

IAC Legislative Committee

March 17, 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
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
ISACC: Scott Carver, Valley Coroner

District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary
Commissioner
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
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
Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff
Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner

Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner
Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk
Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Holly Rebholtz, IPAA

Minutes Approval (Action Item)

Bonneville County Commissioner Terrell Tovey moved to approve the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Bonneville County Prosecutor Danny Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion Items

- [H0315](#) Opioid settlement fund
 - House Bill 315 is a result of a lot of opioid lawsuits and settlements that are coming through. It would create a state directed fund for the money that the state receives from the settlement or judgments from opioid litigation.
 - The money in the fund is intended to be used for opioid prevention and recovery efforts. The Behavior Health Council would make recommendations to JFAC for uses

of the money for the purpose of the fund. The first monies are expected to arrive in the next 60 days.

- [H0319](#) City officer elections
 - Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane explained that this bill would move city elections from odd years to even. It was briefly discussed by the Clerks. There could be some savings to consolidation. Turnout is higher in even years.
 - Clearwater County Clerk Carrie Bird said there was some concern about how many ballots this would require. There is also potential concern that this could reduce school election participation.
 - Bonneville County Commissioner Terrell Tovey expressed concern this could have the unintended consequence of ballot fatigue with longer ballots.
 - Cities are opposed on the basis that it could make elections more partisan.

Bonneville County Commissioner Terrell Tovey moved to oppose House Bill 319. Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- [H0321](#) School board trustee vacancies
 - Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane spoke to the sponsor today and was told it was pulled because it was poorly written. A new draft is being drafted now. The intention is to provide the means for an election at the next available election date in the event of a vacancy due to a recall, or in the event someone steps down.
- [H0332](#) Income taxes, rebate
 - House Bill 332 will likely be voted on by the house today. There are some headwinds in the senate. It would divert all of the sales tax dollars from the Wayfair fund to the general fund rather than running through the distribution formula. Counties would not see future growth in sales tax dollars from online sales tax dollars as a result of this bill.
 - It will likely move out of the House soon and IAC will have to fight this in the Senate if the committee wishes to take a position on it.
 - The committee made a point that it is not opposed to a tax cut, just where the tax cut is coming from.
 - Bonneville County Commissioner Terrell Tovey made the point that any money the locals would lose out on from this bill would have to be made up for in property taxes. Thus it is not a tax cut, it is merely a tax shift.

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to oppose House Bill 332. Bonneville County Commissioner Terrell Tovey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- [S1108a](#) Taxing District Budgets
 - The bill was amended again yesterday. It moves the reduction in new construction from 75% regular, 50% urban renewal, to 80% across the board. The amendment is cosponsored by Senator Anthon. Senate leadership has now put their support behind the bill, and will likely pass the Senate today. The question is whether or not the House will accept it. Several members of the House don't feel it goes far enough, but many just want to get something done.
 - The new version would practically be a wash in comparison to the IAC alternative with the amendment.
- [H0314](#) Transportation Funding

- House Bill H0314 became House Bill H0342. There is conflict regarding whether or not the legislature followed its own rules in processing the bill. The press is after the House right now. Speaker says they will move forward with it.
- 1.5% of sales tax would be diverted to locals through the distribution formula. In 2022 this is likely to equate to about \$22 million in the account. Most counties would see an increase in revenue ranging from \$200–500 thousand annually. The Governor doesn't like it, and may be an obstacle.

Bonneville County Prosecutor Danny Clark moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 10:56 am. Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Gooding Assessor

VICE CHAIR

Donna Peterson
Payette Treasurer

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ALTERNATES

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