

MINUTES  
**HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW05  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Perry, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Luker, Barbieri, Clow, Collins, Blanksma, Giddings, Kingsley, Manwaring, Zollinger, Chew, McCrostie  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Daniel G. Chadwick and Teresa Baker, Idaho Association of Counties; Larry Maneely, Ada County

**Chairman Perry** called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Daniel G. Chadwick**, Executive Director, Idaho Association of Counties, explained to the Committee the responsibilities that fall to Idaho counties and the types and roles of county elected officials. There are seven county elected offices, but nine elected officials because there are three county commissioners. The ultimate authority in a county is the voter, but the first among equals of elected officials are the commissioners. They do not have any authority over the actions of other county elected officials, but set county policy by managing the budget.

In response to Committee questions, **Dan Chadwick** explained the potential areas of cooperation between counties and cities, in areas such as police forces, treatment of addiction and joint support for local option taxing authority. He noted counties are talking about issues relating to dates on the property tax calendar and potential changes to the county magistrate system. Mr. Chadwick listed the top three issues of the IAC as: behavioral health and crisis centers; the state's public defense system; and way of dealing with opioid addiction.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.

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Representative Perry  
Chair

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Erica McGinnis  
Secretary