

County Government



Teton County Courthouse

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COUNTIES

The primary unit of local government in Idaho is the county. Counties are political subdivisions of the state and serve as an administrative arm of state government in providing services required by state law, such as law enforcement, welfare, and road maintenance. In addition, counties have, in recent years, tended to take on functions of a quasi-municipal character providing urban services such as planning and zoning, water supply and sewage disposal — functions that have traditionally been provided by incorporated cities.

The organization of county government is uniform throughout the state's forty-four counties; however, this uniformity may change due to a 1994 constitutional

amendment that allows for optional forms of county government. The legislature has developed enabling legislation that provides for the optional forms that are available to Idaho's counties. Citizens in the counties have the opportunity to decide whether they want to continue with the current form of government or change to another form.

For further information on Idaho counties, contact:

Idaho Association of Counties,
700 W. Washington
PO Box 1623
Boise, ID 83701
Phone: (208)345-9126
Website: www.idcounties.org

COUNTY OFFICIALS

•The County Clerk, Assessor, Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer, Coroner and Sheriff are elected for four year terms.

•County Commissioners are elected for terms of two and four years with their terms being staggered.

CITIES

Cities are voluntarily organized and may be incorporated under the general laws of the state by the people living within their boundaries. Cities are not primarily an administrative arm of state government but are local units which, for the most part, perform functions that are exclusively local.

Since 1967, all incorporated places in the state are designated simply as "cities" with no further classification. The constitution authorizes the legislature to enact general laws that apply to all cities in the state. There are 200 incorporated cities in Idaho ranging in population from 185,787 in Boise to 10 at Warm River in Fremont County.

Three Idaho cities, Boise, Lewiston, and Bellevue were granted charters from the territorial legislature rather than incorporate under the general laws of the state which govern all other cities. Boise, in 1961, and Lewiston, in 1969, abandoned their charters and joined Idaho's other cities under the general law governing municipal corporations. Bellevue, located

in Blaine County, remains the only city in the state with a territorial charter. The town does not operate under the State Municipal Code, and the state legislature must approve any changes to the charter including annexations.

Most Idaho cities operate under a mayor-council form of government, but all cities have the option to adopt a council-manager plan (where a professionally trained city manager administers the day-to-day needs) if they so desire. Only three cities, Lewiston, Twin Falls and McCall, utilize the council-manager form. On June 26, 1985, residents of the city of Pocatello voted to change to a mayor-council form after nearly thirty-five years under a council-manager system.

An extensive list of city officials may be obtained from:

Association of Idaho Cities
3100 S. Vista Ave, Ste 310
Boise ID 83705
Phone: (208) 344-8594
Website: <http://www.idahocities.org/>

TAXING DISTRICTS

Other local units of government in Idaho include school districts, numerous road districts, cemetery districts, fire protection districts, irrigation districts, junior college districts and other single-purpose taxing units. All of these units have

limited taxing powers but are required to certify their requirements to the county commissioners who must include these needs in the collections made by county tax collectors.



Big Lost Lake

Photo courtesy of Alfred Hagen

Map of Idaho Counties





ADA COUNTY

www.adaweb.net

Established December 22, 1864 with its county seat at Boise. Named for Ada Riggs, the first white child born in the area and the daughter of H.C. Riggs, one of the founders of Boise and a member of the Idaho Territorial Legislature. Boise became the capital of Idaho in 1865.

County Seat: Boise Population: 392,365
 Address: 200 W. Front St. Area: 1,060 square miles
 Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Robert McQuade (R)	(208) 287-7201
Clerk	Christopher Rich (R)	(208) 287-6887
Commissioner District 1	Jim Tibbs (R)	(208) 287-7000
Commissioner District 2	Rick Yzaguirre (R)	(208) 287-7000
Commissioner District 3	David L. Case (R)	(208) 287-7000
Coroner	Dotti Owens (R)	(208) 287-5556
Prosecuting Attorney	Jan M. Bennetts (R)	(208) 287-7700
Sheriff	Gary Raney (R)	(208) 577-3303
Treasurer	Vicky McIntyre (R)	(208) 287-6801



ADAMS COUNTY

www.co.adams.id.us

Established March 3, 1911 with its county seat at Council. Named for John Adams, the second President of the United States. The Council valley was a meeting place for the Nez Perce and Shoshoni Indian tribes.

County Seat: Council Population: 3,976
 Address: 201 Industrial Ave Area: 1,370 square miles
 Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Stacey Swift Dreyer (R)	(208) 253-4271
Clerk	Sherry Ward (R)	(208) 253-4561
Commissioner District 1	Joe Holmes (R)	(208) 741-0971
Commissioner District 2	Michael Paradis (R)	(208) 253-4561
Commissioner District 3	William Brown (R)	(208) 347-2290
Coroner	Susan Warner (R)	(208) 253-3461
Prosecuting Attorney	Matthew Faulks (R)	(208) 253-6896
Sheriff	Ryan Zollman (R)	(208) 253-4228
Treasurer	Christy Wilson (R)	(208) 253-4123



BANNOCK COUNTY

www.co.bannock.id.us

Established March 6, 1893 from part of Bingham County, with its county seat at Pocatello. Named for the Bannack Indians, the first inhabitants of the area, whose name was spelled Bannock by early settlers.

County Seat: Pocatello Population: 82,839
 Address: 624 E Center Street Area: 1,148 square miles
 Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Jared Stein (D)	(208) 236-7260
Clerk	Robert Poleki (D)	(208) 236-7368
Commissioner District 1	Karl E. Anderson (R)	(208) 236-7211
Commissioner District 2	Steve Hadley (R)	(208) 236-7211
Commissioner District 3	Howard Manwaring (R)	(208) 236-7210
Coroner	Kim Quick (D)	(208) 243-1328
Prosecuting Attorney	Stephen Herzog (D)	(208) 236-7280
Sheriff	Lorin Nielsen (D)	(208) 236-7123
Treasurer	Radene Barker (D)	(208) 236-7220



BEAR LAKE COUNTY

www.bearlakecounty.info

Established January 5, 1875 with its county seat at Paris. Named for Bear Lake, which lies half in Idaho and half in Utah. In 1863 the first permanent settlement was at Paris, established by forty Mormon families who came in wagons, in ox carts and on foot over very difficult terrain from Cache Valley, Utah.

County Seat: Paris Population: 5,986
 Address: 7 East Center Street Area: 1,050 square miles
 Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Lynn Lewis (R)	(208) 945-2155
Clerk	Cindy Garner (R)	(208) 945-2212
Commissioner District 1	Bradley Jensen (R)	(208) 945-2678
Commissioner District 2	Rex Payne (R)	(208) 847-2050
Commissioner District 3	Vaughn Rasmussen (R)	(208) 847-3053
Coroner	Chad Walker (R)	(208) 885-9035
Prosecuting Attorney	Steven Wuthrich (R)	(208) 945-1438
Sheriff	Brent Bunn (R)	(208) 945-2121
Treasurer	Tricia Poulsen (R)	(208) 945-2130



BENEWAH COUNTY

Established January 23, 1915, with its county seat at St. Maries, by an act of the state legislature from the southern part of Kootenai County. Named for a Coeur d'Alene Indian chief. Some settlement began after the completion of the Mullan Road in 1860, but most settlers came to the area after the discovery of gold near St. Maries in 1880.

