

IAC Legislative Committee

January 11, 2023 | 10 am – 12:00 pm

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Don Hall*

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to approve the minutes from October 2022 with an amendment, Valley County Commissioner Sherry Maupin seconded. Motion carried.

Update on 2023 Legislative Package

- IGA-04 Election recount fees
IAC staff is working on this proposal. Staff has been working through feedback from the clerks to look at this proposal covering actual costs but there was feedback from others that was not favorable. Staff is also looking at a fee of \$250. This fee was more favorable than the original \$400-500. Staff will pull in data on how many recounts there have been and what the impact would have been.
- IGA-06 Preliminary levy rate
There have been a few discusses but this is ongoing and has been included in property tax discussions. The session just started, and more work is still needed.
- IGA-07 HB735 clean up
This proposal will add the definition of “reimbursement rate” to the sheriff’s statutes allowing for the counties to calculate jail medical at the Medicaid rate. There have been some discussions with the Governor’s office about the seat belt fines, which currently go the CAT program. The idea is that the counties will just retain the \$5.00 per seat belt fine currently remitted to the state. This was about \$30,000 last year. Lastly, staff will be drafting the language to allow for counties to negotiate settlements on behalf of the state for indigent cases. This is still a work in progress.
- IGA-11 Vape tax
This proposal is not looking very good. Rep. Vander Woude is not a fan, and it is possible that he will not allow a hearing.

- IGA-18 Homeowners Exemption Cleanup of HB562
McCann will possibly carry this for us. Still moving forward. February 6th the courts will be reviewing the cases of Latah and Lincoln counties. How does this work with Sen. Grow's proposal? This question will be asked this week.

Update on IAC supported, Affiliate led Resolutions

- IGA-02 Change of Venue Filing Fee | Angie Barkell
The clerk's lobbyist has had this drafted and is moving forward. Sen. Hartgen is the sponsor.
- IGA-03 Court fees paid to the state treasurer | Angie Barkell
The clerk's lobbyist has had this drafted and is moving forward. Sen. Hartgen is the sponsor.
- IGA-05 Food fees
As of right now, this is not moving forward. The public health districts don't have a legislator willing to carry this bill.
- IGA-08 Law clerks | Angie Barkell
This proposal is in a little bit of limbo. The concept is being included in some other bigger discussions around property taxes. The idea is that if the state would take over the judicial costs, that includes law clerks, then this bill would not have to move forward. Draft language is being thought about just in case it does need to move forward. It is a possibility of adding law clerks to the court reporter statute.
- IGA-09 Election disruption | Angie Barkell
This proposal is lower on the priority list. Clerks are in a wait and see because there is a lot of defense to be done.
- IGA-10 Precinct committeemen elections | Angie Barkell
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- IGA-12 Fair advisory board
Some legislators in the sponsor's area do not like this and so this will not be moving forward this year.
- IGA-13 Investment of county funds | Annette Dygert
Sen. Ricks has agreed to carry this. The treasurers reached out to Treasurer Ellsworth to see if she has any concerns but have not had a response yet.
- IGA-16 DMV title vin fees | Josh Dison
Rep. Palmer will be meeting with assessors to get his perspective and see if he has any concerns.

- IGA-17 Travel convention tax
Reach out to Cindy Riegel. Put it on the next agenda.
- TRI-01 Land Use Planning for Roads
Sen. Schroeder will possibly carry this. Sherry Maupin will be meeting with him next week.

Policy Resolution

- IGA-14 Adult Guardianship for Incapacitated Adults
The working group has been formed and has met once. They will meet again after the midwinter conference.

Other Business

Sherry Maupin stated that they are have some issues with EMS in Valley County. What is the update on EMS? There will be an EMS Day at the capital on Jan. 23rd to discuss challenges. There will not be legislation this year other than a resolution to again bring the issue back to forefront of the legislature. It will remind them that there is an issue and have acknowledgment that there will be legislation next year. There is a new legislator that loves EMS, and he is very interested in this issue. He has a lot of experience.

Area of city impact: Senator Lakey had a working group review this issue. There was draft legislation, but it is unknown where he is with it. Cindy Riegel participated on the working group, and she may have more insight. Staff will invite her to next week's meeting.

Grow's proposal: Tom Lamar is concerned and believes there are better ways to give direct ways to give relief.

Abortion bill Skaug: This bill would withhold sales tax and use revenue sharing from locals if they that defy state law in regard to abortion statutes. Funds would be released to the local government if there is compliance that occurs within a certain time.

Election Bill: This bill seeks to clarify that the post-election audit is to be a hand count of the paper ballots.

Public Defense: There have been discussions about using the magistrate commission to select the regional chief defenders as it is a commission already in place and so there wouldn't be a creation of a new board. Staff is still working on a regional model. It appears most are still on board with this concept. There has been some publicity in the public arena about prosecutor pay versus public defender pay. The publicity states that prosecutors are making three times the number of public defenders. We may need to address this in the public arena. There needs to be more work on gathering information about PA v. PD pay. The Governor's office has discussed pay being on a regional level as well. They would seek to bring the lower PDs up to higher PDs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

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