

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - *DRAFT*

### IAC District 1 Meeting

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Kootenai County Administrative Building

1<sup>st</sup> Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B

451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

#### Attendees:

##### Benewah County

##### Bonner County

##### Boundary County

##### **DIALED IN:**

Dan Dinning, Commissioner

Glenda Poston, Clerk

Sue Larson, Treasurer

##### Other Attendees

Monica Miller, Shoshone County

Marc Kilmer, Rep. Fulcher's Office

Len Crosby, ID Vet's Assistance League

Tom Freeman, IVAL

##### **DIALED IN:**

Seth Grigg, IAC Director

##### Kootenai County

Joe Johns, Chief Deputy Assessor

Chris Fillios, Commissioner

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

Barry McHugh, Prosecuting Attorney

Bela Kovacs, Assessor

##### Shoshone County

Jay Huber, Commissioner

Tami Lewis-Eberhard, Clerk

Ben Allen, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Call to Order: With no Chair or Vice Chair present, IAC District 1 Treasurer, Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chris Fillios initiated roundtable introductions.

**Changes to the Agenda.** One change to the agenda was proposed: After introducing Tom Freeman and Len Crosby of the Idaho Veteran's Assistance League, Leslie Duncan requested that the agenda be amended to allow for a brief presentation.

#### **Business**

**Gov. Little's Public Safety Payroll Proposal (CARES Act).** IAC Director Seth Grigg said he would talk about the CARES Act and uses of funds and go into detail about the public safety program. The State of Idaho received roughly \$1.25m of COVID relief funds. He discussed qualifications that needed to be met for local governments to receive direct funds; none in Idaho qualified, resulting in lesser-populated areas having to rely on the state for relief. The Governor's office has made \$94m available for unforeseen COVID expenses such as PPE and modifications to facilities. Mr. Grigg said that more funds would be allocated as expenses increase. \$188m is being allocated by the Governor's office for property tax relief. The intent is for the funds to provide financial assistance to cover costs of public health and safety payroll expenses between March and December 2020. The deadline for participation is July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He suggested that all counties consult with legal prior to making and determinations regarding the use of funds for payroll reimbursement. Should the

federal government decided to issue another round of stimulus, congress is discussing a potential revision to the CARES Act to included revenue replacement. Mr. Grigg answered members' questions about deadlines, use of funds as revenue replacement, and amending requested amounts after submission. The committee is working the logistics of collecting data from different units of government.

**Property Tax and Revenue Expenditures Legislative Study Committee.** July 17<sup>th</sup> is the first day of the property tax study. It will focus on transparency, accountability, and getting the state to recognize the impact of state mandates. The committee is working to collect data from counties. The group is looking at cash reserves and rainy-day funds. The Legislative Study Committee is focusing on transparency when it comes to cash reserves, this will result in the committee requiring local governments to supply the Controller's Office with financial data. Mr. Grigg would send out a request for counties to help the identify overlapping services areas. The committee is also looking for input on mandates local governments see as inefficient. Focuses include how sales tax could replace or funds coming from school supplemental levies and the criminal justice system. Leslie Duncan inquired about how the removal of fund-balancing would impact capital improvements.

**ID Veterans' Assistance League.** Tom Freeman and Len Crosby provided an update on the construction of the new veterans' home in Post Falls. The home is for North Idaho, not just Kootenai County. Mr. Freeman presented the goals of IVAL. He asked for points of contact within the five northern counties. Mr. Crosby gave a brief update on construction progress and sources of funding. Chris Fillios asked the group to supply Mr. Freeman with contact information by the end of the week.

#### **Approval of Minutes – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Leslie Duncan entertained a motion to approve the minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Barry McHugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of District 1 IAC Board Rep.** As the current representative, Glenda Poston said she would be happy to stay in this position. Leslie Duncan made a motion to re-appoint Glenda Poston to the position of representative. Chris Fillios seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of District 1 IAC Board Rep. Alternate.** Phil Lampert is the current alternate. Jay Huber made a motion to re-appoint Phil Lampert as alternate representative. Glenda Poston seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Reports**

##### **Legislative Report**

Glenda Poston delivered the report on behalf of Dan Dinning. She said the Public Defense Committee had a meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Each commissioner will receive notice for a July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The meeting will allow for informal input on rulemaking.

##### **IAC Report**

Glenda Poston delivered the report. She said she had been attending meetings via Zoom. The fall conference has been canceled and the only in-person conference for Clerks would be held in Moscow in August. The IAC budget talks are going well.

##### **GEM Plan Report**

Glenda Poston delivered the report. 23 counties belong to the GEM plan. A 5% increase will take effect in October, the board having declined a high percentage. Financially, the GEM plan is doing well because people are not visiting doctors or having elective surgery.

#### Secretary/Treasurer Report

Chris Fillios gave the Treasurer's report, sharing that the current balance as \$17,646.82. All dues have been paid for fiscal 2020.

#### **Updates**

##### **County Updates**

###### Boundary

Clerk Poston stated that Boundary County Sheriff's Office has moved to the newly renovated armory. Boundary County did submit for property tax relief.

###### Kootenai

Commissioner Fillios said they also opted for property tax relief. Bela Kovacs is the new Assessor. Barry McHugh said that IDOC is no longer taking new inmates because COVID-19, resulting in prosecutors administering lighter sentencings to avoid people being held locally.

###### Shoshone County

Commission Huber explained that Shoshone was dealing with the effects of COVID-19. Clerk Eberhard said that in-person elections would be held in November.

##### **Rep. Fulcher's Office**

Marc Kilmer introduced himself as the new representative for Russ Fulcher's office. He said that Reps. Fulcher and Risch had introduced a bill to give counties and tribes more stake in the Good Neighbor Authority. The House will vote on a new COVID-19 aid bill. He did not have details on how/if it would affect counties.

Chris Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:09am.