

**DISTRICT III COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

The District III County Elected Officials met this date in a regular meeting at La Costa Restaurant 517 N. Washington Ave., Emmett, ID, to act on the following items. Minutes Recorder: Secretary/ Treasurer Aaron Tines.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assessor Mark Harvey led the pledge of allegiance.

III. INVOCATION

Commissioner Tom Dale gave the invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members present:

Ada County: Clerk Phil McGrane, Commissioner Rick Visser, Treasurer Elizabeth Mahn;
Adams County: None Present
Boise County: None present
Canyon County: Commissioner Tom Dale;
Elmore County: None Present
Gem County: Clerk Shelly Tilton, Commissioner Mark Rekow Treasurer Megan Keene;
Owyhee County: Coroner Aaron Tines, Treasurer Annette Dygert ;
Payette County: Assessor Mark Harvey, Clerk Betty Dressen, Commissioner Georgia Hanigan,
Commissioner Marc Shigeta;
Valley County: Clerk Douglas Miller, Commissioner Sherry Maupin;
Washington County: Clerk Donna Atwood, Commissioner Nathan Marvin, Treasurer Sabrina Young

B. Guests present: IAC staff Kristin Cundiff

V. Welcome: Commissioner Mark Rekow

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 25, 2019

A. ACTION: Treasurer Sabrina Young moved to approve the corrected minutes.
Commissioner Marc Shigeta seconded. Motion carried.

VII. BANK REPORT

Acting Treasurer/Vice Chairwoman Elizabeth Mahn reported that 7 counties have paid the annual assessment and the account balance as of the November 27, 2019-December 24, 2019 statement period is \$860.34.

A. ACTION: Treasurer Megan Keen moved to approve the bank report. Commissioner Rick Visser seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. SWEARING-IN OF TREASURER/SECRETARY

Chairman Douglas Miller swore in Coroner Aaron Tines as Secretary/Treasurer.

IX. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Idaho County Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Committee

Commissioner Marc Shigeta reported the committee will be meeting on February 4, 2020. The ICRMP Risk Management Discount Program will be handled in-house and no longer by a third party vendor. Completion is required by March 1, 2020 to receive the 5% discount.

B. Legislative Committee

Commissioner Tom Dale reported a legislative committee meeting was taking place on January 15, 2020. After the committee meeting he reported there was discussion of refugee placement, counties participation in Medicaid, property tax relief and a 1% sales tax increase which would go to school funding. He advised there was no resolution on the proposals for property tax relief. Property tax relief proposals are a 1 year budget freeze, restrictions of fund balance, caps on levies and assessments and circuit breaker threshold. Transportation proposed restricting hand held devices. Corrections proposed making it illegal to require state inmates to be removed from county jails after 7 days. A proposal to reduce the amount paid to the counties for housing state inmate to a flat rate of \$60.00 a day with an increase the following year to \$65.00 a day.

C. Capital Crimes Committee

Commissioner Marc Rekow reported the Capital Crimes Committee would like to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000. He advised the current balance of the fund was \$4,200,000.00 and \$281,000 had been approved. He advised the fund collects \$800,000 annually.

D. Gem Plan Committee

Commissioner Marc Shigeta reported the committee will be meeting the first week of February 2020. A review of the loss ratio will be completed as it had not been done since 2004. Current discussions on premium adjustments and dependent coverage.

E. Catastrophic Health Care Fund (CAT) Committee

Commissioner Rick Visser reported on Medicaid expansion and distribution and the impact it will have on counties. Hospitals are currently lobbying and Ada County has hired a lobbying firm. Both Ada and Canyon Counties would be holding hearings. He encouraged counties to reach out.

