

Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS
MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
10:00 A.M. MST

Office of the Idaho Attorney General
Statehouse, Room 210
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, Idaho

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, chairing the meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Item 1A– The Commission Secretary called roll.

The following Commissioners were present:
Lawrence Wasden, Attorney General

The following Commissioners were present via telephone conference call:
Dennis Doan, Chief, Boise Fire Department
Tim Miller, Captain, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office
Wayne Denny, Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Bart May, Clark County Sheriff

The following Commissioners were absent:
Jeff Lavey, Chief, Meridian City Police
Brad E. Johnson, POST Division Administrator
Bryan Taylor, Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney
Louis Hougaard, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Others present: Scott Graff, Public Information Officer (OAG)
Andrew ("Andy") Snook, Chief of the Contracts & Administrative Law
Division (OAG)
Kimi White, Commission Secretary (OAG)

The Chair announced a quorum was present.

Item 1B – The agenda was reviewed; no amendments were made.

Item 2 – Review and recommendations on the proposed revisions of Idaho Code title 67, chapter 88. Chairman Wasden asked the Commissioners if they had reviewed the proposed revisions. The Commissioners all stated they had. Chairman Wasden then inquired how they would like to go through the revisions. Chief Doan suggested that they go through them section by section. Captain Miller informed the Commission that in the first sentence in section 67-8803 an “or” needs to be added between the words “session” and “at”. Chairman Wasden called for a motion. Captain Miller moved to add the word “or” to the first sentence of section 67-8803. Sheriff May seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Captain Miller inquired if dates and deadlines should be included in this section. Chairman Wasden stated leaving dates and deadlines out of the statute provides the Commission with the necessary flexibility to schedule the ceremony.

Sheriff May suggested adding language in section 67-8805 which states the Idaho Sheriff's Association will pay for the cost of the medal for any sheriffs that are awarded. Chief Doan informed the Commission that during the subcommittee meetings he recalls that Chief Lavey confirmed that the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association agreed to pay for the cost of the awards for all law enforcement officers. After further discussion, Chairman Wasden asked the Commissioners if they wanted to leave the revisions in section 67-8805 as written. All of the Commissions agreed to leave the revisions unchanged.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions or discussion concerning the revisions to the statute. Hearing none, he then called for a motion to adopt the proposed legislation. Chief Doan moved to adopt the proposed legislation. Captain Miller seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair stated that the legislation will be introduced to the Legislature and that the Commission will need to obtain some co-sponsors. Chief Doan informed the Commission that Representative Jake Ellis is a retired firefighter and would like to be a co-sponsor. Sheriff May stated that the Idaho Sheriff's Association would be willing to be a co-sponsor. The Chair stated that he will stand and submit the legislation. The Chair then directed Andy Snook, the Division Chief of the Contracts & Administrative Law Division for the Office of the Attorney General, to coordinate with the suggested co-sponsors.

The Chair then thanked the sub-committee for all of their work preparing the legislation and revising the statute.

Item 3 – Chairman Wasden called for a motion to adjourn. Sheriff May moved to adjourn. Captain Miller seconded the motion. Chairman Wasden called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.