County Seat: St. Maries Population: 9,285
Address: 701 W College Ave. Area: 787 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Donna Spier (R)	(208) 245-2821
Clerk	Deanna Bramblett (D)	(208) 245-3212
Commissioner District 1	Jack Buell (D)	(208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 2	Phillip Lampert (R)	(208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 3	N.L. "Bud" McCall (D)	(208) 245-2234
Coroner	Ronald Hodge (D)	(208) 245-2611
Prosecuting Attorney	Douglas Payne (D)	(208) 245-2564
Sheriff	David Resser (R)	(208) 245-2555
Treasurer	Sara Sexton (D)	(208) 245-2421



BINGHAM COUNTY

www.co.bingham.id.us

Established January 13, 1885, with its county seat at Blackfoot, from the east and north parts of Oneida County. Named by Territorial Governor William M. Bunn for his friend Henry Harrison Bingham, a Pennsylvania Congressman. Fremont County was carved out of Bingham in 1893, Bonneville in 1911, Power in 1913, and Butte in 1917.

County Seat: Blackfoot Population: 45,607
Address: 501 N. Maple Street Area: 2,183 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Ronald Simmons (R)	(208) 782-3016
Clerk	Pamela W. Eckhardt (R)	(208) 782-3160
Commissioner District 1	Mark Bair (R)	(208) 782-3010
Commissioner District 2	Whitney Manwaring (R)	(208) 782-3011
Commissioner District 3	Lad Carter (R)	(208) 782-3012
Coroner	Michael Gardner (R)	(208) 782-3153
Prosecuting Attorney	Cleve Colson (R)	(208) 782-3101
Sheriff	Craig Rowland (R)	(208) 782-3047
Treasurer	Tanna Beal (R)	(208) 782-3092



BLAINE COUNTY

www.co.blaine.id.us

Established March 5, 1895 with Hailey as the county seat. Named for James G. Blaine, U.S. Secretary of State (1889-1892) under President Benjamin Harrison. The area was first explored in 1818 by Donald MacKenzie.

County Seat: Hailey Population: 21,376
Address: 206 1st Avenue S. Area: 2,655 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Valdi Pace (D)	(208) 788-5535
Clerk	JoLynn Drage (D)	(208) 788-5531
Commissioner District 1	Lawrence Schoen (D)	(208) 788-5500
Commissioner District 2	Jacob Greenberg (D)	(208) 788-5500
Commissioner District 3	Angenie McCleary (D)	(208) 788-5500
Coroner	Russ Mikel (R)	(208) 578-1000
Prosecuting Attorney	Jim Thomas (D)	(208) 788-5545
Sheriff	Gene Ramsey (R)	(208) 788-5551
Treasurer	John David Davidson (R)	(208) 788-5530



BOISE COUNTY

www.boisecounty.us

Established February 4, 1864 with its county seat at Idaho City. Named for the Boise River, which was named by French-Canadian explorers and trappers for the great variety of trees growing along its banks. The Boise Basin, in which Idaho City lies, was one of the richest gold mining districts in the nation after the discovery of gold in 1862. At its peak in the 1860s and 1870s Idaho City was for a time the largest city in the Northwest. It was this great influx of people that led to the establishment of the Idaho Territory.

County Seat: Idaho City Population: 7,028
Address: 419 Main Street Area: 1,908 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Chris Juszczak (R)	(208) 392-4415
Clerk	Mary Prisco (R)	(208) 392-4431
Commissioner District 1	Roger Jackson (R)	(208) 392-4384
Commissioner District 2	Alan Ward (R)	(208) 462-3439
Commissioner District 3	Vicki Wilkins (R)	(208) 392-4431
Coroner	Pamela Garlock (R)	(208) 392-4411
Prosecuting Attorney	Ian Gee (R)	(208) 392-4485
Sheriff	Ben Roeber (R)	(208) 392-4411
Treasurer	April Hutchings (R)	(208) 392-4441



BONNER COUNTY

www.co.bonner.id.us

Established February 21, 1907 with its county seat at Sandpoint. It was named for Edwin L. Bonner, who in 1864 established a ferry on the Kootenai River where the town of Bonners Ferry is located. The ferry became an important site in emigrant travel between Walla Walla to the placer and quartz mines in British Columbia.

County Seat: Sandpoint Population: 40,877
Address: 215 South First Ave. Area: 1,737 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Jerry Clemons (R)	(208) 265-1440
Clerk	Michael Rosedale (R)	(208) 265-1437
Commissioner District 1	Glen Bailey (R)	(208) 265-1438
Commissioner District 2	Todd Sudick (R)	(208) 265-1438
Commissioner District 3	Cary Kelly (R)	(208) 265-1438
Coroner	Kathryn Rose (R)	(208) 263-6714
Prosecuting Attorney	Louis Marshall (R)	(208) 263-6714
Sheriff	Daryl Wheeler (R)	(208) 263-8417
Treasurer	Cheryl Piehl (R)	(208) 265-1433



BONNEVILLE COUNTY

www.co.bonneville.id.us

Established February 7, 1911 by the state legislature from the north and east parts of Bingham County. Named for Capt. B.L.E. Bonneville, of the U.S. Army, who explored throughout the Snake River area in the 1830s. A settlement developed at the site of the Eagle Rock ferry on the Snake River in 1864, this settlement was to be known as Idaho Falls after 1891.

County Seat: Idaho Falls Population: 104,234
Address: 605 N. Capital Ave. Area: 1,897 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Blake Mueller (R)	(208) 529-1350
Clerk	Ronald Longmore (R)	(208) 529-1350
Commissioner District 1	Roger Christensen (R)	(208) 529-1350
Commissioner District 2	Dave Radford (R)	(208) 529-1350
Commissioner District 3	Lee Staker (R)	(208) 529-1350
Coroner	Rick Taylor (R)	(208) 533-6999
Prosecuting Attorney	Daniel Clark (R)	(208) 529-1350
Sheriff	Paul Wilde (R)	(208) 529-1375
Treasurer	Mark Hansen (R)	(208) 529-1350



BOUNDARY COUNTY

www.boundarycountyid.org

Established January 23, 1915 with its county seat at Bonners Ferry. It was so named because it borders Canada on the north, Washington on the west, and Montana on the east as well as Bonner County on the south.

County Seat: Bonners Ferry Population: 10,972
 Address: 6452 Kootenai Street Area: 1,277 square miles
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	David Ryals (R)	(208) 267-3301
Clerk	Glenda Poston (R)	(208) 267-2242
Commissioner District 1	LeAlan Pinkerton (R)	(208) 267-7723
Commissioner District 2	Walt Kirby (R)	(208) 267-7723
Commissioner District 3	Dan Dinning (R)	(208) 267-7723
Coroner	Mick Mellett (D)	(208) 267-2146
Prosecuting Attorney	John "Jack" Douglas (R)	(208) 267-7545
Sheriff	Greg Sprungl (R)	(208) 267-3151
Treasurer	Sue Larson (R)	(208) 267-3291

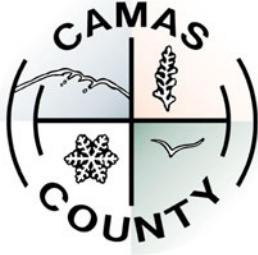


BUTTE COUNTY

Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Arco. It was named for the buttes that rise from the Snake River plain and served as landmarks to trappers and pioneers who traveled through the area. The first white men in the region were thought to be Donald MacKenzie and his Northwest Fur Company trappers in 1818.

County Seat: Arco Population: 2,891
 Address: 248 W. Grand Ave. Area: 2,237 square miles
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Laurie Gamett (R)	(208) 527-8288
Clerk	Shelly Shaffer (R)	(208) 527-3021
Commissioner District 1	Seth Beal (R)	(208) 527-3137
Commissioner District 2	Rose Bernal (R)	(208) 604-4033
Commissioner District 3	Brian Harrell (R)	(208) 767-3511
Coroner	Tara Beard Persons (W/I)	(208) 530-2005
Prosecuting Attorney	Steve Stephens (R)	(208) 527-3458
Sheriff	Wes Collins (R)	(208) 527-8553
Treasurer	Lori Beck (R)	(208) 527-3047



CAMAS COUNTY

Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Fairfield. Named for the lily-like plant found in this area with an edible bulb used as a staple food by Indians and as hog fodder by settlers.

