

## IAC Legislative Committee

August 18, 2020 | 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

[Zoom Meeting](#)

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

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  
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff

ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner  
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary  
Commissioner  
District 2: James Zehner, Idaho Assessor  
District 3: Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner  
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC  
Sara Westbrook, IAC  
Kristin Cundiff, IAC  
Tim Hibbard, IAC  
Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer  
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk

Brandon Saueressig, Twin Falls CD Assessor  
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office  
Vaughn Killeen, ISA  
Murphy Olmstead  
Jeremy Chou

#### Minutes Approval (Action Item)

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Discussion Items

- Property Tax Study Committee
  - The assessment process will likely be discussed, but has yet to be confirmed. Transparency in the budgeting process continues to be the main focus of the committee so far.
  - IAC is requesting IAC members reach out and speak with members of the committee to discuss county budgets, the budgeting process, and property taxes as it relates to that process.
  - IAC has formed small regional teams of local elected officials from several of the local government entities within each legislative district for each member of the committee. These teams are meeting with committee members with shared messaging. The process is going well.

- Lobbying is going to be very different this session due to COVID-19 so the more IAC members reach out and discuss these topics with their legislators individually, the better things will go.
- The Assessors organized a working group to discuss ideas that could help stem the tide of continual property taxes shifting to residential property. Through that work, the working group has honed in specifically on an idea that would allow for the net taxable value of residential and commercial properties to be the lesser of the either a 5-year rolling average, or actual value. IAC is currently working on a fiscal analysis of this system.
- The working group also came to the conclusion the homeowners exemption needs to be increased. The method for the increase has not fully been vetted. The circuit breaker needs to be adjusted as well.
- When the ideas are finalized, IAC will work with the legislative committee and the full membership to ensure there is broad buy-in from the membership at large. The virtual business meeting in September will likely be the avenue to do so.
- IAC will continue to advocate for a homeowners exemption increase, but between the rolling average and the homeowners exemption increase, the rolling average is likely to be more palatable for legislators. A phase-in for the shift will likely be component of any potential legislation to ensure the shift isn't so stark.
- Special Legislative Session
  - The Governor has yet to call for a special session, but it will likely occur in the next day or so.
  - A proposal to provide broad liability immunity was laid out. However there was opposition to the bill from the teachers union, trial lawyers, and the Freedom Foundation. The bill has been adjusted to address their concerns, but nothing has been finalized at this point.
  - IAC is requesting members reach out to their legislators to let them know how important liability reform is to them.
  - IAC has been working with the Clerks to sign on the an OP-ED which calls for a special session to address safety during the election. Every Clerk signed on. The article has been picked up by several newspapers throughout the state.
  - IAC met with the school board association and the superintendents association to discuss the potential of using schools as polling places.
  - IAC is calling on members to reach out to their legislators to ensure they are aware of your support for election related legislation during the special session.

*Canyon County Commissioner Tom Dale moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 4:28 pm. Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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### MEMBERSHIP

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#### CHAIR

Justin Baldwin  
*Gooding County Assessor*

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Don Hall  
*District 4: Twin Falls Commissioner*

Craig Rowland  
*District 5: Bingham Sheriff*

Brent Mendenhall  
*District 6: Madison Commissioner*