

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wills, Bateman, Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, King, Rudolph, Wintrow
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Stacey Spencer, Tim Morgan, Sara Baker, Craig Quintana, Shari Khauss, Bruce Kelly, Kent Goldthorpe, Bruce Way, Roger Seiber, Steve Prila, Matt Reiber, ACHD; Amber Pence, City of Boise; Jaycon Ronk, Micron; Laura Lantz, IAHD; Jonathan Parker, Holland & Hart, LLP
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wintrow** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 24215:** **Rep. Chaney**, District 10: Caldwell, presented **RS 24215** regarding surviving spouse veteran plates. This proposed legislation allows surviving spouses to display a Veteran's license plate in honor of their loved one.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 24215**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 24200:** **Colonel Bruce Wong** presented **RS 24200** which recognizes and honors the families of Idaho Military Members for their loved ones that serve in our Armed Forces.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 24200**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ACHD:** **Bruce Wong**, Director of Ada County Highway District (ACHD), presented the "Ada County Highway District: "Building on our Past... Looking Toward the Future". He highlighted the mission statement and purpose of the agency. Mr. Wong shared with the committee a synopsis of ACHD history. He went on to say ACHD is governed by a five member elected commission. This agency has over a billion in assets, 331.5 full-time team members and over 436,000 customers. In addition, ACHD maintains a "Road Network" of 4,783 lane miles, 70 miles were added for the Fiscal Year of 2015 due to the State System growing 49 miles in 5 years. In addition, this agency performs surveys every year to check customer satisfaction by performing public opinion polls. For example, the current poll showed a customer satisfaction increase of 20% and the budget is being distributed to appropriate accounts.
- For the Fiscal Year of 2015, **Mr. Wong** announced the fact that ACHD "kept their commitments". Some of their commitments that were accomplished during the year include safety funds which were at an all time low of \$15,000. The insurance strategy saved \$300,000 which was reinvested in operations, commuteride business participation was 16%, and they implemented \$1 million in safe sidewalk improvements. In addition, their employees participated in a fundraiser event which raised \$125,000. This agency received numerous awards such as, the Government Financial Officers Association's Award for Excellence for the 7th year in a row.

For the Fiscal Year of 2016, **Mr. Wong** discussed ACHD's operation focus. He reviewed the ACHD 2016 revenue highlights and expenditure summary. The revenue highlights focused on **H 312**. This bill will provide the Agency with additional funds for transportation roadway and bridge maintenance for an estimated \$5.5 million in revenue for FY16. However, there are challenges for this Fiscal Year: Ada County population growth, system growth, and increased congestion.. As a result, the Ada County Plan submittals are up 25%, Pre construction meetings have increased 40%, development applications increased 55%, impact fee assessment increased 100% over the 1st in Qtr 2015, and increased \$1.5 million over this point last year. Mr. Wong went on to say the FY16 expenditures will finance 51 projects encompassing maintenance, capital, and community projects. Mr. Wong introduced **Commissioner Goldthorpe**. Commissioner Goldthorpe reviewed two recommendations for the Committee to consider which are Eminent Domain, "Pathways" and 129,000 pound trucks on the roads.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Vicky Davies
Secretary