

Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT
IAC District 1

January 14th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Kootenai County Administrative Building
1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B
451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Attendees:

Benewah County

Bob Short, Commissioner
Mark Reynolds, Commissioner
Phil Lampert, Commissioner

Bonner County

Mike Rosedale, Clerk
Jeff Connolly, Commissioner
Dan McDonald, Commissioner

Shoshone County

Jerry White, Assessor
Tamie Eberhard, Clerk
John Hansen, Commissioner
Jay Huber, Commissioner

Boundary County

Tim Bertling, Commissioner
Wally Cossairt, Commissioner

Boundary County (Cont.)

Dan Dinning, Commissioner
Glenda Poston, Clerk

Kootenai County

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner
Jim Brannon, Clerk
Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk
Steve Matheson, Treasurer
Barry McHugh, Prosecutor

Other Attendees

Sara Westbrook, IAC Policy Director
Jake Garringer, Executive Office of the Governor
Terri Seymour, Rep. Fulcher's Office
Marc Kilmer, Rep. Fulcher's Office

A. Call to Order – Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

B. Introductions – Ms. Duncan initiated introductions.

C. Changes to the Agenda – Ms. Duncan asked if an ARPA Discussion should be added to the agenda, to which there was general agreement to add the topic for discussion.

D. Business

- 1. Approval of minutes – October 15th, 2021:** Ms. Duncan suggested the phrase “Clerked by” should be added to the Meeting Minutes. Glenda Poston moved to approve the minutes. Phil Lampert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2. ARPA Discussion:** Steve Matheson said that there were members of the community that believed the ARPA money should be returned as there may be strings attached. He said that he wanted to have a discussion on other opinions and receive input from the other counties. Dan McDonald said that they were still waiting on a final legal opinion from the Department of Treasury related to Executive Orders within the final rule. There was extensive discussion on many aspects of the ARPA Funds including Executive Orders, community input and Supreme Court rulings.

3. Homeowner's Exemption Proration: Ms. Duncan asked Mr. Matheson about the financial impact of not prorating the exemptions and he said it was a little more than \$100,000 that had been lost in revenues. Ms. Duncan said that she had had discussions with a few legislators, who were in favor of proration.

4. HB389 Property Tax Relief 125% Disqualification: Jerry White spoke to HB389, opining that many low income seniors who previously qualified will miss out on the relief and encouraged everyone to speak to their legislators.

5. Election of District 1 Officers:

- a. **Chairman** – Mr. Matheson nominated Ms. Duncan to remain Chair. Mr. White seconded them motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Vice Chairman** – Glenda Poston nominated Jeff Connolly to remain Vice Chair. Mike Rosedale seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- c. **Legislative District Chairman and an Alternate** – Ms. Poston nominated Dan Dinning as Legislative District Chairman and Phil Lampert as Alternate. Tamie Eberhard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- d. **Board Member to IAC and an Alternate** – Will not be held until January.
- e. **Secretary/Treasurer** – Mr. Matheson nominated Chris Fillios to remain Secretary/Treasurer. Jim Brannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Reports:

a. Legislative Report: Mr. Dinning said there had not been a meeting since before Christmas and was hopeful for one in February. He asked the attendees whether the method of communication for the meetings was suitable. Ms. Duncan said that appreciated the weekly Tuesday meetings and they worked well with her schedule. Sara Westbrook said that for anyone who missed the Tuesday meeting, they could tune in on Fridays, as IAC would be doing Friday Update calls. Mr. Brannon said that the bill Senator Mary Souza had brought forward related to unaffiliated voters was very important for Elections and was one of the best bills created.

b. IAC Report: Ms. Poston said the next meeting would be January 31st, and that there was nothing to report.

c. GEM: Ms. Poston said that claims are up, but were still waiting for the year-end figures.

d. Secretary/Treasurer Report: No reports were provided.

7. Updates:

a. IAC – Ms. Westbrook said that they would be meeting with Eide Bailly to discuss ARPA Funds and was hopeful the State would fund public defense. She said if that were to happen, there could possibly be property tax relief for the taxpayers. Ms. Westbrook said that they were looking forward to the IAC Midwinter Conference, where there would be a legislative panel with Senate and House leadership.

b. PDC – Ms. Duncan said that Jennifer Roark could not be in attendance, but had sent an email of the updates. She read the email in its entirety into the record, and said that she would send the email to any interested parties.

c. Senator Crapo's Office – No updates were provided.

d. Senator Risch's Office – No updates were provided.

e. Representative Fulcher's Office – Marc Kelner offered updates related to Elections and mentioned that Representative Fulcher had voted against vaccine mandates and the Build Back Better plan. He also announced that Representative Fulcher was officially cancer free and was working to regain his strength.

E. County Updates

Benewah: Phil Lampert said that Benewah County had a new prosecutor and a new Magistrate Judge and were experiencing a lot of growth. He pointed out the HVAC needed replaced in one of their buildings and they also needed some sewer district upgrades.

Bonner: Dan McDonald said that Planning & Zoning was still busy, and they had opted to divide the department into two, to see if that may help ease the pressure that their volunteers were feeling. Jeff Connolly said that they were feeling growing pains throughout the County, with the courts being inundated due to being understaffed. He suggested that there be a discussion with the Legislators about helping fund the growth of the state.

Boundary: There were no updates.

Kootenai: Mr. Brannon said that the State has a surplus, and if there were to be a direction from the Secretary of State to perform election audits, they should have to pay for them. Ms. Duncan said that they were researching impact fees and she was hopeful that the Legislators would pass laws this year that would make the fees more user friendly. She also said that they were considering expanding the Justice Building with ARPA funds because there were some grave overcrowding concerns. She also noted that the Prosecutor's Office had offices in five separate locations.

Shoshone: Mike Fitzgerald said that they had been doing a lot of plowing and had received a \$5 million grant, with no match requirement, to repair the tunnels on the St. Joe railways.

F. Public Comment

Jake Garringer, from the from the Executive Office of the Governor, encouraged everyone to reach out to the Governor's Team with questions, comments or concerns so they could be passed along.

G. Adjourn: Jim Brannon motioned to adjourn. There were multiple seconds. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Clerked by: Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

Approved on: