

District IV Chair Jim Williams, Blaine County Assessor, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance by Mark Swenson, Jerome County Assessor, Invocation by Ben Crouch, Jerome County Commissioner

Minutes of the District IV meeting held February 1 in Boise, Idaho were presented by District IV Secretary/ Treasurer Stephen McDougall Graham, Blaine County Clerk. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Jack Johnson, Twin Falls Commissioner, seconded by Wayne Schenk, Minidoka County Commissioner. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented by District IV Secretary/ Treasurer Stephen McDougall Graham. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Brent Reinke, Twin Falls Commissioner, seconded by Muffy Davis, Blaine County Commissioner. Motion passed.

IAC staff present for the meeting were Sara Westbrook and Amanda Steinmetz.

Introduction of Guests - Idaho Association of Counties Director of Government Affairs Sara Westbrook introduced the newest Commissioner of Blaine County, Lindsay Mollineaux.

H. Sydney Duncombe Award Nominations – Chair Williams explained the nomination process. Kristina Glascock nominated Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties Executive Director. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

- CAT Report – Idaho Association of Counties – Sara Westbrook had no updates.
- ICRMP Report – Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner, reported that it was a “brutal” year for claims. Together with dramatic increases in costs of the re-insurance market, it is likely that premium rates will increase. ICRMP's Carl Ericson, Risk Management Legal Counsel will be replaced with a new attorney.
- GEM Plan Report – Jared Orton, Minidoka County Commissioner, reported that the fund is solvent and sound. Re-insurance costs may increase by 26% but will be negotiated. Increase of medical insurance premiums will not exceed 9.5%. The final premium increase percentage will not be known until re-insurance cost is finalized.
- Legislative Report – Don Hall, Twin Falls County Commissioner, and Wayne Schenk, Minidoka County Commissioner, hosted an open discussion by those present on the freshman class of state legislators, and the recent legislative session. The Legislative Committee members and IAC staff were thanked for their work and excellent communication of legislative developments this session.
- IAC Representative Report – John David Davidson, Blaine County Treasurer, reported on topics discussed at a recent meeting, including a SWOT analysis, retention/ recruitment of employees, proposed changes to trainings at the annual IAC conference, and other topics. Davidson informed the group that NACo, in partnership with the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors is trying to form a think tank, the Center for Public Land Counties (The Center) to educate policy makers about many topics of importance to counties with significant areas of federally managed lands. County-specific voluntary assessments will be sent out by IAC for those counties who wish to support the establishment of The Center. Skip Brandt, Idaho County Commissioner, is the Point of Contact for this effort.
- South Central Behavioral Health Board Report – Don Hall, Twin Falls County Commissioner, speaking on behalf of Angenie McCleary, Blaine County Commissioner, reported that the SCBHB had awarded Jannus, Inc. of Boise with a Mental Health Advocate Award. Hall explained there will not be as much money available for such awards this year. A recent 'Takeback Day' for prescription drugs, with a focus on youth, was successful.

#### Association Reports:

- Assessors – Justin Baldwin, Gooding County Assessor, reported on a recent discussion of adjusting DMV fees to reflect the changing level of effort with respect to certain categories of transactions. Baldwin reported that the housing market seems to be softening in the Valley but cautioned that assessments are one year behind. He reported that the Executive Committee of the Assessor's association is encouraging not utilize proration in assessments. Other topics included whether printing Assessor names on assessment notices constituted electioneering, considering recent legislative bills.

- Clerks – Michelle Emerson, Jerome County Clerk, reported on topics such as the Computer Arts/ Harris data migration project, Tyler Technologies Enterprise Jury Manager, Idaho Supreme Court’s migration the Cloud, fund balances on County Indigent Funds, and current health insurance costs.
- Commissioners – Ben Crouch, Jerome County Commissioner, reported on recent developments concerning the Lava Ridge project. Crouch proceeded to host an open discussion concerning a Natural Resource Litigation Fund, a proposed moratorium of large-scale energy projects, and various other topics including property taxes and the removal of the 3% cap, opioid settlement funding, and juvenile detention.
- Coroners – No report.
- Prosecutors – No report.
- Sheriffs – No report.
- Treasurers – John David Davidson, Blaine County Treasurer, reported on several topics, including the potential financial software transitions from Computer Arts to Tyler Technologies, the pros/cons of printing property tax reminder notices in-house vs. outsourcing, different methods of applying payments, and the impacts of HB292 with regards to property tax-related deadlines.

Schedule Next Meeting – A tentative date of October 12, 2023 was set for the next District IV meeting, to be held in Blaine County, at which time nominations will be made for District IV Secretary/ Treasurer.

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen F. McDougall Graham, District IV Secretary/ Treasurer