

IAC Legislative Committee

January 13, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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: Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer
IPAA: Danny Clark, Bonneville Prosecutor
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary
Commissioner

District 2: Justin McCleod, Lewis
Commissioner
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 5: Terrel Tovey, Bannock
Commissioner
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison
Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC
Sara Westbrook, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC
Tim Hibbard, IAC
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk

Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Ted Lindsley, Idaho Commissioner
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner
Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner
Holly Koole, IPAA

Minutes Approval (Action Item)

Madison County Commissioner Brent Mendenhall moved to approve the December 02, and 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion Items

- What to Expect in 2021 Session
 - Both the House and Senate State Affairs committees have been very active the past two days and have introduced several bills related to the Governor's emergency powers. IAC will keep an eye on that fight to make sure there aren't any unintended consequences.

- There has already been an issue come up with one of the proposals introduced. The Senate is working on a trailer bill to address the problem. The problem relates to accessing federal emergency funds if a disaster was terminated within thirty days.
- The House and Senate have introduced legislation that would limit the duration of a declared emergency to thirty days. If the Governor wishes to extend it beyond thirty days he would have to convene the legislature and seek approval from them.
- Senate office suites are now locked. In order to meet with Senators now, you need to have a previously scheduled appointment. IAC can help members schedule appointments.
- Health district and property taxes are likely to be on the legislative agenda early and often as well.
- Property Taxes
 - IAC expects to start seeing property tax legislation in the first few weeks of the session after the emergency power legislation is taken care of.
 - The three primary issues IAC expects the legislature to go after are:
 - Transparency.
 - This will likely be first as it is the least contentious.
 - Fund balance caps.
 - Introduced by Senator Guthrie. He is willing to work with IAC to make sure the bill is workable.
 - The intent isn't to impact non-property tax reserves like PILT and SRS reserves.
 - He has also indicated he is open to discussing the number of months of reserves that can be reserved.
 - Budget caps.
- Odyssey Bill Update
 - IAC is continuing to work with Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock, the Supreme Court and other stakeholders. There is a first draft that has been sent out for comment. The biggest issue that IAC is running into right now is regarding Idaho case numbers to run something through odyssey.
- Transportation Update
 - The Governor in the State of the State address introduced his ideas for transportation. It has two prongs:
 - Raise the gas tax.
 - A 60-40 split between state and local entities. A 4-cent increase could amount to roughly an additional \$16 million for locals.
 - Access the general fund for stable dollars, but only for the state.
 - IAC has expressed its lack of support for not including locals.
 - IAC expects to grapple with transportation funding again as it did in the previous year.
 - The House is not interesting in raising user fees, they would rather tap into the general fund to pay for transportation projects. If they get their way, it will block locals from those dollars because there is no distribution formula. IAC needs to make a decision whether or not it's in IAC's long term best interest to try to fight and amend that to ensure locals get a portion of those funds. The risk is if it's tied to the fuel tax increase, IAC runs the risk of missing out on the \$4-5 million to counties.
- Senator Grow's Proposal
 - Senator Grow would like IAC's support regarding his constitutional amendment to prevent illegal drugs from becoming legalized. He has worked with several prosecutors. The intent is to

make it more difficult for groups to legalize illegal drugs than it would be otherwise if the bill were put into statute.

- IPAA is going to support the proposal.
- The legislative committee expressed a desire for more information regarding the proposal before voting as a body on support or not.
- Zoom or In-person
 - The Legislative Committee opted to have hybrid meetings where members could come in to the office, while still doing Zoom meetings for those who wish to stay home. The first opportunity for this will be the 27th. IAC asks individuals coming to Boise for the in-person meeting to let IAC staff know before close of business the Monday before the meeting they plan to attend, so IAC has time to make the necessary preparations. Draft agendas will be sent out the Friday before a meeting.

Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:24 am. Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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