

IAC Legislative Committee

March 11, 2020 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Call-in Number 208-717-1950

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The following committee members were present:

Chair: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
Vice Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IACA: Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IACT: Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor

ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary
Commissioner
District 2: James Zehner, Idaho Assessor
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison
Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC
Sara Westbrook, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC
Tim Hibbard, IAC
Kathryn Mooney, IAC

Kristin Cundiff, IAC
Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner

Minutes Approval (Action Item)

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the February 26, 2020 meeting minutes. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IAC Initiated Legislation Update

- [H0463](#) Juvenile Pretrial Release/Odyssey Fees
 - On the Senate third reading calendar. When voted on, should go through without issue.
- [H0583](#) Whistleblower Act
 - Passed House 59-9 earlier this week. Will be heard in Senate Jud & Rules on Monday. IAC encourages its members to reach out to encourage their senators to vote yes on the bill.
- [S1268](#) Write-in Deadline, [S1269](#) Security of Ballots, and [S1306](#) Uncontested City Elections
 - Each of these bills have been signed by the Governor.
- [S1339](#) Clerk on Magistrate Commission
 - Headed to the Governor for signature.

New Business

- [H0608](#) (Support) Rebate, Road Materials
 - This bill would allow the taxes on taxed road materials used on county roads to be eligible for a rebate to be returned to counties to be used for future road projects.
 - *Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to support House Bill 608. Madison County Commissioner Brent Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- [H0611](#) (Oppose) Preemption of Local Tobacco Regulations
 - This bill will remove local control from local governments to establish tobacco taxation and fee regulations more restrictive than that of the State of Idaho. The bill has cleared the House and is on its way to the Senate.
 - *Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall moved to oppose House Bill 611. Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Other Business

- Of the 41 supplemental levies on the ballot, 20 results have been reported, only 2 failed.
- [H0409](#) (Oppose) Property Tax Budget Freeze
 - Budgets will not be able to increase more than 4% per year with the exception of the closing of urban renewal districts and expiring exemptions under 63-602NN. Will be voted on by the Senate soon. Likely to pass the Senate Floor.
- [H0518](#) (Monitoring) Property Tax Notices
 - IAC met with Representative Ricks to express concerns about the bill. He agreed to amend the bill to remove language that penalizes counties for not abiding by the statute and to allow counties to put a weblink or QR-code on the notice, or to add an insert with the information required. It has been sent to the Senate amending order.
- [H0600](#) (Monitoring) County Share, Medicaid Expansion
 - Medicaid expansion funding is evolving by the day.
 - House Bill 600 repeals the county indigent program and suspends the CAT program. Once the IMD waiver is granted counties would no longer be obligated to fund involuntary commitments for those qualifying for Medicaid or insurance, but would be for those above 138% of the FPL and do not qualify for Medicaid. Fiscal Impact: likely \$12.7M on the high-end. Funded by county revenue sharing. Held in committee until Friday of this week. Not likely to make it out of committee.
 - DRELB480: Proposes eligibility for the county indigent and CAT programs would be significantly restricted. Anyone eligible for Medicaid or insurance would be precluded from participation. Counties would be required to pay a percentage of the cost of enrollment for county enrollees. Fiscal Impact: likely start at \$9M and increase to \$25M by 2025.
 - DRELB481: Similar to draft 480, however it will be funded by the county revenue sharing as in House Bill 600. Fiscal Impact: likely to start at \$10.3M and increase to \$16.6M by 2025.
 - DRELB482: This bill would remove state appropriations from public health districts. Counties would be responsible for making up the difference to fund these districts. Fiscal Impact: likely \$10M per year. The county would not lose any revenue sharing.
 - House Bill 600, and drafts 480 and 481 all would make amendments to the charity levy to allow the charity levy to be used for justice related expenses. Draft 482 would amend the charity levy to be used for preventative health.
 - *Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to instruct IAC to move forward with discussion on DRELB842. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- Property Assessment Legislation

- There are currently two proposals that are moving forward: House Bills 561 and 562. They are scheduled for a hearing in Senate Local Government this afternoon. Chairman Rice is supportive of both bills and does not want them amended. It will be difficult to stop them. Chairman Rice thinks House Bill 561 is constitutional. IAC will reach out to a legislator to get an AG opinion. IACA may litigate the bill if it is passed into law.

Idaho County Assessor James Zehner moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:26 am. Canyon County Prosecutor Bryan Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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