County Seat: Fairfield Population: 1,117
Address: 501 Soldier Road Area: 1,077 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Lynn McGuire (R)	(208) 764-2370
Clerk	Korri Blodgett (R)	(208) 764-2242
Commissioner District 1	Barbara McMurdo (R)	(208) 764-2211
Commissioner District 2	Ron Chapman (R)	(208) 764-2671
Commissioner District 3	Kenneth Backstrom (R)	(208) 764-2613
Coroner	Wesley Walker (R)	(208) 358-2651
Prosecuting Attorney	Matt Pember (R)	(208) 764-2251
Sheriff	David Sanders (R)	(208) 764-2809
Treasurer	Gayle Bachtell (R)	(208) 764-2126



CANYON COUNTY

www.canyoncounty.org

Established on March 7, 1891 with its county seat at Caldwell. Current sources attribute the name to the canyon of the Boise River near Caldwell. However, both John Rees and Vardis Fisher believed it named for the Snake River Canyon, which forms a natural boundary for the county. The Hudson’s Bay Company established Fort Boise in 1834, near what is now Parma, but abandoned it in 1855. Emigrants traveled through Canyon County on the Oregon Trail.

County Seat: Caldwell Population: 188,923
Address: 1115 Albany Area: 603 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Gene Kuehn (R)	(208) 454-7431
Clerk	Chris Yamamoto (R)	(208) 454-7337
Commissioner District 1	Steven Rule (R)	(208) 454-7507
Commissioner District 2	Tom Dale (R)	(208) 454-7507
Commissioner District 3	Craig Hanson (R)	(208) 454-7503
Coroner	Vicki DeGeus-Morris (R)	(208) 454-7523
Prosecuting Attorney	Bryan Taylor (R)	(208) 454-7391
Sheriff	Kieran Donahue (R)	(208) 454-7510
Treasurer	Tracie Lloyd (R)	(208) 454-7355

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CARIBOU COUNTY

www.co.caribou.id.us

Established February 11, 1919 with its county seat at Soda Springs, the last county in Idaho to be created. Named for the Caribou Mountains, which in turn are named for Caribou Fairchild, who had taken part in the gold rush in the Cariboo region of British Columbia in 1860. He discovered gold in this region two years later. This area was on the routes of the earliest explorers, fur trappers and Oregon Trail emigrants. Thousands of emigrants passed through the present site of Soda Springs, so named for the many effervescent natural springs in the area.

County Seat: Soda Springs Population: 6,963
Address: 159 S. Main Area: 1,799 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Aaron Cook (R)	(208) 547-4749
Clerk	Denise Horsley (R)	(208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 1	Phil Christensen (R)	(208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 2	Earl Somesen (R)	(208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 3	Mark Mathews (R)	(208) 547-4324
Coroner	F. Duayne Sims (R)	(208) 547-3742
Prosecuting Attorney	S. Douglas Wood (R)	(208) 547-1930
Sheriff	Ric Anderson (R)	(208) 547-2561
Treasurer	Angie Mendehall (R)	(208) 547-3726



CASSIA COUNTY

www.cassiacyounty.org

Established February 20, 1879 with its county seat at Albion. The county boundaries were later reduced in 1913 by the creation of Twin Falls and Power counties. The county seat was changed to Burley on November 5, 1918. Named for Cassia Creek, which was named for one of two words: cajeaux, peasant French for raft; or James John Cazier, member of the LDS Church and of the Mormon Battalion, later a colorful captain of an emigrant train, whose name was corrupted to Cassia. Locally it is also believed that the name is derived from the name of a plant.

