

Justice and Public Safety Committee

January 31, 2023 | 8:00 am – 9:15 am
Riverside Hotel | Juniper Room | Boise, ID

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Matt Clifford*

Ada County Coroner Rich Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2022, Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Opioid Settlement Update

Kelli reminded the committee that there were five new opioid settlements that the Attorney General's office sent MOUs for. They are due in March. Please get those completed and send them in.

Juvenile Probation Fines and Fees | *Erica Marshall, Idaho Justice Project, executive director*

This proposal would eliminate all fines and fees for juveniles. The idea is to improve outcomes for our youth in our communities. We found that the fees are being used for supervision and detention costs, among others. A lot of counties are imposing these fees and they add up quickly. When this occurs it appears this creates a lot of hurdles for the youth. Some counties don't allow youth off of probation until the fines and fees are completely paid. A lot of the families are low income, and this can be a burden on them. The Idaho Justice Project and Rep. Erickson are looking to find general funds to keep counties whole. The two would like to work with counties to review these fees and see if there are specific ones that could be eliminated and those that should stay in place.

What kind of a fiscal impact are you looking at? Counties are collecting \$200,000 average per year and the highest is \$490,000. We were looking to average those and look for state funding to keep counties whole. What about local control? This looks to remove local control and make that decision at a state level. Our magistrate has that control to waive those fees if the families can't pay. The petition fee is used for training of our officers. Erica Marshall: we have justice by geography. We don't feel like this is removing local control because we are looking to fund the system with a more stable source.

An individual should have a cost if they commit a crime. Maybe you could look at the counties that have great programs and fund counties in other areas that don't have them. There has to be accountability. Erica Marshall: We left in the breach of contract fee. Rep. Erickson feels that there are better ways to keep youth accountable other than fees and fines. Would love to have the state pay but this just cuts off the ability to recoup the costs of the services/programs we/counties are providing. Not hopeful that the legislature will fund this. Erica Marshall: We are trying to work on a distribution formula. Funding source? We are looking at IDJC reversion funds.

Legislative Update | *Seth Grigg, IAC; Kelli D Brassfield, IAC*

- HB735 Clean up – Will discuss in the general session.
- Public Defense - Will discuss in the general session.
- Sheriffs -
 - Child abuse reporting – LE has to report 100% to the department. This bill changes the penalty for not reporting correctly.
 - Mandatory minimums – adding fentanyl and heroin.
 - Catalytic converter proposal
 - PERSI bills – monitoring. Rule of 80 and a rehiring bill.

Sheriffs are opposing:

- The restricted driver's license: should not be giving a license to those that are here illegal. ITD will be issuing these.
- Grand theft – Mathias: raising the threshold to \$1800.00. He ran a bill last year.

Senator Lakey and Representative Skaug

Ran out of committee time and Rep. Skaug was unable to make the committee.

Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction | *Monty Prow, IDJC*

Trends over the last 15 years show a continued decrease in youth in custody. You can see how diversion has impacted our custody rates. We are able to take the funding not used on custody costs and put them into the front end to keep kids out of the system.

IDJC is working on implementing the youth crisis and assessment centers. Assessment centers are for low-risk youth to determine what is going on and partner with them to access community resources. IDJC partnered with the national assessment association to help develop grant solicitation. What does this look like for the rural areas? Those areas may have satellite centers to help with coverage. They also have extended hours of operations making it a possibility for those that live a little further away from the center to access their services. Are there rules to keep parents involved? Yes, it is part of the

framework. Just completed the second quarter. What about funding? We have the funding for the year and are watching the legislature for future funding.

What's the difference between the services? The hours of service, one is for prevention, and the crisis center are for those that are actually in a crisis and need immediate help. IDJC is working with IDHW to create these crisis centers. There have been four center awards. Working to get them established by June 30th.

Open discussion

None

Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clearwater County Sheriff seconded. Motion carried.

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