

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Monday, September 26, 2022 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Boise Centre | Boise, ID | Room 130

MEETING AGENDA

- 9:30 am Call to Order | *Chair Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk*
- Welcome and Introductions
 - Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes Linda Jones motion, Wayne Schenk second. Motion carried.
- 9:35 pm IAC Proposed IGA Resolutions
- IGA-02 Change of Venue Fee | *Kristina Glascock, Twin Falls Clerk*
Clerk Glascock presented on the need for this filing fee due to difficulties with Odyssey. IACRC clerks are looking for support from IAC. Annette Dygert moved to support. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.
 - IGA-03 Court Fees Paid to State Treasurer | *Kristina Glascock, Twin Falls Clerk*
Clerk Glascock presented that the clerks want to clean this up to match up with bill from last year. Sabrina moved to support IACRC with this. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.
 - IGA-04 Election Recount Fees | *Kim Muir | Madison Clerk*
Clerk Muir wants to increase recount fees to \$400 to \$500 per precinct. Poll workers from each precinct have to come in to do the recount, so the idea is to help cover the costs of bringing in the workers and administering the recount. Don Hall spoke in support of the motion. Joe Larsen asked if it would be worth it to waive the fees if the recount is successful. Others who spoke up disagreed. The chair pointed out that those votes that are within a certain margin of error receive a free automatic recount. Wayne Denny moved to support as an IAC resolution. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.
 - IGA-05 Food Establishment License Fees | *Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner*
& Carol Mohrle, District 2 Director of Public Health
Commissioner Doug Zenner presented the resolution. When the county resumed responsibility from the state to pay for Health Districts, a source of income was lost.

The county taxpayers end up subsidizing food establishment license fees.

Commissioner Zenner wants the businesses to assume the direct costs instead of the \$1.55 million being passed on to the taxpayers. Brent Mendenhall moved to support IGA-05. Wayne Denny seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-06 Eliminate Preliminary Levy | *Kim Keeley, Teton Clerk*

Kim Muir presented on the resolution and the need to go back to the original levy rate but use 90% of new construction for simplifying purposes. It does not change the 8% cap. Brian Stender spoke in support of the resolution. Sabrina moved to support change. Tracee Lords seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-07 HB735 Clean Up | *Sharee Sprague, Power Clerk*

Commissioner Zenner made a motion to recommend that IAC carry this resolution. Lon Colton seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-08 Law Clerks | *Kathy Ackerman, Idaho Clerk*

Kathy Ackerman explained the problems regarding law clerks being paid by the county but having the courts as the boss. Supreme Court seems willing to support this change to make law clerks and staff attorneys state employees to allow them to be properly managed. Clerks would carry. Asking for general support from IAC. Counties would space and materials similar to court reporters. Joe Larsen said that he talked to Sarah Onmudson last week. The Supreme Court is fully supportive. Joe thinks the biggest stumbling block might be the source of funding. Are counties willing to give up funds they currently use to fund the law clerks? There was a question of whether the Supreme Court would be willing to take on the financial part of it. Abbie Mace said yes. Shoshone County Tammie Eberhard explained that they have a shared judge; the law clerk rarely is in their county, but they are still contributing funding. Joe Larsen said the Supreme Court said they would take it to JFAC, assuming to get the funds needed. Joe Larsen moved to have this be part of the IAC Legislative Package. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-09 Election Disruptions | *Stephen McDougall Graham, Blaine Clerk*

Stephen McDougall Graham presented the resolution sharing difficulties that he had during the last election with conflicting advice from SOS and civil attorney. Graham is seeking clarity about how to proceed. Don Hall moved to support clerks to carry IGA-09. Denise Gill seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-10 Precinct Committeemen No Election if Uncontested | *Abbie Mace, Fremont Clerk*

Abbie Mace proposed that precinct committeemen not appear on the ballot if uncontested. Currently, it adds additional costs and also adds room for error. This

would be the same as city council races, library races, etc. If there is a valid write-in, then the ballot would be printed. Abbie said IACRC would carry. Linda Jones made a motion for IAC to support but clerks carry it. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-11 Nicotine Vapor Products Tax | *Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner*
Don Hall wants to use this as a prevent tool though it would generate some tax revenue. Linda Jones spoke in support saying that if there's revenue from tobacco, there should be a tax on vaping. Glenda moved to support having IAC carry it. Wayne Denny seconded. Motion carried.
- IGA-12 Fair Advisory Board Option | *Jeff Hough, Bannock Commissioner*
Jeff Hough wants to give counties the option to decide between a board and an advisory board. He asks that IAC carry the resolution, not just support it. Decision-making authority would shift from the fair board to the county commissioners. Don Hall said they don't have an issue with their fair board currently, but they like the ability to choose between them. Doug Zenner said it depends on the relationship you have with your fair board. His concern with commissioners being in charge then if the ticket price increases, citizens will complain to commissioners instead of the fair board. Sherry Maupin said the statute is clunky. The entire statute needs to be looked at. Jeff Hough said they agree the statute needs to be reworked. This would be a first step. Cindy Riegel said it should be very clear that the commissioners are in charge of facilities and funding. Sabrina Young asked how the choice would be implemented. Jeff said it would be through resolution. Don Hall said that when the statute was originally written, it was meant for a two-week fair. Now the fairgrounds are an event center with events year-round. This leads to confusion about who the fairground employees answer to. Sherry Maupin asked if every fair boards' books are audited with other county funds. Lon Colton said yes, they do. He expressed concern about commissioners changing their minds and changing back and forth. Brent Mendenhall said he liked the option. He made a motion to support IGA-12. Don Hall seconded. Motion carried.
- IGA-13 Investment of Funds | *Annette Dygert, Owyhee Treasurer*
Annette Dygert shared that there was a resolution presented last year. They pulled it and decided to clean it up. This new resolution just adds a section directing treasurers where to go in statute for information about how to invest. Treasurers would like IAC support. Treasurers would carry it. Sabrina clarified that this is to help newer treasurers. Doug Zenner moved to support treasurers carrying this. Tine Wines seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-14 Adult Guardianship | *Brent Reinke, Twin Falls Commissioner*

