

## IAC Legislative Committee

August 31, 2022 | 12:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Virtual Meeting

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### MEETING MINUTES

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The following committee members were present:

Chair: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor  
Vice Chair: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner  
IACA: Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor  
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner  
IACRC: Kim Keely, Teton Clerk  
IACT: Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer  
IPPA:  
ISA:

ISACC: Scott Carver, Valley Coroner  
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner  
District 2: Justin McLeod, Lewis Commissioner  
District 3: Sherry Maupin, Valley Commissioner  
District 4: Wayne Schenk, Minidoka County  
District 5:  
District 6:

The following guests were present:

Seth Grigg, IAC  
Sara Westbrook, IAC  
Kelli D Brassfield, IAC  
Andrew Jenkins, Ada Prosecutor

Kathie LaFortune, Latah Commissioner  
Sharee Sprague, Power Clerk

## **Call to Order | Chair Justin Baldwin**

*Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2022. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded. Motion carried.*

## **Property Tax Discussion**

There are some legislators are looking to provide property tax relief. One proposal would be to use sales tax and give owner occupied some sort of a credit. The individual would have to pay the tax and then there would be a reimbursement. The other proposal would be going back to an index on the homeowner's exemption. The last proposal would be to raise sales tax to reduce property tax. Staff isn't sure that this will be moving forward but there are a few that are still looking at this concept. There is more political feasibility around funding the judiciary and the circuit breaker. There is broad support for increasing/indexing the homeowner's exemption, but it will have to get through leadership and committee chairs.

## **Public Defense Discussion**

Staff is looking for a potential meeting in late September to talk about general concepts. The governor's office is interested in having a state based system with a chief public defender to oversee the program. The public defenders have been working on a framework that would be regional in nature with a regional director to oversee the public defenders in the judicial district.

## **EMS**

The EMS Bureau put together a taskforce to work on the recommendations from the OPE report. Work groups have been put together in different areas (coverage, governance, personnel). The coverage group is looking at what the system should look like to provide EMS services across the state. The governance group is trying to determine where the authority of the program should lie. The personnel group is looking at how to incentivize individuals to go into the EMS profession as well as how to retain their current providers. There have been a few different models on how EMS should be ran/funded. Staff is working to protect counties. Funding is also a big topic. One state provides funding based on population and number of calls. Many things are being reviewed to see which will work best for Idaho.

Some have seen a decline in 911 fees. Has there been discussion about changing the law to state that the fees should go to the county where the phones are being pinged? We haven't heard anything but will review this and see if we can use this.

## **Special Session**

The governor has stated that this is the bill he wants, and he doesn't want to deviate from that bill. The bill gives income rebates (explain), establishes a flat income tax for the state of 5.8% (there are minimums listed in the bill), and then it also creates two buckets of funds for education. One bucket will provide \$410M for K-12 education (trying to pre-empt the Reclaim Idaho initiative). Funded by sales tax. It comes off the bottom and so it won't impact counties. This portion of the bill has some push back as it has a 3% indexing. There is another but of \$80M for higher education.

## **Resolution Packet**

- JPS-01 Civil Commitment
- IGA-02 Change of Venue Fee
- IGA-03 Court fees paid to the state treasurer
- IGA-04 Recount fees
- IGA-05 Food fees
- IGA-06 Preliminary levy rate
- IGA-07 HB735 clean up
- IGA-08 Law clerks
- IGA-09 Election disruption
- IGA-10 Road agreements
- IGA-11 Precinct committeemen elections
- IGA-12 Vape tax
- IGA-13 Fair advisory board
- IGA-14 IACT investment of county funds
- IGA-15 Adult guardianship

*Valley County Commission Sherry Maupin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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## MEMBERSHIP

<b>CHAIR</b> Justin Baldwin <i>Gooding Assessor</i>	<b>VICE CHAIR</b> Don Hall <i>Twin Falls Commissioner</i>	
Dan Dinning <i>District 1: Boundary Commissioner</i>	Terrel Tovey <i>District 5: Bannock Commissioner</i>	Annette Dygert <i>IACT: Owyhee Treasurer</i>
Justin McLeod <i>District 2: Lewis Commissioner</i>	Brent Mendenhall <i>District 6: Madison Commissioner</i>	Vic Pearson <i>IPAA: Franklin Prosecutor</i>
Phil McGrane <i>District 3: Ada Clerk</i>	Josh Dison <i>IACA: Elmore Assessor</i>	Kieran Donahue <i>ISA: Canyon Sheriff</i>
Wayne Schenk <i>District 4: Minidoka Commissioner</i>	Doug Zenner <i>IACC: Nez Perce Commissioner</i>	Scott Carver <i>ISACC: Valley Coroner</i>
	Angie Barkell <i>IACRC: Owyhee Clerk</i>	

## ALTERNATES

Phil Lampert <i>District 1: Benewah Commissioner</i>	Jessica Lewis <i>District 5: Bingham Commissioner</i>	John David Davidson <i>IACT: Blaine Treasurer</i>
Kathie LaFortune <i>District 2: Latah Commissioner</i>	Shayne Young <i>District 6: Jefferson Commissioner</i>	<i>IPAA:</i>
Sherry Maupin <i>District 3: Valley Commissioner</i>	<i>Brad Wills</i> <i>IACA: Twin Falls Assessor</i>	<i>ISA:</i>
Ben Crouch <i>District 4: Jerome Commissioner</i>	<i>IACC:</i> Kim Keeley <i>IACRC: Teton Clerk</i>	Dotti Owens <i>ISACC: Ada Coroner</i>