

**Minutes of Meeting
IAC District 1
October 15, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Benewah County

Robert “Bob” Short, Commissioner
Philip Lampert, Commissioner

Bonner County

Mike Rosedale, Clerk
Dan McDonald, Commissioner

Boundary County

Tim Bertling, Commissioner
Sue Larson, Treasurer
Glenda Poston, Clerk

Kootenai County

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner
Chris Fillios, Commissioner
Bill Brooks, Commissioner
Dr. Warren Keene, Coroner
Jim Brannon, Clerk @ 10:43 a.m.
Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk @ 10:34 a.m.
Chandra Newberry, Deputy Clerk

Shoshone County

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

Other Attendees:

Sara Westbrook, Policy Director – Idaho Association of Counties (IAC)

Call to Order: IAC District 1 Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes were made.

Business:

Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2021: Benewah County Commissioner Philip Lampert moved to approve the minutes as presented. Kootenai County Commissioner Chris Fillios seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Claim Assertive Election Integrity Issues Against the State of Idaho: Bonner County Clerk Mike Rosedale explained that there was a formula that was able to clear the name of Idaho names from election fraud with the 2020 election.

Opioid Settlement: Boundary County Clerk Glenda Poston and IAC Policy Director Sara Westbrook gave an update on the current opioid settlement. She briefed that at that time, she was not aware of any counties that planned to opt out of the settlement. She stated that counties have until January of 2022 to opt in. Ms. Duncan informed all other attendees that Kootenai County was currently looking at what the

money would be able to be spent on. It was voiced that Benewah County would possibly not be opting in to the settlement.

District 1 Mass Fatality Trailer Project: Kootenai County Coroner Dr. Warren Keene discussed the background on what the project was. He explained that Lewiston has a cooler trailer that is used for when there is a mass fatality, when Spokane County is unable to take all of the fatalities in for autopsy. The coolers would be utilized to transport the fatalities to Missoula, Montana for autopsy, as Spokane County will not take more than 5 within 24 hours. Dr. Keene briefed on what the cost of the trailer was. He was able to apply for the Homeland Security grant, and it was approved. The trailer cost \$60,000. He explained that he had the grant for \$34,000 and Kootenai County offered \$5,000 to go towards the trailer. Dr. Keene had contacted Office of Emergency Management, and they increased the grant to \$50,000. Benewah County offered to contribute \$5,000 towards the funds. Shoshone County Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald voiced that he would be interested in participating. He stated he would plan to put it on an agenda for the Shoshone County Commissioners to review. Ms. Duncan stated in a phone conversation with Commissioner Dan Dining of Boundary County that he said that Boundary would be interested as well with a Memorandum of Understanding between the counties. Dr. Keene state he would put an MOU together for the stated use of the trailer.

2021 H. Sydney Duncombe Award Nominations: It was discussed that the IAC District 1 Board had until November 19, 2021 to agree on a name for the nomination. Shoshone County Assessor Jerry White provided information on the award. Ms. Westbrook voiced additional information on recipients she knew of. The awarding of the recipient will be in February 2022.

Election of IAC Unemployment Fund Committee Representative: There was a discussion of the Board of needing a representative for the Unemployment Fund for a one year term. Shoshone County Assessor Jerry White was nominated to be the representative by Mr. Rosedale and second by Ms. Poston. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Bylaws Change for Elections of District 1 Officers

Approve Draft Bylaws: Mrs. Duncan presented the updates to the bylaws. She explained that the only change that was made was under section 2 Term of Office, "Due to General elections in November, the officers will be elected at the January meeting following the general election." Ms. Poston moved to update the bylaws with the discussed changes. Mr. Fillios seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. Ms. Westbrook asked for a clarification to say that the IAC Board Representative is required to be elected every October, November in even years.

Reports:

- a. Legislative Report – Dan Dinning: There was no report
- b. IAC Report: Glenda Poston: Ms. Poston explained that she was not in attendance at the IAC Board meeting, so Mr. White gave the report instead. He gave an update on the IAC Strategic plan.
- c. GEM – Glenda Poston: Ms. Poston gave an update on the plan which did not increase their rates for the upcoming year.

- d. Mr. Fillios gave an update on the IAC dues that had been paid so far. The bank account balance is \$19,146.82.

Updates:

- a. IAC- Seth Grigg, IAC Executive Director: Since Mr. Grigg was not in attendance, Ms. Westbrook gave an update in his place. She gave an update on the several resolutions that had been passed by the IAC. She also explained that the State was discussing having a committee come up with a solution to having the State take over the Public Defense costs. She briefed on a resolution that was passed creating tax on nicotine/vaping products. She explained that the extra revenue that would come in from the raise of taxes would go to Juvenile Services.
- b. PDC – Jennifer Roark – Regional Coordinator: This item was skipped due to no representative present.
- c. Sen. Crapo’s Office – Karen Roetter – Regional Director: This item was skipped due to no representative present.
- d. Sen. Risch’s Office – Stephanie – Regional Director: This item was skipped due to no representative present.
- e. Rep. Fulcher’s Office – Marc Kelner – Region 1 Director: This item was skipped due to no representative present.

County Reports:

Benewah: Mr. Lampert gave an update on the growth in Benewah. He explained that they keep losing land to the CDA Tribe and the Idaho Department of Lands.

Bonner: Bonner County Commissioner Dan McDonald voiced his experience on growth within Bonner County as well. He gave an update on a possible levy that would be used to replace roads. He also informed the Board that the Bonner County Treasurer will be stepping down from their position in January of 2022.

Boundary: Boundary County Commissioner Tim Bertling explained that they are catching up on Planning and Zoning. He stated with the limited permits and more growth, it puts a strain on the landfill.

Kootenai: Mr. Fillios gave an update on the Optional Forms of Government Study Commission. He also explained that the applied for permits in Kootenai County are up 150% from last year. He went on to say the Kootenai County Community Development Department is contracted with Colorado for plan reviews, but are still backed up by three months. Kootenai County Clerk Jim Brannon voiced that the recall for the School Board Member will be on the ballot.

Shoshone: Shoshone County Commissioner Mike Fitzgerald gave an update on the road validation process as well as what Shoshone County has learned about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Shoshone County Clerk Tamie Eberhard reported on the changes to their systems.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjourn: Kootenai County Clerk Jim Brannon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bonner County Clerk Mike Rosedale seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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