

**Regular Meeting Minutes – Draft  
IAC District 5 Meeting**

February 1, 2022

The Riverside Hotel - Liberty Room  
2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise, Idaho

**Attendees:**

**Bannock County**

Ernie Moser  
Jeff Hough  
Terrel Tovey  
Torey Danner  
Tony Manu  
Andy Iverson  
Braeden Clayton  
Jennifer Clark  
Sheri Davies

**Franklin County**

Janet Kimpton  
Camille Larsen  
Doug Wallis  
Robert Swainston

**Bear Lake County**

Vaughn Rasmussen  
Amy Bishop  
Heber Dunford

**Bingham County**

Mark Bair  
Donavan Harrington  
Tanna Beal  
Jessica Lewis  
Pam Eckhardt

**Caribou County**

Marty McCullough  
Bryce Somsen

**Oneida County**

Bob Christophersen  
Ken Eliassen  
Bill Lewis  
Lon Colton

**Power County**

Laura Porath  
Delane Anderson  
Sharee Sprague  
Josh Campbell

**Other Attendees**

Mark Nye  
Mark Harris  
Jim Guthrie  
Sara Westbrook  
Wayne A. Schenk  
Dustin Manwaring  
Randy Armstrong

**Pledge of Allegiance** –Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome and Roll Call** –

**Business** -

1. **Presentation of the minutes** - a motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion carried.
2. **Treasurer’s report** - the account balance is just over \$2,000 and has been switched to the Idaho Association of Counties to manage.
3. **Legislative update** –
  - Representative Andrus is working on legislation regarding property tax issues.
  - Representative Armstrong spoke about critical race theory issues at Idaho State University and Boise State University.
  - Senator Mark Harris referred to House Bill 436 which is an income tax bill that provides 250 million dollars in tax relief. It helps to reduce corporate income tax. There is another significant bill which allows teachers to be on the state insurance program. The Idaho Supreme Court ruled on the redistricting map and changes are set. U.S. Supreme Court shot down President Biden and OSHA’s COVID mandate. There is 1.9 billion in revenue surplus.
  - Senator Jim Guthrie states he will vote for HB 436, but doesn’t like spending one-time moneys on tax rebates. Personal Property tax is an issue that has been pushed off this year. He is

interested in the homeowner's exemption, but not sure what will happen. He believes that changes are coming to the circuit breaker. He spoke briefly about the Forensic Pathology at the EAMES Complex stating that it is in the Governor's budget and should be passed. Opportunity for Public Defender needs to receive more money from the state for county relief. He supports HB 443 regarding teachers on state health insurance.

- Representative Manwaring stated that support of Public Defense needs to make sure bottom line numbers support county budgets. Money for Public Defense may or may not come from the Wayfair Fund. Circuit breaker may move from 150% to 200% of median value. CHIP Act intends to move chips back to domestic production rather than China.
- Senator Mark Nye spoke about working in JFAC and the agencies they work with.

4. **General Discussion –**

- Senator Harris is working on fencing laws. He is trying to make it lawful to prosecute people who do not repair their fences.
- A discussion arose pertaining to Public Defense. Representative Manwaring suggested either opting in or out. The suggestion was made to wait a year until counties could reset their budgets. Wages would be adjusted with savings from the Public Defense Commission. Commissioner Tovey suggested doing away with the Indigent Fund rather than pay Public Defense.
- Discussion ensued on House Bill 474 which removes local control mechanism for courthouses and jails. Mechanisms need to be left in place to cover items that come up.

10. **Setting next meeting date** – The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, time and location will be forthcoming.

**Adjourned** at 8:00 a.m.