

5TH DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Bannock County Commissioner's Chambers | May 23, 2019

Call to Order:

Chairman Manwaring called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Roll Call: N/A

Minutes:

There was a training last fall that intercepted with the 5th district meeting; there wasn't enough people there to hold session. Therefore, there are no minutes to address and approve from last meeting in November.

Treasurer's Report:

Tanna Beal presented the Treasurer's Report and reported that we're with the U.S. Bank. She met with Radene Barker, for Ms. Barker was the only one who could change the signees on the account, to set it up as a business, commercial government. The account has been dormant and has been charged as such; they will be refunding that money back into the account. Ms. Beal suggests that there a second signee for the account.

Beginning Balance : \$3, 278.87

Ending Balance as of 05/23/2019: \$3,263.87

Commissioner Rasmussen made the moved to place the 5th district Chairman, Whitney Manwaring as the second signee for the U.S. Bank, bank account. Commissioner Bair seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

It was discussed that in 2017, one expenditure for the account was for the retirement of Dan Chadwick's retirement. Tanna Beal added that 2011 was the last year money was going in or out of the account.

Old Business:

Chairman Manwaring referred back to an earlier meeting when it was discussed to separate the secretary and the treasurer; it was to be approved last November, and without having enough attendance it didn't happen. Chairman Manwaring said he would now entertain a motion to approve the separation of the treasurer and secretary at this time.

Commissioner Rasmussen moved to separate the two positions. Commissioner Tovey seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chairman Manwaring reminded everyone how they were looking at changing some things in the bylaws a few years ago. He explained how they changed the allotted time from one year to two years for officers. "The term of office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer shall be for two (2) years to be elected at the regular May meeting. The terms of the Legislative District Chairman and Alternate Legislative District Chairman shall be two (2) years and shall be elected at the regular May meeting in every odd year. The terms of the IAC Board member and Alternate IAC Board member shall be for two (2) years and shall be elected during the regular May meeting."

The Legislative District Chair is every two years and is need of a new election. Chairman Manwaring said he would now entertain the motion to elect a Legislative District Chairman.

Commissioner Somsen moved to elect Sheriff Rowland to continue being District Chair. Commissioner Tovey seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Topics for Discussion/New Business:

IAC, Executive Director, Seth Grigg

Mr. Griggs explained there were a couple of concerns coming up that everyone should be aware of; the Medicaid expansion and a few Public Defense Commission changes. He said that the legislature has appointed a committee and they will be meeting for the first time on June 17, 2019. Their main focus will be on how to pay for the expansion long term; for the state will only be able to pay for the first six (6) months, starting January 1, 2020. The Committee will be exploring options, looking more closely into the Indigent programs and at Hospitals to see if funds could be put toward the expansion costs.

He expressed how there was a risk the Counties will have if the state cannot relieve them on costs, because those costs will be left for the counties to pay instead. Mr. Griggs added that the committee will also be meeting the first week of August, the second week of September, and the first week of November. These meetings will last all day and will have a proposal for the legislature in November.

There is a preview of what the legislature could look like; Fred Wood presented bill 270, which would ask the Counties to pay 45% of the cost of enrolling residents into Medicaid. One positive to this bill would be that it would broaden the Indigent Funding, which means it will have the impact of raising the Justice levy, without actually raising the justice levy.

Commissioner Bair asked if the IAC has decided on what position they will be taking on the Medicaid expansion.

Mr. Griggs said there will be a meeting a week before the Committee meets in Nampa where questions like that will be discussed, but it would be difficult to decide for now because IAC won't have a clear idea of where the Committee landed on the issue until August or September.

Commissioner Somsen asked if the Federal Government had to approve.

Mr. Griggs said the Medicaid expansion had been sent in and by June should know if it has been approved, but it most likely will be. There has been some requirements have been requested as an add on for those who want to be considered for Medicaid: work requirements, where they are at on the poverty line, and hopefully psychiatric hospitals will be able to accept Medicaid.

For the Public Defense Commission, they will be focusing on two roles. A standard that will ensure that no political interference goes between the Commissioners, Prosecutors, Judges, and Public Defenders. The other is a Parody standard, which will be looking at the Prosecutor's Office and the Public Defense Office. Mr. Griggs explained that he was told they would not be looking to compare salaries but resources.

Mr. Griggs wanted to make everyone aware that there was a problem late in a session that impacted the transportation funding bill. They will be looking at a new transportation funding framework. In this next year they will be setting up a trust account to replace the budget surplus; this account will be used to fund local transportation projects.

Assessor, Aaron Cook asked about the new Tax Commissioner.

Mr. Griggs said he wasn't sure about him because he hadn't gotten a chance to meet him. He explained how the Tax Commissioner was busy trying to correct some of the mess from the last couple of years. Discussion led to property taxes and grocery taxes.

Commissioner Mark Bair asked if Mr. Griggs was aware of an initiative to legalize marijuana.

Mr. Griggs said there was conversations; two initiatives were filed. One was to raise the minimum wage and the other was a reaction to the legislation on the initiative process. There are groups out there that are looking at a wide range of marijuana.

Legislative Representative, Sheriff Rowland, from Bingham County

Sheriff Rowland explained that the Sheriff's had asked for an increase in Driver License fees and how there was a bill that was directed toward increasing the transaction fee for property tax relief by five dollars and have two of those dollars go to Driver's Licenses; that bill died before it could get to committee.

IAC Committee, Commissioner Bair, from Bingham County

Commissioner Bair said on April 25 and 26 they had their IAC Board meeting; a lot of good information came out of that meeting. The first thing everyone did was do a self-evaluation and how they felt the IAC Board was functioning. There was talk about how to get more involvement at the IAC conferences and committee's themselves. It was found that there needed to be more education for the newly elected officials.

The IAC budget was approved at 1.291 million dollars. The County assessment covers 350,000 dollars. There was a discussion on the formula of the assessment because it hadn't change since the 80s and needed to be updated. Commissioner Bair and Mr. Griggs are working on a new formula.

The scholarship winner in district 5 was Jaron Stevens from Bear Lake.

There was a Board training with Susan Buckskin, administrator for the Idaho Division of Human Resources, and she led discussion on how Boards are supposed to interact with executive directors.

There was a review of bylaws and the process of evaluating of the executive secretary.

Commissioner Rasmussen from Bear Lake County

Commissioner Rasmussen gave a short presentation on ICRMP and Gem Plan. He expressed how if anyone had any questions or needed anything to please call him.

Commissioner Lasley, CAT Board Representative

Commissioner Lasley explained they had a conference call with the CAT Board last week to approve the budget, case numbers, and projections for the year. Covered similar discussion as Mr. Griggs about the Medicaid expansion.

Coroner, Ely Taysom from Bannock County

Mr. Taysom explained that the U.S. department of Justice will be doing their second Census on Medical Examiner/Coroner Offices this year. The last one was done in 2004; it will be a good opportunity for Coroner Offices to provide data that will be used to create new policies, grants, and things like that.

He encourages others to participate in this.

The survey was sent out May 15, 2019.

Next Meeting Date:

The November meeting was scheduled on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bingham County Commissioners Chambers.

Chairman Manwaring said he would entertain a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Commissioner Tovey so moved; Commissioner Bair seconded. Chairman Manwaring declared the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.