

IAC Legislative Committee

January 29, 2021 | 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

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
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACT: Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer
IPAA: Danny Clark, Bonneville Prosecutor

ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff
District 2: Justin McLeod, Lewis Commissioner
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC
Sara Westbrook, IAC
Kristin Cundiff, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner
Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner

Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Murphy Olmstead, ISA

Minutes Approval (Action Item)

Nez Perce Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

- Property Taxes
 - The committee discussed two different options for bills that IAC could use as compromises for negotiating purposes.
 - Option 1 would include the following choices:
 - Choice 1: An annual budget cap of 5% including the 3% and new construction. This option would meet the needs of rural counties.
 - Choice 2: An annual budget cap of a base index increase (perhaps CPI-U) plus new construction. In this scenario, the base budget increase would be reduced, but a county could budget the full new construction amount

available. This would meet the needs of growing counties while providing modest caps on budget increases.

- Consolidation of the justice, charity and general fund levies into current expense and the unfunded mandate are also included. The unfunded mandate language is not expected to move.
 - Option 2: More streamlined. Would establish a 6% cap on a base budget increase plus new construction. Would still be able to take a 3% increase on foregone. 63-602NN would also be protected. You would still be able to tap into the new construction in addition to the cap. Consolidation of the justice, charity and general fund levies into the current expense levy is also included in this option.
- Want to use one of these as an alternative to the bills being proposed in the legislature based on feedback from Senators.
- The way Rice's bill is structured, it prevents revenue allocation areas from collecting the full amount of new construction from the closure. The same is true for a 63-602NN exemption. If there's any real property associated with that exemption, then it would go on the new construction roll. Rice's bill would cap how much counties could include in their base budgets.
- The committee said that five percent is the bare minimum with protections in place for urban renewals and 63-602NNs. We need to find a way for new construction to continue to help pay for new growth.
- Even at six percent, Ada County takes a large cut. Protecting the new construction statute as is critical.
- After further discussion it was agreed that IAC should negotiate from the 6% position.
- A suggestion was made to change the cap in option 1 from 5% to 6%.
- IAC will create a clean draft based on today's conversation.

Twin Falls Commissioner Don Hall moved to adjourn. Onyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned.

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MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR

Justin Baldwin
Gooding County Assessor

Brad Wills
LACA: Twin Falls Assessor

Annette Dygert
LACT: Onyhee Treasurer

Scott Carver
ISACC: Valley Coroner

Phil McGrane
District 3: Ada Clerk

Doug Zenner
LACC: Nez Perce Commissioner

Danny Clark
IPAA: Bonneville Prosecutor

Dan Dinning
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Don Hall
District 4: Twin Falls Commissioner

Brent Mendenhall
District 6: Madison Commissioner

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Donna Peterson
Payette County Treasurer

Carrie Bird
LACRC: Clearwater Clerk

Kieran Donahue
ISA: Canyon Sheriff

Justin McLeod
District 2: Lewis Commissioner

Terrel Tovey
District 5: Bannock Commissioner