

IAC Legislative Committee

April 21, 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
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary
Commissioner

District 2: Justin McLeod, Lewis Commissioner
Commissioner
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 5: Terrell 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
Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner

Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner
Jessica Lewis, Bingham Commissioner
Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County

Minutes Approval (Action Item)

Madison County Commissioner Brent Mendenhall moved to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Bonneville County Commissioner Terrel Tovey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion Items

- [H0316](#) Medicaid Expansion Funding
 - House Bill 316 is still awaiting amendment in the Senate. IAC doesn't know when the Senate will go to the 14th order for amendments. The only substantive amendment that is going to be made is to delay implementation until March 1st of next year to allow people to work on the outstanding issues in the interim, including how health districts will be funded and who will pay for involuntary commitments.

- Starting March 1st, counties will not have responsibility for medical indigency, or involuntary holds with the exception of transport and designated examiners.
- [H0362](#) Transportation Funding
 - Senate Bill 362 is sitting on the Senate reading calendar and may come up for a vote today. There are three camps, those that support the bill as written, those that want to amend the bill to cap the amount of sales tax that goes to transportation at \$80 million, and those that want to kill the bill out of spite towards the Governor because it will provide funding for state roads.
- [S1061aaH](#) Election Deadlines
 - The Senate voted not to concur on the amendments to Senate Bill 1061, so that is pretty much dead now.
- [S1111aaH](#) City Council Elections, Districts
 - The Senate is going to vote today on the amendments to Senate Bill 1111, and IAC believes it dies on the floor.
- [H0135](#) & [S1136](#) Emergency Powers
 - The Senate failed to override the veto on Senate Bill 1136. The House will try to override the veto on House Bill 135. It is likely the House will override, but the Senate will not.
- Property Taxes
 - IAC met with IACI and ATI and worked together to bring together Speaker Bedke, Chairman Harris, Representative Moyle, as well as Senators Anthon and Rice to have a sit down to discuss what the legislature is going to do on Property Taxes. The Senate caucused this morning to determine their plan. What is being discussed are the following:
 - Using a preliminary levy rate to calculate new construction for the budget.
 - An 8% cap (0-3% max base budget increase, plus 5-8% new construction).
 - Locals would be limited to a percentage of new construction, such as 90%.
 - An additional 1% use of forgone, if available.
 - An additional 3% use of forgone for capital projects, but that would not get added to the base budget and would have to be removed from the levy authority once the project is complete.
 - A Homeowners exemption of \$125 thousand.
 - The circuit breaker legislation is looking like the following:
 - Legislators want the circuit breaker eligibility to be based on median assessed value, and at this point the cutoff is looking like it will be somewhere between 125% - 150% of the median assessed value, though the Senate is pushing for 175%.
 - The income eligibility is to be raised from \$28,000 to about \$32,000, or 185% of the FPL.
 - The maximum reduction would increase from \$1,320 to \$1,550.
 - Personal property is in the mix, though it's up in the air. The Senate is willing to index the replacement money ongoing, but the House is not. IAC has made it clear that ongoing indexed replacement money would be essential for IAC to support.
 - Personal property is likely to be removed from the package.

Nez Perce County Commission Doug Zenner moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 11:11 am. Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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MEMBERSHIP

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Danny Clark
IPAA: Bonneville Prosecutor

Kieran Donahue
ISA: Canyon Sheriff

Scott Carver
ISACC: Valley Coroner

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ALTERNATES

IACA:

Tracie Lloyd
IACT: Canyon Treasurer

Dotti Owens
ISACC: Ada Coroner

Sherry Maupin
District 3: Valley Commissioner

IACC:

Phil Lampert
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