

Minutes of Meeting - DRAFT
IAC District 1

October 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Kootenai County Administrative Building
1st Floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B
451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Attendees:

Benewah County

Phil Lampert, Commissioner

Bonner County

Mike Rosedale, Clerk

Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner

Shoshone County

Tracy Casady, Commissioner

Boundary County

Sue Larson, Treasurer

Glenda Poston, Clerk

Kootenai County

Bill Brooks, Commissioner

Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

Jim Brannon, Clerk

Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk

Steve Matheson, Treasurer

Jill Smith, Chief Deputy Treasurer

Brett Nelson, Undersheriff

Stanley Mortensen, Prosecutor

Ben Crotinger, Chief Deputy Assessor

Other Attendees

Sara Westbrook, IAC

Jake Garringer, Executive Office of the Governor

Marc Kilmer, Rep. Fulcher's Office

A. Call to Order – Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Introductions – Ms. Duncan initiated introductions. Those introduced were Tracy Casady, Shoshone County Commissioner, Ben Crotinger, Kootenai County Chief Deputy Assessor and Stanley Mortensen, Kootenai County Prosecutor. She explained that Mr. Mortensen was recently appointed to the role of Prosecutor and Mr. Crotinger had been recently appointed Chief Deputy Assessor.

C. Changes to the Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.

D. Business

- 1. Approval of minutes – April 15, 2022:** No changes were suggested. Steve Matheson moved to approve the minutes. Phil Lampert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- 2. District 1 Behavioral Health Board Commissioner Representation:** Leslie Duncan said that they were still short commissioners on the Behavioral Health Board and needed two more commissioners from the five northern counties. She pointed out that it was very low commitment, however, they met every first Wednesday of the month at Panhandle Health District and could also meet virtually for convenience.
- 3. January Meeting Election of New Officers:** Ms. Duncan provided a guide to the roles and responsibilities for IAC District officers. She outlined the positions that would be up for election in January. There was discussion about the use of the current balance of funds, with suggestions of discounting dues or possibly legislative representative travel for conferences.

4. ICRMP Board Opening: Ms. Duncan said that with the departure of Dan Dinning, there was now a vacancy on the ICRMP Board, noting that the position must be held by a Commissioner. She said that if someone else were to become District 1 Chair, she would be willing to be on the ICRMP Board.

5. Legislative Representative: Ms. Duncan and Sara Westbrook explained that being a legislative representative included a weekly conference call via Zoom with the legislative committee, in addition to the meeting with District 1. Phil Lampert said that he would consider being on the Legislative Committee.

6. IAC Representative Opening: Ms. Duncan said that there would be an opening and asked if anyone would be willing to be the IAC Representative. Sue Larson and Mike Rosedale both nominated Glenda Poston to remain the IAC Representative. All were in favor. The motion carried. Ms. Duncan said that there was also an alternate IAC Representative and that Mr. Rosedale was the current alternate. Ms. Poston nominated Mr. Rosedale to remain as alternate. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

7. Reports:

a. Legislative Report: There was no information to report.

b. IAC Report: Ms. Poston provided an update on the IAC Conference. She said that there had been discussion on CAT remittance payments and the difficulties of finding a policy analyst.

c. GEM: Ms. Poston said that there had been new ID Cards mailed out but that nothing had changed; she explained that in 2021, insurance companies had started being required to be more transparent, which was the cause for the new ID Cards. She said that the financials for GEM Plan were good, claims had somewhat leveled, and they were still trying to recruit new counties to the GEM Plan.

d. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Ms. Duncan said that the current balance is \$20,646.82.

8. Updates:

a. IAC – Ms. Westbrook announced that Lincoln and Latah counties had sued the State Tax Commission over proration on how the Homeowner's Exemption should be applied, with a decision to come around December. She said that IAC had hired an intern from Boise State, as they were having difficulties filling a data analyst position. Regarding Public Defense Commission, she said that they had been meeting with six commissioners and seven public defenders (state wide), and there had been really good progress made on what public defense should look like.

b. PDC – No updates were provided.

c. Senator Crapo's Office – No updates were provided.

d. Senator Risch's Office – Marc Kilmer provided an update that included legislation for rural areas to easily obtain SBA loans during disasters and discussed other legislation that Senator Risch was working on.

e. Representative Fulcher's Office – There was no update provided.

Jake Garringer provided a brief update from the Office of the Governor. Mr. Matheson encouraged Mr. Garringer to become a part of the main agenda each meeting if he so desired, to which Mr. Garringer agreed.

E. County Updates

Benewah: Mr. Lampert said they were to receive two new bridges, they were updating their Solid Waste Department to become self-funded, and the City of St. Maries had opted to not handle any sewer-related issues outside the city limits. He said that most of the incumbents were running opposed in the upcoming election as well as experiencing unprecedented growth, which was putting pressure on the Planning & Zoning Department. He also mentioned that they would be installing guardrails on a 2.5 mile stretch of Highway 3.

Bonner: Steve Bradshaw said that their Sheriff's Office had seized a bulk amount of fentanyl. Mr. Rosedale said that with employees wanting to work remotely, it makes it difficult to monitor each state's work benefits (FMLA, etc.), especially those counties with one-person payroll teams.

Boundary: Ms. Poston said that the border crossing traffic has increased and were hoping to extend the hours of the crossing. They also had new bridges being installed and two large fires that grew to be one larger fire, which affected the air quality in their region. She also pointed out that they had Narcan kits in most of the offices and all their departments had been running over budget on fuel costs. They also instituted an MOU with Bonner County for Public Defenders, as it was difficult to find them. Ms. Poston also said that there will be four new Elected Officials after the November Election and announced that Sue Larson would be retiring.

Kootenai: Jim Brannon said that the Election's Office was preparing for the November Election and that growth was exploding in Kootenai County. Ben Crotinger said that they had been working on State Board Tax Appeals the whole week which had been going well so far. Mr. Matheson said that there had been some fireworks between the cities and Kootenai County regarding retention of Late Penalties and Interest within the County, noting that Bonneville County was also considering doing the same. Brett Nelson announced that there was a POST Detention Academy opening at North Idaho College, to which the Sheriff's Office already had a Sergeant assigned. He also mentioned that the Jail was dealing with overcrowding. Ms. Duncan said that there had been a meeting to discuss Impact Fees with the local mayors and that all the mayors would need to cooperate in order to collect Impact Fees countywide.

Shoshone: Ms. Casady said she was still getting her feet wet and would be better prepared for further discussion next meeting. Ms. Duncan assured her that she could reach out to anyone in the room with any questions.

F. Public Comment

G. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, with multiple seconds. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Clerked by: Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

Approved on: