

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - *DRAFT*

IAC District 1 Meeting

April 16th, 2021

Kootenai County Administrative Building

1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B

451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Attendees:

Benewah County

Phil Lampert, Commissioner

Bob Short, Commissioner

Mark Reynolds, Commissioner

Bonner County

DIALED IN:

Jeff Connelly, Commissioner

Dan McDonald, Commissioner

Boundary County

Wally Cossairt, Commissioner

Tim Bertling, , Commissioner

Glenda Poston, Clerk

DIALED IN:

Dan Dinning, Commissioner

Kootenai County

Chris Fillios, Commissioner

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

Shoshone County

Mike Fitzgerald, Commissioner

John Hansen, Commissioner

Tami Eberhard, Clerk

DIALED IN:

Jerry White, Assessor

Other Attendees

Marc Kilmer, Rep. Fulcher's Office

DIALED IN:

Seth Grigg, IAC Director

Jennifer Rourke, PDC Regional Coordinator

Sara Westbrook, IAC Policy Director

A. Call to Order - Chairman Mike Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

B. Introductions - Mike Fitzgerald initiated introductions.

C. Changes to the Agenda - No changes to the Agenda were made.

D. Business

1. Approval of minutes. One change was made to the July 17th, 2020 minutes: There was one typo. Under Gem Report, the stock loss was corrected to stop loss. No other changes were proposed. Chris Fillios motioned to approve minutes with changes. Leslie Duncan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Reports

a. Legislative. Dan Dinning noted how busy the legislative session is and yielded the report to Seth Griggs. Seth reported on the current legislative session's most current topics, bills and discussions including: elections, transportation funding, elimination of County indigent program/removal of County responsibilities for involuntary commitments, addition of County responsibility to fund Health Districts (inclusive of potential implementation dates), and property taxes (new construction and foregone caps, circuit breaker maximum amount, homeowner's exemption mean value approach and business personal property tax elimination and/or phase out). Each bill is considered in progress and level of participation and interest from legislatures varies. Seth's group is working toward solutions that provide the least impacts to the Counties.

Jerry White. What data is being collected and how far along is the data collection for assessing proposed circuit breaker changes? Seth. Tentative numbers from Tax Commission provide a snap shot. Additional data

is being sought. Initial data indicates that with a 125% value increase there would be an approximately 15% decrease in participation.

Dan Dinning. How does the proposed use of foregone work with the proposed 8% property tax cap? Seth. The forgone would be above the 8% thus, creating a 9% cap. The 3% annual growth would be above the two and tracked separately outside the base budget.

Dan Dinning. What if the State does not follow through with covering personal property obligations for replacement money? Seth. Specific language has not been drafted but the item is being considered and discussed.

Leslie Duncan. Can the indigent fund still be used to pay for County Health Department costs? Seth. Yes, the ability to use existing funds will remain which is inclusive of Indigent Fund reserves.

Chris Fillios. Do URDA closures figure into the 8% cap? Seth. It is unknown at this time. URDA cap changes are being considered.

Phil Lampert. Are the personal property tax and homeowner exemption proposals being treated separately or as combined items? Usually, combined issues do not turn out well and should be treated as stand alone items. Seth. Currently, the Legislators are trying to lump into a single bill to find a good mix of likes and dislikes.

Dan Dinning complimented the good work by IAC staff be very responsive to the fast changing items.

b. IAC Report. Glenda Poston referenced Mr. Grigg's earlier update. She noted that the next official IAC Board meeting is scheduled for June 10th and 11th, 2021 and the Spring Institute is scheduled for May 20th, 2021 in Coeur d'Alene.

c. GEM Plan Report. Glenda Poston delivered the report. A review/audit is underway and, very tentatively and as to be determined at the next Board meeting, a 0%-5% rate increase in medical insurance premium is anticipated.

d. Secretary/Treasurer Report. Chris Fillios gave the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$19,146.82 as of the end of March with no new transactions for the period.

3. Elections. The elections proceeded as follows.

a. Chair: Mike Fitzgerald nominated Leslie Duncan. Second by Phil Lampert. No other nominations. All voted in favor with none against. Leslie Duncan elected Chair.

b. Vice Chair: Dan Dinning nominated by Jeff Connelly. Second by Leslie Duncan. No other nominations. All voted in favor with none against. Jeff Connelly elected Vice Chair.

c. Legislative Representative: Phil Lampert nominated by Dan Dinning. Second by Chris Fillios. No other nominations. All voted in favor with none against. Dan Dinning Legislative Representative.

d. Alternate Legislative Representative: Dan Dinning nominated by Phil Lampert. Second by Chris Fillios. No other nominations. All voted in favor with none against. Phil Lampert Alternate Legislative Representative.

e. Secretary/Treasurer: Glenda Poston nominated Chris Fillios. Second by Bob Short. No other nominations. All voted in favor with none against. Chris Fillios elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Gem Representative was removed as an action item from the agenda because only Boundary and Shoshone County participate in the program. Two items were suggested for the next quarterly meeting's agenda: (1) revisiting elected position's term start and stop dates and (2) seeking a different individual for one of the two positions for which Phil Lampert is elected.

E. General IAC Updates(s) – discussion provided above by Seth Griggs.

F. County Updates

Benewah. Phil Lampert reported involvement with the Legislature, windstorm damage and starting work on major road projects. Phil also introduced new Commissioner Mark Reynolds.

Bonner. Dan McDonald reported dealings with ITD software problems, growth issues with planning meetings and road damage/conversion of grave to pavement and involvement with the Legislature.

Boundary. Dan Dinning reported similar issues, road funding with SRS reductions and learning about new funding restrictions/guidance (i.e. water, sewer, infrastructure, etc). Sarah Westbrook mentioned that the new funding may be inclusive of stormwater and there may be crossover/use of the proposed Biden Infrastructure funding for broadband/broadband ownership by communities. More guidance is to follow on each.

Kootenai. Leslie Duncan reported about wind damage and build a new courthouse.

Shoshone. Mike Fitzgerald rising property value fallout, restarting public of hearings post COVID and airport hangar policy updates. Tamie Eberhard reported SRS was received.

G. Announcements

Jennifer Rourke stated that PDC Annual Review Reports are being distributed to the Counties and financial assistance applications are out and due May 15, 2021.

Mark Kilmer noted that infrastructure is of big discussion in Washington D.C.

H. Adjourn: Chris Fillios motioned to adjourn. Glenda Poston second. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.