Commissioner Reinke gave some background. Wants a workgroup for 2023 to bring back to this body in 2024. Want to try to identify an overall strategy to help counties have funding to pay for a guardianship case manager. Brent Reinke said there is a subcommittee from Supreme Court is meeting in October to discuss. They are trying to figure out what to do. Would like staff support from IAC to help facilitate the work group. Phil McGrane said these are typically people that don't have any family or whose family has disowned them. Want to be able to strategize and plan ahead on how to address this. Doug Zenner moved to petition to IAC Board to have them create a working group. There was a second. Motion carried.

- IGA-15 BOCC Vacancies | *Jared Orton, Minidoka Commissioner*

Wayne Schenk explained the problem the Minidoka Central Committee meeting had because they only submitted one name (winner of the primary) to the governor to fulfill the vacancy. No one else wanted to submit their name because the primary had already decided the winner. Wayne Schenk said he thinks the intention behind this resolution would be that this applies after the primary. Commissioner Wood said they've been in a position where the central committee did not put the winner on the list of three that they submitted. She thinks it would be risky to only have one person on the list. Phil McGrane expressed concern about whether or not the Governor would support this, since it usurps authority. Wayne Schenk requested that IGA-15 be withdrawn, so they can work on the language.

- IGA-16 DMV Title/Vin Fees | *Brian Stender, Canyon Assessor*

Brian Stender presented the issues with revenue loss due to centralization. Proposed to increase title and vin fees to maintain brick-and-mortar county presence. Doug Zenner asked about feasibility since legislators will likely think of this as a tax increase. Brian Stender said the DMV is designed to support itself. This would help that to happen. Donovan Harrington moved to support IAC carrying. Lon Colton seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-17 Travel Convention Tax | *Cindy Riegel, Teton Commissioner*

Cindy Riegel presented about the lodging tax that currently goes to the department of commerce. They collected \$19 million last year. About half went to the state the other half went to businesses and non-profits to promote tourism. The increased tourism puts an added burden on county services. Affordable housing is also affected because long-term rentals become short-terms which eliminates affordable housing. The proposal is to add 2% more to help cover the costs of the tourism impact. Don Hall asked about the feasibility of this getting through. Cindy said that resort cities have had this option for a while. Counties don't have that option. She knows feasibility of a

local option is not possible. Since the state is already collecting this tax, it might not be as big of a lift to get them to increase the tax they're already collecting and help counties with the negative impacts of growth and tourism. Sherry Maupin said she's been talking with her legislators. They are in favor of looking at funding mechanisms to help with the impact of short-term rentals. Don Hall asked again what the feasibility of it is. Cindy suggested that with the right education and approach that this is feasible. She suggested that it could be used as revenue sharing to the county. Sherry Maupin moved to ask IAC to support IGA-17. Annette Dygert seconded. Motion carried.

- IGA-18 Homeowner Exemption Clean Up | Linda Jones, Lincoln Assessor
Linda Jones explained the need to clarify whether or not assessors can prorate the homeowners exemption. She proposed the addition of the words pro-rate to the statute. She said it affects all of the counties, the treasurers, assessors, and budgets. She would like for IAC to carry this. Josh Dison asked whether it is strictly to add a pro-rate or is there also a recapture if someone moves. She said it is not currently in the bill but thinks that would make sense to be included. Josh asked how they decide when it is no longer the person's primary residence. Is it from the day they move out? Linda Jones acknowledged that that level of specificity is difficult. If the assessor knows they moved and no one has applied for the homeowners, then assessors could recapture. Seth Grigg said Rep. Lori McCann would like to run a bill for this again. Last year, it was drafted as a quarterly pro-ration with no recapture. Bob McQuade asked if the court rules in favor of Lincoln/ Latah where would this bill stand? It will likely be a couple of years before it is decided because the counties and the tax commission have both pledged to take the case to the supreme court. Tom Lamar shared that he fully supports this clean-up. Kathleen Atkinson moved to support having IAC carry this with proration language as part of the legislative package.. Rebecca Wood seconded. Sabrina Young asked for clarification regarding how the pro-ration would work. Motion carried.

Phil McGrane asked the committee if they would be willing to work together to prioritize the resolutions that were recommended. Committee recommended the following for consideration for IAC prioritization: IGA-05, IGA-06, IGA-11, IGA-17, IGA-18. There was no objection.

10:55 Review IGA Policy Statements

Chair McGrane recommended that the policy statements be discussed at Midwinter instead of during the current meeting. There was no objection.

11:30 am Adjourn

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