

IAC Legislative Committee

March 15, 2023 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In Person

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Don Hall*

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2023. Latah County Commissioner Tom Lamar seconded. Motion carried.

Update on 2023 Legislative Package - Update

- [H0070](#) – County Indigent Services - HB735 clean up
Waiting for governor's signature.
- [H0199](#) - Vape tax
We have a new RS hearing tomorrow morning. The chairman has decided to give us a hearing. We have worked to narrate this as not a tax increase. There are two buckets this bill creates. One for the existing juvenile funding and the other will go to the new school facilities fund to help with property tax relief that is in the H0292. Senator Ricks is willing to have a hearing on this. We need to start working the Senate.
- [H0085](#) - DMV Title Fees
Waiting for governor's signature.

New Business (Action)

- [H0101](#) Property Tax No Proration – Opposed (**Update**)
There is a new draft. Waiting for the ok from the Speaker to move it forward as well the committee. There is buy in from other stakeholders. Staff is hopeful that it will continue moving forward.

Franklin County Prosecutor Vic Pearson made a motion to support a new bill if it makes the necessary changes, Bingham County Commissioner Mark Bair seconded. Motion carried.
- [H0236](#) Public Defense (**Update**)
This bill will be heard in the Senate this afternoon. Testimony will be limited significantly since they will only be meeting for an hour. The Senate will be going into caucus to discuss the bill. Sen. Lakey is the sponsor for the Senate. The votes are there for the committee. There will be another working group over the interim to continue the work the bill specifies for the transition from counties to the state.

- [H0273](#) Property Tax Voter Initiative (**Action**)
This would subject the counties to the referendum/initiative process for budgets. Right now, the chairman is not inclined to have a hearing on this, but members still need to reach out to their senators just in case.
- [H0286](#) Bond Levy Communications (**Action**)
This would require any communication/media advertising bond/levy elections would have to have the same information from the ballot. This would limit counties to explain why they are running the bond or levy. The intent to tell people what the actual tax increase is.

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to oppose H0286, Minidoka County Commissioner Wayne Schenk seconded. Motion carried.

- [H0287](#) Energy Codes (**Action**)
This is moving quickly. This won't impact most counties. The county that this would impact is Blaine County. This would limit the counties' ability to adopt codes that are stricter than the states. Last year the bill had a grandfather clause, but this removed the clause, as the legislature feels that Blaine County abused this law. This takes away local control.

Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue made a motion to oppose H0287, Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

- [H0292](#) Property Tax Relief (**Action**)
This was approved the House yesterday. It was 63-7. It is also moving fast. It does this... Wayfair would be restored for locals and part would be used for public defense and buying down school bonds. \$355M in the first year for property tax relief. The most contentious part of the bill is the removal of the March election date for schools. Discussion about whether or not to support and political capital or good will. The committee all agree that there are some good things in this bill but there are some things we would like to see change.

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to support H0292, Franklin County Prosecutor Vic Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

S1073 – There are a few amendments that are being made. There were some that were made but it was sent back to the 14th order. Staff believes that this will make it out of the senate, but we will have to work hard to get it out of the house.

Electric Utilities (Idaho Power) – ask to pay on gross proceedings v. property tax. It would be about a \$4.5M tax shift. There was language of personal property tax, but they pulled that from the draft staff received. Solar and wind currently do this that pay about 3%. Where did the 1.2% come from? They tried to match a percentage with the amount of tax they are paying. If there ever was a full exemption for personal property tax, there would be a push by these companies to move all their property to personal property.

Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue made a motion to oppose this draft, Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

1053a – Secured loads. The amendments made it only apply to contractors and left counties out of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

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