda. Kelli will place it on the agenda.

3:30 pm

VI. Adjourn