

## **IAC District IV Elected Officials**

**Minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Location: Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID**

**Chairman Jack Johnson, IAC District IV Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1800.**

**Don Hall, Twin Falls County Commissioner, Lead the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**John Crozier, Jerome County Commissioner, started the Invocation.**

### **IAC Staff Discussing Property Taxes – Questions and Thoughts**

Determine what we are going to support because some people have no foregone so they do not care what happens to foregone. Ada County does. What's good for one County may not be good for another County. What we need is for the Counties to be united as to what they can do as an association. It was suggested not only stand with the Counties but with other taxing Districts such as highway, water, etc. It's going to affect them the same. Need to offer solutions. There are different options out there like the Circuit Breaker and the Counties saying they are willing to offer this much with everyone coming together with combining everything as a package. Send an email with ideas of what to propose if would like to within the elected officials to give your perspective for these meetings.

**IAC Representative Report – No report.**

**Community Behavioral Health Board Report - Nothing real imperative that needed to be expressed. Nothing new to report.**

**Association Reports – Don Hall TF CTY Commissioner mentioned later could possibly have a round table discussion with the Legislators being there.**

**Assessors - Legislative things such as the inherit a Standardized Homeowner's Exemption Form they have put some input in there that will be beneficial. Values keep going up. In 2018 large number saw a lot of sales. In 2019 not as many sales values significantly higher. Legislators have in place for 2020. to do something about property tax. Might come in a couple different forms such as the homeowner's exemption and the circuit breaker. Tossing around a value cap. Some took a property tax policy class recently to learn about value caps. Implement a tax. Shifting taxes into different categories like new construction and residential areas. Such as flatten categories like farm ground.**

**Clerks – Kristina Glascock - Went to a newer version system called the Navigator. Beneficial for keeping accurate data. A lot of issues still with Odyssey trying to work through. Continuing**

education that is beneficial to their clerks. A lot on their plates with the campaigning laws and online and going live. Not knowing how many ballots to order.

**Commissioners** – Discussion on wakes zones in water. Transportation fee of \$100 being proposed if someone buys a new/used vehicle added to their registration. Not existing vehicles.

**Coroners** – Letting know Conference starting on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Prosecutors** – No report.

**Sheriffs** – No report.

**Treasurers** – No report.

**Round Table with Legislators** –

**Senator Patrick** - Property tax is an issue – tax shift – homeowner’s exemption not a simple fix.

**Senator Lickly** – Dynamics in the house are different than dynamics in the Senate. It’s complicated. Trying to work with the Counties on Medicaid expansion. Discussion on offsite areas being funded, and catastrophic funding being covered. Using millennia funding. Opioid money coming forward. How to maybe implement indigent funding differently. Maybe seeing more incarcerated being illegible for Medicaid. Come forward with real long-term solutions. Try to make best decisions on information they have.

**Rep. Hartgen** – A lot of different moving parts between the House and the Senate bills. We see a lot of bills that don’t see the light of day in the Senate. No different than the County Commissioners making rules have to depend on people coming in and calling you to implement plans. Touched on people complaining how high property taxes are going.

**Rep. Kaufman** – Discussed the Guardian ad Litem Program having many volunteers where their job is to investigate, monitor, and advocate. Touched on H & W funding for mental health and substance abuse regarding Medicaid picking up the tab so leaves more funds available in the general fund.

**Rep. Davis** – Touched on how working together, communication, keeping in touch, reaching out to find solutions.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Dwight Davis, Cassia County Assessor at 1907.**

**It was seconded to adjourn by Brent Reinke, Twin Falls County Commissioner.**

**Meeting notes submitted by Gene Turley**