



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

Conference Call| 700 W. Washington St., Boise, Idaho | March 6, 2019| 10:00 am
Conference Call 208-717-1950

Members Present:

Chair: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 3: Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 5: Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff

Members Not Present:

Vice-Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IAC: Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff
District 2: Dave McGraw, Latah Commissioner
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison Commissioner

Other Guests:

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff
Tim Hibbard, IAC Staff
Jeremy Chou, IAC Staff
Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor
Vaughn Killeen, Executive Director, ISA
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County
Diana Lachiondo, Ada County
Mike Kane, ISA
Phil McGrane, Ada County

10:00 am **I. Call to order** - Chair Chris Goetz
 A. Roll Call
 B. Minutes – February 27, 2019
 Doug Zenner made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27, 2019. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.

10:05 am **II. IAC Priorities**

- A. [H0146](#) Flat recording fee (\$27) - House 3rd Reading
IAC staff pulled H0146, as there were not enough votes to get this bill moved off the House Floor.
- B. [H0173](#) Mail ballot threshold increase to 140 – House 3rd Reading
- C. [HJM005](#) No net loss land transfers to Federal Government – House 3rd Reading
- D. [S1054](#) Regional Behavioral Health Board modification – House Health and Welfare
- E. [S1055](#) Repeal issuance of AIDS pamphlets w/ marriage licenses – House Health and Welfare
- F. [S1074](#) Jail medical for individuals released from sheriff's custody – Senate Jud. And Rules
S1074 made it out of committee but is struggling to get off the floor. The hospitals have provided an instance where an individual was released for medical treatment and was required to report back to the jail afterwards. Some legislators are afraid this legislation will create a loophole to not pay for medical treatment. The bill could be amended so that it would make it clear that the indigent would pay for those individuals not in custody or language could be added that would make clear that individuals could be released for identified pre-existing conditions.

- G. [S1093](#) Pretrial supervision fees, Odyssey – House Judiciary and Rules
- H. [S1116](#) Apportionment of liquor funds for magistrate court - House Judiciary and Rules
- I. [S1122](#) Juvenile probation fees, Odyssey - House Judiciary and Rules
- J. [S1123](#) Tax intercept for debts less than \$50 - House Judiciary and Rules
- K. [S1126](#) Budget surplus eliminator – Senate Transportation
- L. In Process: justice levy limits

10:25 am

III. Old Business

12:00 pm

IV. New Business

- A. [H0217](#) Local Economic Development Act
H0217 is being heard in House Rev and Tax this morning. It is an Urban Renewal statute. The bill adds to definition of “public facilities” to include sports arena, plus more. It also requires a public vote of 55%. Right now the vote has to be 60% if the majority of the dollars are from private funds. The cities are opposed.
- B. [H0228](#) Medical Expansion
The concepts are to create work requirements, which would impact counties. The new version would make it clear that this would only apply to those that are in Medicaid expansion, not the current Medicaid system. The other change that impacts counties is the Medicaid retroactive day amounts. It limits the retro to 30 days from 90 days. Another change would be that Medicaid expansion would be null and void if the court decided it wasn’t valid.

One of the biggest concerns is whether or not a waiver could be obtained to allow individuals that fall between 100-138% the option to stay on the exchange. The other waiver in this proposal is for IMD facilities. It would allow these facilities to accept Medicaid.

A couple of concerns the committee discussed around the retroactive piece is that it isn’t up to the county to make sure an individual files for Medicaid to cover themselves and if an individual falls off Medicaid because they didn’t follow the work requirements, they would not be eligible for another 60 days.

Under the framework of the funding bill, there is a formula to be used to determine each county’s portion of paying for Medicaid expansion. When looking at the impact on the charity levy, all counties except for Butte County would be able to do this. Butte County would not be able to fund this and would have to come up with approx. \$16,000.

The impact spreadsheet (Wood’s bill), it shows where there are winners and losers. 21 counties would be paying less than they are currently paying in indigent dollars. The other counties would see an increase. Some wouldn’t see a great increase but there are a few outliers. Bonneville County would see the biggest increase of over \$1M. They would have to use all of their new construction and would likely have to use forgone to meet this requirement. This proposal would raise property taxes in a lot of counties. IAC staff will send out a summary of the impact to the counties for discussion with legislators.

We need to make sure that the involuntary commitments are covered. County attorneys need to review this and make sure mental health is going to be covered.

S1159 Initiative and Referendums

S1159 proposes to make the process more difficult. Currently individuals need 6% of registered voters in 18 districts. This would increase from 6% to 10% and from 18 districts to 32 districts. This would only apply to state initiatives.

12:00 pm

V. Adjourn

- A. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, at 10:00 am MST/9:00 am PST via in-person