

[DRAFT]
Minutes of Meeting
IAC District 1
April 14, 2023

1st floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B
451 North Government Way, Coeur d' Alene Idaho

Attendees:

Benewah County

Sara Sexton – Treasure
Phil Lampert – Commissioner
Robert Short - Commissioner

Bonner County

Steven Bradshaw- Commissioner
Asia Williams – Commissioner
Luke Omodt – Commissioner
Michael Rosedale - Clerk

Boundary County

Glenda Poston – Clerk
Wally Cossairt – Commissioner
Tim Bertling-Commissioner
Dave Kramer- Sheriff

Kootenai County

Jennifer Locke – Clerk
Leslie Duncan – Commissioner
Bruce Mattare – Commissioner
Bill Brooks - Commissioner
Steve Mathison Treasurer

Shoshone County

Jerry White – Assessor
Ben Allen – Prosecutor

Other Attendees

Seth Grigg – Executive Director IAC
Jill Smith – Kootenai County Treasures office
DeeAnn Reed – Kootenai County Treasures Office
Caleb Davis- Representative Russ Fulcher's Office
Jake Garringer – Governor Little's Office

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to order

Chair Benjamin Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Introductions: Chair Allen welcomed all and initiated introductions for those in attendance.
Also, IAC supplied name placards for all members.

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

D. Officer Reports:

1. Secretary Reports – Jerry White

- i. Approval of Minutes from January 13th, 2023.
Motion to approve Glenda Poston, seconded by Leslie Duncan. Motion carried.

2. Treasures Report – Sara Sexton

Sara reported a beginning balance of \$22,146.82. Submitted bills of \$114.86 (snacks), Bonner County for travel reimbursement of \$1,009.23, and \$104.16 (snacks again). For a balance of \$20,918.57.

Motion to approve the expenses by Phil Lampert, seconded by Bob Short. Motion carried.

There was a miscommunication on the snack supply, and so there are plenty for next meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasures report was made by Luke Omodt, seconded by Mike Rosedale. Motion carried.

- 3. Legislative Report: Luke Omodt and Phil Lambert** – Luke had the opportunity to travel to Boise to attend the Legislative meetings and discussed House Bill 292, the public defenders bill, and House Bill 85 on DMV title fee increase. One issue that did not get resolved was the PERSI rule of 80 for supervisors. Hopefully this will be addressed in next year's session.
- 4. IAC Report** – Glenda Poston reported not much to add as the Board meeting and planning is about 2 weeks out. Should have more to report at next meeting.
- 5. GEM Report** – Again Glenda Poston reported that their meeting is next week and should have more to report on after that meeting. One thing they will be discussing is the rates.

E. Business

- 1. IAC Bank Account – Sara Sexton** – Discussion on keeping the accounting in house (District 1) or having IAC staff.

Motion was made to keep accounting in house by Leslie Duncan, seconded by Glenda Poston. Motion carried.

- 2. Sub-Committee Required by By-Laws – Benjamin Allen** – According to IAC bylaws the following sub-committees were formed:

- a. Budget Sub-Committee (Article 3, Section 1)**

- i. **Sara Sexton – Chair**
 - ii. **Appointed – Luke Omodt.**
 - iii. **Appointed Linda Poston**

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Leslie Duncan, seconded by Mike Rosedale. Motion carried.

Legislative Policy Sub-Committee (Article 5, Section 3 (c))

- i. **Luke Omodt – Chair**
 - ii. **Appointed- Phil Lambert**
 - iii. **Appointed – Bruce Mattare**

Motion to accept the appointments was made by Leslie Duncan, seconded by Sara Sexton.
Motion carried.

3. **Elected Officials Meetings** (Article 7, Section 1) – Chair Benjamin Allen. Chairman Allen stated that according to IAC bylaws we should have representatives for each affiliate and asked if the affiliates in District 1 are presently meeting.

Affiliation - Each elected office:

- **Clerk** – Mike stated that statewide yes but regionally no. And volunteered.
- **Treasurer** – Sara reported statewide yes. Regionally not since COVID. Steve Matheson will Chair.
- **Coroners** – None in attendance. Sara will see if Benewah Coroner will chair.
- **Sheriffs** – Regionally no. State level yes. Might be of interest.
- **Assessors** – Regionally no. State wide email several times a month. Jerry White Chair.
- **Prosecutors** – Have just started. Will meet at lunch time via Zoom Benjamin Allen Chair.

Motion to approve the affiliate recommendations by Steven Bradshaw, seconded by Glenda Poston. Motion carried.

