

IAC Legislative Committee

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Boise, ID 83702

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Justin Baldwin*

The following committee members were present:

Chair: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
Vice Chair: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
IACA: Josh Dison, Elmore Falls Assessor
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACRC: Angie Barkell, Owyhee Clerk
IACT: Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer
IPPA:
ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff

ISACC: Scott Carver, Valley Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 2: Justin Mcleod
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
District 4:
District 5: Terrel Tovey, Bannock Commissioner
District 6:

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC
Sara Westbrook, IAC
Kelli D Brassfield, IAC
Brad Wills, Twin Falls Commissioner
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor
John David Davidson, Blaine Treasurer
Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner
Kim Keely, Teton Clerk
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner

Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall moved to approve the January 19th, meeting minutes; Onybee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update on IAC Priority Legislation

- IGA-01: Affordable housing
Affordable housing feedback is that the 80% threshold that the workforce housing fund legislation proposes is not high enough, so it doesn't help in rural areas.
- IGA-04: Tax on vape products
Nothing new from last week.
- IGA-05: Property tax relief fund
Sen. Rice is drafting local option tax that would be 100% dedicated to property tax relief. We don't know if it will include a constitutional amendment.
- JPS-02: Regional/state based public defense system
Reviewed draft. The regional board would be comprised of one commissioner from each participating county and two defenders appointed by the Idaho State Bar. The board would be able to hire a chief public defender and either hire or contract with other attorneys. The intent of the funding is to move away from grants and for counties to receive direct funding from the state.

How are attorneys going to be selected to work in these regions? How do we pool attorneys? Any attorney that has criminal defense experience could be hired. You would be able to pool from the whole district, not just the county. Who will be the clerk/secretary of this regional board? It will be hired individual/personnel to fill these duties. It would not be a clerk.

Should we limit the attorneys on the board to being capital certified? If we limit attorneys with certain experience, we may limit the pool too much. Recommendation to have a capital certified attorney on the governance board. How would conflicts work? This will still be difficult and we will have to work through this.

There would be a one-year delay in implementation so the state has time to make sure they have funding and also, time to let counties decide if they would like to utilize this structure. The House wants to use the Wayfair funds and the Senate wants to use other funds. With this proposal, counties would be required to provide property tax relief in the amount that the counties receive from the state.

The remainder of the proposal repeals the county indigent programs as well as the CAT program. It does repeal the charity level. It will also leave the reimbursement process in place so counties and the state can still recoup their funds.

There is a willingness to keep discussing the structure of the PDC. Should have a better update next week.

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner made a motion to approve the current draft with possible amendments coming. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Update on IAC Affiliate Legislation

- IGA-02: Court fees paid to state treasurer
Clerk's lobbyist is meeting with Rep. Hartgen.
- IGA-03: Investment of idle county funds
Treasurers will be discussing this at the conference next week and will be deciding whether or not to move forward this year. The current language is getting some push back from the banks.
- JPS-03: Coroner notification timelines
Senator Heider has agreed to carry this proposal. LSO is currently drafting and there will be a print hearing on Monday.
- JPS-04: Cremation timelines
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Other Legislation Impacting Counties (Action)

- Circuit Breaker (KMF167 Giddings)
This is one of many proposals that will be introduced in regards to the circuit breaker. This one would increase the eligibility to the circuit breaker by increasing the median home value from 125% to 200%. Others would remove any real property that doesn't have the same owner as the land. Staff has not seen these other proposals yet.

This is a great move. This would only remove 5 from the Gooding County program.

Support the concept.

- Five year rolling average property assessments (KMF143 Rice)
Sen. Rice has the update language. Seth will meet with him soon. Rice is planning on introducing it in the next couple of weeks.
- Limitation on county leases without a vote (RS29030)
Rep. Skaug is the sponsor and is introducing it this afternoon. He did not make the advisory change we recommended. He did reduce the voting threshold from 2/3 to a simple majority. The implementation date would be July 1st and would not interfere with any negotiations going on currently.

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner made a motion to oppose RS29030. Bannock County Commissioner Terrel Tovey seconded. Motion carried.
- Involuntary commitment costs (Civil Commitments Final Draft 1_14_22)
No further update from last week.
- Public defense funding (concept: dedicate a percentage of Wayfair to fund public defense)
See above.
- H0444 Coronavirus Immunity Sunset
This is to extend the immunity bill that was passed during the special session. This would extend the sunset to 2023.

There are concerns about supplemental levies and what is disclosed on the ballot. We could see a proposal to have more disclosure about what the supplemental levy is actually used for. There may also be a proposal to add more information on the tax notice. This is tough because there really isn't a problem of what the words are but we are running out of space. Ballot language length is a problem. If they can get their point on there will less, it may be ok. Ada County's tax notice is already two pages in length. We worked to get the requested information from last year on our websites instead of on the notices.

Sen. Ricks has an idea of having information on transparent Idaho for property that comes off the rolls and becomes exempt. If they just want a list of exempt property, the state tax commission could provide that list.

Bannock County Commissioner Terrel Tovey made a motion to adjourn. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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