

# Minutes of Meeting -DRAFT

IAC District 1

July 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> floor / Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B

451 North Government Way, Coeur d' Alene Idaho

## Attendees:

### Benewah County

Sara Sexton – Treasure

Phil Lampert – Commissioner

Mark L. Reynolds – Commissioner

Donna Spier - Assessor

### Bonner County

Steven Bradshaw- Commissioner

Asia Williams – Commissioner

Luke Omodt – Commissioner

Michael Rosedale – Clerk

Dennis Engelhardt - Assessor

### Boundary County

Glenda Poston – Clerk

Wally Cossairt – Commissioner

Dave Kramer- Sheriff

Jen Economa - Treasure

### Kootenai County

Leslie Duncan – Commissioner

Bruce Mattare – Commissioner

Stanley Mortensen – Prosecutor

Robert Norris – Sheriff

Jennifer Locke - Clerk

### Shoshone County

Ben Allen – Prosecutor

Jerry White – Assessor

### Other Attendees

Seth Grigg – Executive Director IAC

Jill Smith – Kootenai County

Connie Holmquist – Shoshone County

Grace Blomgren – Kootenai County

Jake Garringer – Governor Little's Office

**A. Call to order**

Chair Benjamin Allen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- B. Introductions :** Chair Allen welcomed all and started the sign in sheet. 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**

Approval of Minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>2023 were presented. A motion to approve by Commissioner Duncan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Rosedale. Voted on and passed.

**2. Treasures Report – Sara Sexton:**

Starting balance of \$21027.43. Two bills were presented of \$12.74 for snacks and \$17.23 for donuts. It was moved by Commissioner Lambert and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to pay the bills and accept the Treasures report. Voted on and passed.

**3. Legislative Report: Luke Omodt and Phil Lambert –** Nothing to report.

**4. Budget Committee:** Discussion was had, and it was decided to table this to the end of the meeting,

**5. IAC Report –** Glenda Poston reported on the Board of Directors meeting held in McCall. Updates on the strategic plan was discussed, as were the strengths, goals and objectives. Remote work was discussed for staff. Seth Griggs reminded everyone on the upcoming conference in September and make reservations early.

**6. GEM Report –** Again Glenda Poston reported that a conference was conducted and the rates for medical was set at 9%. This did not include vision and dental, which will remain the same. Also exploring options for reimbursement of all or a portion of the COVID-19 claims. They have reached out to Lobby Idaho and should have updates within the next couple of weeks. These claims are in the excess of \$4,000,000.

**E. Business**

**1. Discussion and approval of the 2023/2024 District 1 budget:**

A length discussion was had and there was some difficulty as we have not had a published budget in the past. Sara asked to table this until end of the meeting, and she was sure she would have something. A motion was made by Sara Sexton and seconded by Mike Rosedale, voted on and passed.

**2. Coffee & County 101:** Commissioner Duncan explained that a large group meeting wasn't conducive to a good meeting. That maybe a breakfast meeting with education on how County Government works would be better. Some of the Legislatures did not show interest in meeting with Counties they didn't represent. Ben Allen suggested that each individual County should invite their Legislatures.

Sheriff Norris stated that we should not wait for this meeting to form a relationship with our Legislatures.

Commissioner Bradshaw stated Legislature don't have a clue how County Government works.

Chairman Alan made a motion that a breakfast meeting with each County office give a 5 minute presentation on what they do and how it is conducted. It was seconded by ??, voted on and passed.

**F. Elected Office Reports:**

**1. Assessors:** Chair White stated that spring is not a good time for Assessors to meet. We have had some discussions and plan on meeting in the near future.

**2. Clerks:** Chair Rosedale reported that they had meet on June 29<sup>th</sup> with all 5 Clerks in attendance. Hot topics were Supreme Court decisions, murder cases and recordings.

3. **Corners:** Chair Nordin could not be in attendance and a briefing was submitted in writing. Last meeting all were in attendance except 1 county and Panhandle Health was also in attendance. Mutual aid and Regional Mass Disaster was discussed. Because of work schedules it will be difficult for regular meetings. Next meeting will be held at the July IACME meeting in Vegas and then again at September's IAC conference in Boise.
  4. **Prosecutors:** Prosecutor Stan Mortensen reported that the group meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Discussion on the new elected State Attorney General emphasis on child pornography/cyber task force has the potential to increase the work load on the County Prosecutors office and Law enforcement. Tips will be submitted which will soon overwhelm the State office and then will be passed down to the local jurisdictions. Last year there were 1500 tips and this year on track for 1900. The State might be able to handle 300. Thus, creating the backlog that will be passed onto the n local counties. Better numbers will be forthcoming in the next few months.
  5. **Sheriffs:** Sheriff Kramer reported that the 10 Northern Counties meet and discussion was had on Public records request and how frequent they are becoming, tying up staff and very time consuming. Jails are becoming dumping grounds for Health and Welfare for mental cases, with no forward thinking on how to pay for it. Overcrowding the jails. Staff and hiring are also a problem. Sheriff Norris stated that a local option tax was discussed. Also, the female population is getting about the same or surpasses the male population.
  6. **Treasures:** Steve Matheson was not in attendance, but Clerk Sexton reported that the Treasures are at about 93% on collections, raising homeowners' values/assessments are of concern especially amongst our elderly on those on fixed incomes, retaining employees, Silver Mountain litigation/reimbursement, certification of fees and the Kootenai County case on Counties keeping penalties and interest.
- G. State Updates:
1. **IAC:** Seth Griggs reported that September conference is just around the corner. All policy resolutions/proposals must be in by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Then they will be presented, debated, voted on and then ranked at the September conference. Also, issues are EMS Task Force, water issues especially in the South, planning and zoning issues. Public defense task force is working on the transition plan and waiting on a Public Defender to be announced. At Clerks and Commissioners conference it was announced on a proposal by NACo. to establish a research center for public lands issues. This would be a volunteer assessment for the counties and not mandatory. Anticipating a short Legislative session this year as it is election year and Legislators will be wanting to get back to their Districts to campaign.
  2. **PDC:** Jennifer was not in attendance but submitted a letter that stated the PDC is excited to present 3 days of workshops for defending attorneys with Larry Pozner, a workshop in Moscow on July 15. PDC Financial Assistance Subcommittee is meeting to review FY2024 assistance applications before making recommendations to the full Commission. And she will be reaching out to each county to set up their next quarterly meeting.
  3. **Senator Crop's office:** Juli Smith nothing to report.
  4. **Senator Risch's Office:** No report
  5. **Representative Fulcher's office:** Insuring that PILT is fully funded and also working on establishing a report on market value of all Federal lands to better establish reimbursements to Counties.
  6. **Governor Little's Office:** Jake Garringer reported nothing new.
- H. **B.O.E and Beyond:** Jerry White and Connie Holmquist gave a presentation on the 6 years Silver Mountain Resort appeal litigation.

**I. County Reports:**

1. **Benewah**- Commissioner Lambert reported that it is construction season, dealing with maga growth which involves more splits and subdivisions, road validations, budgets and the homeowners receiving the brunt of the increase in assessments. Also, the cost of doing business has dramatically increased. Needs outweigh the revenue.
2. **Bonner**- Dealing with a road collapse and waiting on funds from LTAC, BOE's are finished and the average home price is around \$600,000.
3. **Boundary**- Road construction season, problems with their crusher, looking at increasing P&Z fees, struggling to keep employees and sheriff is looking at adding a resource officer.
4. **Kootenai**- Less B.O.E.s this year, budget is looking good, looking at expanding the jail, and establishing a traffic management center which is being labeled by some as a spy center. Also breaking ground on an expansion of their Justice Center Expansion, adding three new courtrooms.
5. **Shoshone**- No commissioners were present. White reported that the B.O.E. was a brutal one this year.

J. **Public Comment:** None

K. **Tabled proposed budget.** Treasure Sexton proposed the following budget:

**FY2023 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	<u><b>FY 2023 Proposed Budget</b></u>	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Proposed Budget
Cash on hand 06/30/2023	<u><b>\$20,912.57</b></u>		
<u><b>DUES</b></u>			
5 Northern Counties @300	\$1,500.00		
<u>Income</u>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		
<u><b>EXPENSES</b></u>			
TRAVEL LEGISLATION	\$2,500.00		
MEETING SNACKS	\$300.00		
LUNCH			
MEETING/EDUCATION/LEGISLATOR	\$1,800.00		
DIST 1 MEETING SUPPLIES	\$200.00		
<u>Expenses</u>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>		
Ending balance	<u><u><b>\$17,612.57</b></u></u>		

A motion by Commissioner Bradshaw was made, second by Clerk Rosedale, voted on and passed.

- L. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Commissioner Omodt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheriff Kramer to adjourn, voted on and passed at 11:58.