

## IAC Legislative Committee

April 07, 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 10:00 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 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner  
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison  
Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC  
Sara Westbrook, IAC  
Kelli Brassfield, IAC  
Tim Hibbard, IAC  
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner  
Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff  
Kathie LaFortune, Latah 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)

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner moved to approve the March 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Discussion Items

- [H0316](#) Medicaid Expansion Funding
  - House Bill 316 is scheduled for 2 pm in Senate Health & Welfare this afternoon. IAC is unsure of the outcome. Will likely be a close vote and go to the amending order. If there are modifications regarding involuntary commitments, IAC will not be able to support the bill.

- [H0342](#) Transportation Funding
  - House Bill 342 is essentially dead. There were three new bills the house introduced on Tuesday that are intended for transportation funding:
    - House Bill 360 establishes a new \$29 fee on vehicle titles if you file with the dealer. The fee is optional if people file with the county instead. 60% will go to the State, 40% will go to LHTAC. \$6.5M is likely to be raised, that equates to \$2.5M to locals for one-time projects.
    - House Bill 361 increases the registration fee for electric vehicles to \$300. It is estimated this will raise about \$300K a year that will go through the highway distribution account.
    - House Bill 362 increase the amount of sales tax dedicated to transportation projects from 1% to 4.5%. Of that 4.5%, \$80M will go to the state, and locals will get the rest. As sales tax dollars increase, the state's portion stays flat at \$80M, while locals will see their portion increase by the growth. In 2022 that will likely equate to about \$6.5M to locals, but long term that amount will increase to significant amounts.

*Madison County Commissioner Brent Mendenhall moved to support House Bill 362, so long as the intent language is present and strong. Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- Property Taxes
  - Before the legislature can adjourn, the legislature must do something on income tax. IAC has taken an oppose position on House Bill 332 because of how it handles Wayfair. The Senate is working on an amendment to make sure locals get their fair share of Wayfair dollars, among other bills.
  - The House is in the driver's seat right now with property taxes. The chairmen of House Revenue & Taxation won't introduce a property tax bill until the Senate has done something on income tax. IAC doesn't expect to see anything this week on property taxes.
  - The House wants an omnibus package that includes several components including the following items: Increasing the homeowner's exemption to \$125,000.
    - Allowing a \$4,000 medical deduction on circuit breaker applications and restricting circuit breaker eligibility to those below median assessed values. There would also be an adjustment to the income eligibility for the circuit breaker from \$28,000 to \$31,900 or 185% of federal poverty level, and an increase to the maximum circuit breaker amount from \$1,320 to \$1,500.
    - Capping local government property tax budget increases at either 5% (3% base plus new construction) or CPI plus new construction. Requiring a preliminary levy rate to determine new construction and capping the amount of new construction resulting from the termination of a revenue allocation area at 80%.
    - Capping the amount of forgone that can be budgeted for maintenance and operations at 1%—will go into the base budget, and the amount of forgone that can be budgeted for capital projects at 3%—will not go into the base budget.
    - Requiring city property tax budgets to be reduced by the amount of property taxes spent on fire protection the year after a city is annexed by a fire district.

- IAC will hold the line on CPI plus new construction for budget growth and push for the circuit breaker to use a cut off of up to 150% of the median home value, and a total increase to the maximum circuit breaker amount to \$1,750.

*Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:01 am. Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

# IAC Legislative Committee

## MEMBERSHIP

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### CHAIR

Justin Baldwin  
*Gooding Assessor*

### VICE CHAIR

Donna Peterson  
*Payette Treasurer*

Brad Wills  
*IACA: Twin Falls Assessor*

Doug Zenner  
*IACC: Nez Perce Commissioner*

Carrie Bird  
*IACRC: Clearwater Clerk*

Annette Dygert  
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Danny Clark  
*IPAA: Bonneville Prosecutor*

Kieran Donahue  
*ISA: Canyon Sheriff*

Scott Carver  
*ISACC: Valley Coroner*

Dan Dinning  
*District 1: Boundary Commissioner*

Justin McLeod  
*District 2: Lewis Commissioner*

Phil McGrane  
*District 3: Ada Clerk*

Don Hall  
*District 4: Twin Falls Commissioner*

Terrel Tovey  
*District 5: Bannock Commissioner*

Brent Mendenhall  
*District 6: Madison Commissioner*

## ALTERNATES

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*IACA:*

Tracie Lloyd  
*IACT: Canyon Treasurer*

Dotti Owens  
*ISACC: Ada Coroner*

Sherry Maupin  
*District 3: Valley Commissioner*

*IACC:*

Phil Lampert  
*District 1: Benewah Commissioner*

Jack Johnson  
*District 4: Twin Falls Commissioner*

Shayne Young  
*District 6: Jefferson Commissioner*

Angie Barkell  
*IACRC: Owyhee Clerk*

*ISA:*

Kathie LaFortune  
*District 2: Latah Commissioner*

Jessica Lewis  
*District 5: Bingham Commissioner*