

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

Local Government Center | 3100 S Vista Ave., Boise, Idaho | February 4, 2019 | 2:00 pm  
**In Person 208-717-1950**

Members Present:

Chair: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff  
Vice-Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer  
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner  
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk  
IACT: Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer  
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor  
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff  
ISA Alt.: Vaughn Killeen, ISA Executive Director  
ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner  
ISACC Alt.: Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner  
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner  
District 3: Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner  
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner  
District 4 Alt.: Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor  
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison Commissioner

Members Not Present:

IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor  
IACT Alt.:  
IPAA Alt.: Holly Koole, Ada Deputy Prosecutor  
District 1 Alt.: Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner  
District 2: Dave McGraw, Latah Commissioner  
District 2 Alt.:  
District 3 Alt.: Pam White, Canyon Commissioner  
District 5: Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff  
District 5 Alt.:  
District 6 Alt.:

Other Guests:

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, IAC Staff  
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff  
Tim Hibbard, IAC Staff  
Kristin Cundiff, IAC Staff  
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County  
Wayne Butts, Custer Commissioner  
Ben Wolfinger, Kootenai Sheriff

2:00 pm      **I. Call to order** - Chair Chris Goetz  
                  A. Roll Call  
                  B. Minutes – no minutes for review

2:05 pm      **II. IAC Package (Update/Re-evaluate Priorities)**

**HHS-02** Indigent Jail Medical  
**JPS-05** Public Defense:  
**JPS-06** Justice Levy:  
**Medicaid Expansion**

It appears that Rep Wood's Medicaid proposal is stalled, as he doesn't appear to have the votes. There are other proposals that are surfacing. These are looking at adding sideboards. Some sideboards being discussed are lifetime benefit caps, co-pays, and work requirements. The positive is that there is more interest in the concept of repealing the indigent program and increasing the justice levy. House leadership wants to make sure Rep. Wood's proposal is done before any others are introduced.

Public defense has really fallen to the back burner because Medicaid Expansion is taking all of everyone's time; however, the rules were approved and the governor is pushing for the funding increase.

The jail medical proposal is scheduled for print hearing on Thursday in Senate Health and Welfare. Seth Grigg met with St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus. They have concerns and will likely oppose. The hospitals lose their resource for payment if indigent and CAT go away; however, they may qualify for Medicaid.

### **Intergovernmental Affairs**

#### **IG-04** Mail Ballot Threshold:

- To increase mail ballot precinct thresholds from 125 to 190 registered voters.

Rep. Crane is polling the House State Affairs committee to gauge support with a 140 threshold instead of 190. Kelli Brassfield will follow up with him.

#### **IG-05** Flat Recording Fee:

- To implement a flat fee for recording all documents.

Phil McGrane introduced this proposal this week. There was a problem with the fee being too high. IAC staff is working to see what the impacts would be across the state with a lower dollar amount. The hope is to reintroduce the proposal with a fee around \$26-\$28.

#### **IG-07** Electronic Notice:

- To give counties the option of posting public notices and agendas on their websites in lieu of the newspaper.

### **Justice and Public Safety**

#### **JPS-03** Tax Intercept for Debts Owed:

- To allow tax intercept on debts owed to the County that is under \$50.

#### **JPS-04** Odyssey and County Fees:

- To clarify those fees for pre-trial release and misdemeanor probation can be assessed and collected in Odyssey.

#### **JPS-07** Jail Capital Improvement Optional Sales Tax:

- To change the passing threshold to 60% on sales tax for Jail Capital Improvements.

### **Transportation**

#### **T-02** Strategic Initiatives:

- To remove the sunset clause to create permanent funding.

Kelli Brassfield worked to get the Regional Behavioral Health Board and Marriage license/AIDS Pamphlet proposals introduced this week. They were approved for introduction without any problems. The full hearing will be in the coming weeks.

2:25 pm

### **III. Other Legislation (Update/Action)**

#### **A. 129K Trucks – Roy Eiguren**

Roy Eiguren, who represents Amalgamated Sugar, came to the committee to discuss his proposal in regards to 129,000lb trucks. He is looking at a process to allow these trucks on the local systems. The position is that they would not go to the legislature until there was a consensus with all the stakeholders. This proposal maintains that locals retain jurisdiction over their roadways. It puts a process in place for route designation and permitting.

The proposal also includes a two-year sunset to make sure everything is working before it becomes permanent. Some committee members raised concern about the judicial review and that it takes away some local control. Roy Eiguren is willing to pull the judicial review language from the proposal.

B. [S1033](#) Organ Donor Notification

The Idaho Sheriff's Association is leaning towards opposing this legislation, although they have not taken an official position yet. Sen. Heider is up in the Senate Health and Welfare committee today with this bill. Ada County is attending the hearing to testify against the bill.

***Donna Peterson made a motion to oppose S1033. Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.***

C. [S1040](#) Liquor License

S1040 allows cities and counties to issue liquor licenses to restaurants and hotels. They have to have complete menus and commercial cooking equipment. Some concerns are that this creates multiple kinds of licenses and enforcement could be hard, this could cause more issues with DUIs and domestic violence, there isn't a definition for "complete meal", and the bill allows for serving someone to who is obviously intoxicated.

***Carrie Bird made a motion to remain neutral until there is more information. Donna Peterson seconded. Motion carried.***

D. [H0069](#) PERSI

IAC Executive Director is taking this to the full IAC board because it really isn't just a county issue; it's an IAC issue. Any new hire would not be able to enroll in PERSI. When the last person retires/walks out the door, the association would have to pay the remainder of the retirement liability.

Right now, we're covering our own in PERSI. There is no net fiscal impact on PERSI for IAC participating. If IAC were to withdraw from PERSI, they would have a financial obligation to pay for the benefits of those that have retired. Last year the legislature passed legislation to grandfather our associations in. This proposal is the next step.

Don Drum said that the IRS and PERSI have no issues with IAC being in PERSI.

E. [H0077](#) Wireless Devices

This proposal has been held at the desk, so it might be dead for a while. This legislation would prohibit locals from enacting legislation to ban cell phones.

F. Driver's Licenses

IAC staff met last week with a few county assessors and sheriffs, legislators, two chairs from transportation committees in regards to the issues around driver's licenses. The group is collecting data and might move forward with legislation to increase the cost for a driver's license and then the sheriff can retain more money from driver's licenses. Seth Grigg thinks there is more willingness on the Senate side. Chairs have made it clear that they would like to raise the fee statewide.

G. H0075

This proposal would implement a fee to non-residents for off-road stickers. This is for off highway vehicles specifically. This would be a gain for counties.

***Doug Zenner made a motion to support H0075. Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.***

4:00 pm

IV. Adjourn