

## IAC Legislative Committee

March 03, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

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

The following committee members were present:

Chair: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor  
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  
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary  
Commissioner

District 2: Justin McLeod, 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  
Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner  
Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner  
Phil Lampert, Benewah Commissioner  
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk

Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner  
Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff  
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner  
Doug Havens, Nez Perce Commissioner  
Holly Rebholtz, IPAA  
Murphy Olmstead, ISA  
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office

#### Minutes Approval (Action Item)

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Discussion Items

- [H0164](#) Highways, Local Jurisdictions
  - This bill is the second iteration of another bill (H0129). It would allow off-highway vehicles to operate on all public roads including state highways, as long as the road isn't a

- controlled access state highway such as an interstate or divided highway. It would also limit it to highways where the speed limit is less than 60 mph.
- Locals also could not create local ordinances forbidding off-highway vehicle use on public roads.

*Bannock County Commissioner Terrell Tovey moved to oppose House Bills 129 & 164 until changes allowing for local control are added to the bill language. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0231](#) Independent Elections
  - This bill amends the filing date for independent dates for president and vice president so they align with other offices.
- [H0252](#) Ag Property Assessments
  - Twin Falls County Assessor Brad Wills: this bill would further define procedures for assessors on how they classify ag land including pivot corners, and tandem land to ag land where ag equipment or commodities are primarily stored. This bill wouldn't change how a lot of assessors already do things. It isn't worth fighting over.
- [H0253](#) Public Art Expenditures
  - This bill would require any taxing district that proposed any public art installation or project of over \$10,000 to create a ballot initiative to seek voter approval and require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote, if under \$10,000 it would require a public hearing and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the governing body.
  - The ballot initiative would be a significant cost to the county over a \$10,000 expenditure.

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to oppose House Bill 253. Bannock County Commissioner Terrell Tovey seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [H0255](#) Voter ID
  - This bill would require that every person have their full legal name on the voter registration and require everyone to have a voter ID card.
  - Currently, individuals can sign an affidavit in lieu of ID. This bill adds to that statute to require either the poll judge or the clerk to take a photograph of the individual and attach it to the affidavit.
  - There is likely to be a new version in lieu of this bill.

*Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane moved to strongly oppose House Bill 255. Clearwater County Clerk Carrie Bird seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [S1103](#) Air Travel Enhancement Program
  - This bill would create a program fund that would create incentives to bring airlines back into the smaller parts of the state in order to bring back some intrastate travel options.
  - It passed out of Senate Transportation yesterday and is on its way to the Senate Floor.

*Lewis County Commissioner Justin McLeod moved to support Senate Bill 1103. Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [S1106](#) State, Local Transportation Systems

- This is being brought by ACHD to address an issue they are having with the city of Garden City over a salt facility within a flood plain that was supposed to be temporary. It would exempt transportation facilities from comprehensive planning. It would have a major impact to planning.

*Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane moved to oppose Senate Bill 1106. Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- [S1149](#) Broadband, Municipality Powers
  - This bill would grant express authority for incorporated cities, counties, and ports in order to build and maintain broadband infrastructure.
  - This bill is likely dead in the water due to strong opposition from ISPs.

*Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane moved to support Senate Bill 1149. Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- Medicaid Expansion Funding **ACTION ITEM**
  - IAC has a draft of an alternative Medicaid expansion funding bill. IAC is making one more tweak to the bill that would allow some counties to continue to use their fund balance to fund public health district assessments and other things.
  - The alternative to his draft would have far less of an impact to counties than the other option on the table that would take away a large amount of revenue sharing.

*Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert moved to support the IAC draft legislation on expansion funding. Bannock County Commissioner Terrell Tovey seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- Property Taxes
  - There will be a dedicated property tax discussion on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to address comprehensive property tax relief with the IAC board of directors and the IAC legislative committee. If you cannot attend, please have your alternate attend in your place.
  - Senate Bill 1108 is currently being held on the Senate reading calendar. There doesn't seem to be support on the floor for the bill. Senator Rice thinks he has the votes, however.
  - IAC is currently working on an alternative. That would allow for counties to take the full amount of new construction. Growing counties would have a CPI base budget increase plus their full new construction, other counties could use 3% plus new construction up to 5%. One percent of forgone could also be used.
  - RS28270 would change the homeowner's exemption to 55% of the property value up to 50% of the of the median sales price of improved residential in the county. This would be determined using the Annual Ratio Study conducted by the State Tax Commission.

*Twin Falls Assessor Brad Wills moved to support RS28270 regarding the increase to the homeowner's exemption. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 12:22 pm. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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## MEMBERSHIP

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### CHAIR

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*Gooding County Assessor*

Brad Wills  
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### VICE CHAIR

Donna Peterson  
*Payette County Treasurer*

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Kieran Donahue  
*ISA: Canyon Sheriff*

Justin McLeod  
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