F. State Updates

1. **IAC report:** Seth Grigg reported – IAC – The end of the administration of the CAT board is in sight and should be finalized in September. Capital Crimes board will also be done in September 2024. There are several costly cases on going such as Freemont County. Counties should Budget for one more year.
2. Seth gave a brief lesson on how the legislation resolution process works and the requirements for a resolution. The resolutions must pertain to two or more counties and two or more affiliates. Some of the resolutions that were taking up by the Legislative Committee and lobbied on by IAC staff were:
 - a. The EMS Plan/coverage study group. With funding being another issue that will have to be dealt with in the future.
 - b. Aquifers / water users especially in the Southern part of the State.
 - c. Area of city impact.
 - d. House bill 236 Public Defense -transition team from where we are today to the new system – public defense/ public defenders. From/ transition County to regional/judicial districts.
 - e. Transportation funding - good year for Counties – another 200 million for a total of 400 million for bridges. Also, additional dollars for maintenance.
 - f. House bill 292 – property tax – nuts and bolts – process. Will be extra requirements for Assessors, Clerks and Treasures to perform with. Minimal for Clerks and Assessors but considerably more for Treasurers with a small window to accomplish the work. A change of deadline dates might be needed in the future. IAC will have a preliminary effect/benefits and how it pertains to the Counties soon. There could be additional funds with the surplus eliminator. It also eliminates the March election date. HO

proration is still being contested. Being reconsidered. Might be going to Supreme Court. More detail will be offered in the springs County Officials Institute.

3. **PDC** – Jennifer Roark, Regional Director. No report but Jennifer at one time participated via phone. She has shown interest to continue this way but until such a time it can be feasible, she has offered to submit a writing report for future meetings.
 4. **Senator Crapo's Office** – Karen Roetter/Juli Smith, Regional & Deputy Director. No report
 5. **Senator Risch's Office – Mark Kilmer** –Reported the end COVID emergency. Also continued efforts on the repeal "Waters of the U.S". – Sponsor legislation Good Neighbor Authority. And an increase in the Grant allocation. And the Port Hill border crossing
 6. **Representative Fulcher's Office** - Caleb Davis, Regional Director. Representative Fulcher has also been working on the Port Hill border crossing. He also fully supports Good neighbor Authority program.
 7. **Governor Little's Office** – Jake Garringer – The Governor was very pleased with education, property tax relief, and infrastructure legislation.
- G. Presentation** – Public Administration 101 – Sara Sexton gave a presentation on estates with no living relatives and what is involved. It is the hardest part of her job. She advised that law enforcement should be videoing the home before it is sealed up, as caretakers and other people could help themselves to contents. They work on trying to identify family members but even if some are located they can reject being the personnel representative. And often will remove anything of value and then reject. Then the Treasurer becomes involved and hope to pay the burial/cremation costs.
- H. County Reports:**
1. **Benewah**- Spring potholes. Installing camera security system in remote shops. Ordered two new bridge projects. Homeland security – hazard waste. Replaced several roofs with ARPA funds. LHTAC – approved 45 million in bridge work, went to Shoshone County. Solid waste transport is an increasing cost. Maybe the 5 northern counties could do a co-gen plant. Hauling 200 miles one way to Missoula.
 2. **Bonner**- Solid waste is also a problem. Mud season is upon them. ARPA funds are being used for office space freeing up monies to deal with mold remediation. Election process. Bridge projects.
 3. **Boundary**- Last year forest fire bills. Food composting project with the tribe. This would be at our landfill, and it is in a very preliminary state. There is a Fentanyl problem (could be both). Working on the Northern border and meeting with interested parties every quarter. (I would imagine this has to be Boundary). The border crossing at Port Hill is now open till 7:00 p.m., this is a trail period as it was only open till 5:00 p.m., but prior COVID it was open till 11:00 P.M. Library trustee election. Sales tax increase. This is on the ballot for May 16th and has to do with the City of Bonners Ferry raising the sale tax by 1%. And NIC campus remodel. Boundary completed the renovation of the former NIC campus to house the Extension Office. This has expanded their classrooms considerably and its location is within walking distance of the local schools.
 4. **Kootenai**- Still growing with no slow down forecasted for at least a year. Dealing with the growth problems such as the overcrowding of the jail. New rules for water discharge. Are gearing up for budget season soon. Election in May for override election for the Schools.

Elimination of the March election is problematic as parties cannot participate in a Presidential election and would force them to caucus instead.

5. **Shoshone-** No commissioners were present.

I. Public Comment: Sara stated concerns with the curriculum at the schools and lack of discipline.

J. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 by Chairman Allen.