

IAC Legislative Committee

September 26, 2023 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

Boise Centre | Room 120 AB

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | *Chair Don Hall*

Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2023, Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

Resolutions Review (*Action*)

- IGA -01 Law Clerks, State Funding (Passed IGA)
Convert funding from counties to the courts or the state to cover law clerk salaries and benefits. Some TCAs are concerned about what the salary the state pays will not be adequate, and they will lose good law clerks.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- IGA -02 Inflation Based Annual Property Tax Budget Cap (CPI Urban) (Passed IGA)
This proposal would support changing the 3% property tax cap to a formula that would account for inflation greater than the current 3% cap. Is there a legislator willing to carry it? Is this politically feasible? It is going to be an uphill battle, but we need to start the conversation.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- IGA -03 Inflation Based Property Tax Budget cap (Social Security COLA) (Withdrawn by Sponsor)
- IGA -04 Public Works Contractor License Threshold Increase (Passed IGA)
This proposal would change the public works contractor threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- IGA -05 Hospital Property Tax Exemption (Passed IGA)
This proposal does not take away the exemption, but it does scale back the exemption to the definition of “hospital”. They can still apply for the exemptions. This is only for not-for-profit hospitals. There are legislators willing to sponsor this.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- IGA -06 Local Government Travel & Convention Tax (Passed IGA)
This would increase the convention tax for lodging from 2% to 4%. 2% would still go to promote tourism but the other 2% would go to the counties it was collected in to support the infrastructure and services that the tourists are using. What are the surrounding states taxes? Most are between 4-12%. What is the political feasibility? It could be an uphill battle, but we need to make sure all understand this isn’t a tax on our current community, it is a tax on our tourists.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- IGA -07 Area of Impact Agreements
This is a follow up to legislation that was introduced last year, introduced by Sen. Lakey. That legislation stalled out due to some House opposition.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- JPS-01 Cost, Lengthy Jury Trials (Passed JPS)
The state has a couple of high profile/high-cost trials. This would help counties pay for these cases by not having to pay for jury costs after the 5 days. The county is able to get reimbursed for a portion of the jury costs but there are still more costs that the counties need help with.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- JPS-02 Essential Emergency Medical Services (Passed JPS)
OPE study showed that EMS is lacking in Idaho. A taskforce was put together. This would make EMS an essential service and would have counties responsible for coordinating services within their counties. We need to find a funding source.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- JPS-03 Mandatory Sentencing for Trafficking Fentanyl (Passed JPS)
We are looking for a tiered system just like our other drugs. Fentanyl isn’t covered in our current tiered system.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- JPS-04 Increase 911 Fee (Passed JPS)
This proposal would increase the fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00. It would raise about \$15M/year. How do we include the individuals that have out of state phone numbers? There should probably have a national plan on how to port those number, but we need to address the fee that we have in the state right now. We would need to have a public campaign to educate our communities on porting those numbers over.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

- PL-01 Active Wolf Management by IDFG (Passed PL)
This proposal would allow for support of enhanced measures of wolf control. There was a bill that passed through the legislature but was watered down by the time it actually passed.

Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner made a motion to not approve PL-01, Bonner County Commissioner Luke Omodt seconded. Motion carried.

- PL-02 Large Scale Solar & Wind Energy Facilities Siting (Passed PL)
This proposal requires local input on evaluation, approval, and siting of large-scale energy projects. How does it impact the local government? It is impacting the people. It would impact our airport because it would take away from our approach which would have a definite impact on the economy. We would have to put in the roads to these and maintain them as well as the impact to the current roadway infrastructure.

Legislative committee determined the resolution meets the criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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