

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 10, 2013

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Sims, Representatives Barbieri, Luker, Perry, Clow, Hancey, Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Malek, Chew, Kloc, Meline

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Ken Harwood and Leon Duce, Association of Idaho Cities (AIC); Russell Westerberg and Raeleen Welton, Westerberg and Associates; Tony Smith, Benton Ellis and Associates; Dan Chadwick and Tony Poinelli, Idaho Association of Counties (IAC); Erik Makrush, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Christie Herrera, Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA); Les Lake, Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition (IFAC); Paul Jackson, Farmers Group Insurance; Teresa Molitor, Lake City Development Corporation (LCDC) and Jerome Urban Renewal Agency (JURA)

**Chairman Barrett** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Chairman Barrett** introduced herself and invited the committee members to do the same. She then asked that the legislative advisors who will be working with the committee provide a brief introduction to the services offered by their agencies.

**Tony Poinelli**, Deputy Director of the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), explained that the IAC provides education and training, and also supports various county agencies. They have helped create a program for indigent healthcare (Community Action Partnership) and will be involved in upcoming legislation to that regard. Additionally, they perform legal research.

**Dan Chadwick**, Executive Director of the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), said that he and **Mr. Poinelli** are available to assist legislators and are happy to come to the Capitol any time they are needed. Their offices are one block away. They will be presenting legislation this year related to the Idaho Public Defender.

**Ken Harwood**, Association of Idaho Cities (AIC), stated that his group produces training manuals, videos, and newsletters to inform and assist officials, at no cost to the users. They also offer several thousand technical assistance services annually. He explained that every city in Idaho, regardless of size, is affected by the same laws except for Bellevue, which operates under its own charter.

**Erik Makrush**, Idaho Freedom Foundation, introduced himself and stated that the Idaho Freedom Foundation is glad to be a resource for legislators. They perform research on an array of issues and focus on transparency.

In response to questions, **Mr. Poinelli** stated that a directory of cities and counties will be provided to legislators later in the session.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Representative Barrett  
Chair

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Mary Tipps  
Secretary