

IAC Legislative Committee

March 2, 2022 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

[ZOOM LINK](#)

MEETING MINUTES

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: Vic Pearson, Franklin Prosecutor
ISA:

ISACC: Scott Carver, Valley Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 2: Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner
District 3: Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk
District 4:
District 5: Terrel Tovey, Bannock Commissioner
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison
Commissioner

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC
Sara Westbrook, IAC
Kelli D Brassfield, IAC
Kim Keely, Teton Clerk
John David Davidson, Blaine Treasurer
Tom Lamar, Latah Commissioner
Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor
Holly Koole Rebholtz, Ada Prosector

Call to Order | *Chair Justin Baldwin*

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2022. Bannock County Commissioner Terrel Tovey seconded. Motion carried.

Update on IAC Priority Legislation

- **Public defense funding**
This draft should be introduced in the morning. It will direct stakeholders to meet in the interim to discuss the system model and what it should look like. The other portion of the draft creates a bucket of money for public defense. There will be \$36M with allowable growth of 3% a year but is capped after five years. This is related to the amount counties are currently paying. It will come off the top of revenue sharing once the Wayfair funds flow through the formula. Counties will still be obligated to provide the services. Some of the counties are hearing that hospitals are stating that they are going to litigate because of HB316. This is one reason that this proposal also includes repeal of the indigent/CAT programs. The sponsors are Rep. Moyle and Rep. Weber.
- **Property tax relief fund**
This proposal is moving slow. It includes a 1.85% sales tax increase with a portion going to increase the grocery tax credit by \$75 and the rest will go to property tax relief. The sponsors have been reworking the distribution formula. They are trying to make it equitable. It looks like they are going to use something similar to the base and excess distribution. This will be based on the total amount of proportional property taxes each county has in the whole state. The stabilization fund section has been adjusted. In a downturn the language allows for 50% of the fund to be used as opposed to the 30% that was there before. The big risk at the end of the day is if there is a big downturn. This means counties wouldn't receive their full funding.

Update on IAC Affiliate Legislation

- [H0542](#): Court fees remittance date change
Headed to the Governor for signature.
- [S1266](#): Coroner notification timelines, Cremation timelines
Hearing in House Health and Welfare next Tuesday.

Other Legislation Impacting Counties (Action)

- [H0565](#) – Definitions of transient personal property (Rep. Moyle)
There may be an amendment to help keep certain mining out of the bill to protect Caribou County.
- [H0674](#) – County reimbursement to justifiable homicide defendant (Rep. Giddings & Sen. Zito)
This is a retaliation bill in regards to the Kyle Rittenhouse case. It has been assigned to Jud and Rules and may not get a hearing.

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to oppose HB674. Franklin County Prosecutor Vic Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

- [H0676](#) – Firearms public preemption (Rep. Giddings)
This proposal stems from a lawsuit in Bonner County around whether or not locals can ban firearms for private events.
- [H0701](#) – Establishes workforce housing fund with sunset clause (Rep. Blanskma)
There is a new version. It has been made clear that ARPA funds are going to be used and the existing program will be used. There was a concern of creating a new program. There is also a sunset clause.
- [H0704](#) – Refugee resettlement notification (Rep. Dixon)
This requires non-governmental organizations (NGO) to send multiple notifications when they help refugees settle in Idaho. If the notifications are not sent the NGO is subject to losing any tax exemption they are currently receiving.
- [S1337](#) – Campaign finance reporting (Sen. Lodge & Rep. Troy) - Changes some language to state if you spent or received more than \$500 you have to report.

Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane made a motion to support SB1337. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.

- SB1327 - Civil commitment
Senator Riggs has been working with others to address some concerns with the bill. It appears that it may go to the amending order. The amendments will not impact counties.
- HB575 about county leases has not had a hearing in the senate yet.
- HB692 - Rep. Moon's bill makes a number of changes in regards to voting. You would have to have proof of citizenship. This would require DL to show on the ID that an individual is a US citizen. You also wouldn't be able to use ID from another state, when you move into Idaho, as proof of identity. Student ID also are eliminated.

Onyiah County Clerk Angie Barkell made a motion to oppose HB692. Minidoka County Commissioner Wayne Schenk seconded. Motion carried.

Bannock County Commissioner Terrel Tovey made a motion to adjourn. Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.

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ALTERNATES

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