F. IAC Committee

Kristin Cundiff of IAC reported the IAC would be reviewing their by-laws. She advised the review would be conducted by a sub-committee every 2 years. She advised one of the changes to the by-laws would be to allow the IAC to make minor amendments without full IAC membership approval. She advised there would be discussion on evaluating the performance of IAC Director Seth Griggs and how the performance evaluation would be conducted. She advised that there would also be discussion on the effectiveness of the IAC District meetings along with guidance for assessments. She advised the IAC wants feedback on how they can support the affiliates and be effective. She advised legislative interests and priority are a challenge. She advised the IAC is preparing for its midwinter legislative conference in Boise in February 2020. She advised there will be discussion on future conferences as the midwinter conference has a higher attendance than the annual conference. She advised there will be a review of affiliate meetings and a discussion on regional training.

X. GUEST SPEAKER: Cameron Kinzer, Government Affairs Manager, Boise Regional Realtors

Presentation on real estate trends. Most of the growth is occurring in Ada and Canyon County. The driving factors that affect housing is growth in the metro economy providing more employment opportunities, people moving to Idaho to retire, millennials aging into homeownership and in-migration due to comparative affordability. Primary factors limiting housing supply is low level of new home activity, seniors choosing to age in place, delayed listing and homeowners evaluating current mortgage rates. The recession is unknown. Due to the insulated housing market a market correction is most likely to occur. Recommendations for local governments are updated comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, building practices and to reduce sprawl. State and local government advocacy can be done by candidate support, public policy committees, first time home buyers savings accounts, tax indexing and home owner exemptions.

XI. GUEST SPEAKERS: Anca and Jesse Collinsworth, Tiny Idahomes

Presentation on tiny homes. The current tiny homes produced are 8.6'X13.6" and are built to DOT, MTSA and RV building code standards. Tiny homes are not built to International Building Code standards. The maximum square footage per building code that can be built is 400 square feet. The loft area in tiny home does not count towards the square footage. RV parks allow certified tiny homes. The current tiny homes have to be registered with ITD. For permanent living the state code needs to be changed and there would need to be better building code requirements.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on amending the bylaws to read as follows:

- Article III, Section 3, H (new): A duty of an Elected Officer may be delegated to an IAC representative with the majority vote of the membership.

Chairman Douglas Miller present IAC had offered to manage the financials and distribution of information for District 3. Kristin Cundiff advised there would be no charge for the services. She advised the IAC would also be able to help with speakers.

A. ACTION: Commissioner Tom Dale move to amend the bylaws as written. Commissioner Nathan Marvin seconded. Motion Carried.

XIII. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Discussion about the Flexible Spending Accounts. Flexible Spending Accounts are separate than the insurance coverage provided by the Gem Plan. Flores and Tasc were discussed as vendors used by several of the counties within the membership. A local option for a Flexible Spending Account is the Idaho Medical Savings Account.

Discussion on property tax relief. The cities and counties are encouraged to provide their input on finding an acceptable rate for property tax relief. If there is no input given then the legislatures will decide on how to address the property tax relief which may affect that cities and counties in an adverse way.

Discussion about the new Secretary of State on-line portal. The portal would be used to file Declaration of Candidacy and financial reporting. The portal is having problems allowing people to sign-up.

Discussion on how to leverage District 3. What is that full potential of District 3 and how can we utilize it in legislative issues and how we increase attendance.

XIV. GUEST SPEAKER: Laila Kral, Local Highway Assistance Council "LHTAC" Idaho's Crumbling Infrastructure

Presentation on the status of Idaho roads and bridges. The duties of LHTAC were discussed. LHTAC meets quarterly. The last task force study was completed in 2010-2011. Funding and completion of an updated study needs to be completed. LHTAC is funded by gas tax, registration fees and highway use revenue. Legislative Endowment Fund and investments in Emergency Investment Funds have been discussed. In Idaho there are 67,500 lanes miles with 12,000 of those miles belonging to the state. Bridges over 20 feet require federal inspection. Bridge condition and replacement information was provided. The amount of construction projects that are completed is influenced by bidding climate. Current bid pricing is 25%-40% higher than construction estimates.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Owyhee County. The meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM.