

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 2015
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW05
MEMBERS: Chairman Luker, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Perry, Clow, Horman, Malek, Collins, Cheatham, Loertscher, Redman, Kloc, McCrostie, Nye
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Tony Poinelli, Donna Peterson, Caitlin Rusche, Idaho Association of Counties; Andrew Mitzel, Realtors.

Chairman Luker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

RS 23585: **Tony Poinelli**, Idaho Association of Counties presented **RS 23585** which allows a Board of County Commissioners to appoint to the county planning and zoning commission, a resident within a city's areas of impact or an incorporated city when the Board is unable to obtain applicants from outside the area of impact and the incorporated city limits. If a Board must appoint residents from either a city's area of impact to incorporated limits, and the county has multiple cities, then such appointments from such cities must be on a rotation basis. **Mr. Poinelli** requested that **RS 23421** be returned to the him, as **RS 23585** is replacing it.

MOTION: **Rep. Perry** made a motion to introduce **RS 23585**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23421: **Tony Poinelli**, Idaho Association of Counties presented **RS 23421** which is to be replaced by **RS 23585**.

MOTION: **Rep. Loertscher** made a motion to bring **RS 23421** back to the committee and return it to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23564: **Rep. Trujillo** presented **RS 23564** which requires that within thirty days of a property tax becoming delinquent, the county must send notification to the owner of the property. This may impact interest and penalties counties can collect on delinquent properties.

MOTION: **Rep. Loertscher** made a motion to introduce **RS 23564**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23434: **Caitlin Rusche** presented **RS 23434** which clarifies the county tax collector's requirement to bid on a piece of property is optional. When no other person bids on the property, if the tax collector decides it is in the best interest of the county to purchase said property. This can be an option when the property would cost more to maintain or clean up than could be recouped from its sale by the county, if there is no interest to purchase from any party making it difficult to sell, or if the property can be a significant financial liability for the county.

In response to questions, **Ms. Rushe** stated if no one bids on a property it just languishes.

In response to deferred questions, **Donna Peterson**, Idaho Association of Counties stated if a property sits and there are no bids, the land owner has the option to buy the property. If there are no bids on a structure, taxes are still due and are the responsibility of the property owner.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to introduce **RS 23434** with the word "personal" to line 17.

In response to questions, **Ms. Peterson** stated, there is no provision stating that the county can not out bid what is owed to the county in back taxes. If there is a property with a second and third notice, this will more than likely happen to mobile homes and not of high value home and properties.

In response to deferred questions, **Rep. Kauffman** stated this change is in regards to personal property tax.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Luker called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 23434** with the word "personal" added to line 17. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Representative Luker
Chair

Erin Hutto
Secretary