County Seat: Burley Population: 22,952
Address: 1459 Overland Ave. Area: 2,577 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Dwight Davis (R)	(208) 878-3540
Clerk	Joseph Larsen (R)	(208) 878-5231
Commissioner District 1	Paul Christensen (R)	(208) 678-2399
Commissioner District 2	Bob Kunau (R)	(208) 878-7302
Commissioner District 3	Dennis Crane (R)	(208) 878-7302
Coroner	Craig Rinehart (R)	(208) 431-0119
Prosecuting Attorney	Doug Abenroth (R)	(208) 878-0419
Sheriff	Jay Heward (R)	(208) 878-9323
Treasurer	Patty Justesen (R)	(208) 878-7202



CLARK COUNTY

Established February 1, 1919 with its county seat at Dubois. Named for Sam K. Clark, early settler on Medicine Lodge Creek who became the first state senator from Clark County. The city of Dubois was named for U.S. Senator Fred Dubois, a prominent Idaho political figure in early history.

County Seat: Dubois

Population: 982

Address: 224 W Main Street

Area: 1,764 square miles

Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Carrie May (R)	(208) 374-5404
Clerk	Vacant	
Commissioner District 1	Nick Hillman (R)	(208) 390-4531
Commissioner District 2	Gregory Shenton (R)	(208) 374-5274
Commissioner District 3	Tod Shenton (R)	(208) 374-5813
Coroner	Brenda Laird (R)	(208) 351-8852
Prosecuting Attorney	Kent Gauchey (I)	(208) 523-2000
Sheriff	Bart May (R)	(208) 374-5403
Treasurer	Annette Zweifel (R)	(208) 374-5455



CLEARWATER COUNTY

www.clearwatercounty.org

Established in February 27, 1911 with its county seat at Orofino. Named for the Clearwater River whose name was translated from the Nez Perce term Koos-Koos-Kai-Kai, describing clear water. In 1805, Lewis and Clark followed an old Indian trail between the north and middle forks of the Clearwater River and met the Nez Perce near the present site of Weippe. Gold was first discovered by E.D. Pierce in 1860 and Pierce City, the oldest mining town in Idaho, came into existence.

County Seat: Orofino

Population: 8,761

Address: 150 Michigan Ave.

Area: 2,488 square miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Susan Spencer (R)	(208) 476-7042
Clerk	Carrie Bird (D)	(208) 476-5615
Commissioner District 1	Don Ebert (D)	(208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 2	John Smith (R)	(208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 3	John Allen (D)	(208) 476-3615
Coroner	Vincent Frazier (R)	(208) 476-4521
Prosecuting Attorney	E. Clayne Tyler (R)	(208) 476-5611
Sheriff	Chris Goetz (R)	(208) 476-4521
Treasurer	Dawn Erlewine (D)	(208) 476-5213



FRANKLIN COUNTY

www.franklincountyidaho.org

Established January 30, 1913 with its county seat at Preston. Named for the first settlement in Idaho, Franklin, which in turn was named for Franklin Richards, an apostle of the Mormon church. The settlement began in Franklin county in 1860 with thirteen families.

County Seat: Preston Population: 12,786
 Address: 39 W. Oneida Area: 667 square miles
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Jase Cundick (R)	(208) 852-1091
Clerk	Shaunna Geddes (R)	(208) 852-1090
Commissioner District 1	Boyd Burbank (R)	(208) 244-0639
Commissioner District 2	Scott Workman (R)	(208) 339-3085
Commissioner District 3	Dirk Bowles (R)	(208) 221-1398
Coroner	Ron Smellie (R)	(208) 852-0533
Prosecuting Attorney	Vic Pearson (R)	(208) 852-9119
Sheriff	David Fryar (R)	(208) 852-1234
Treasurer	Jeanette McKay (R)	(208) 852-1095



FREMONT COUNTY

www.co.fremont.id.us

Established March 4, 1893 with its county seat at St. Anthony. Named for John C. Fremont, an explorer known as the "Pathfinder" who passed through the area in 1843. The first settlement in the county was Egin Bench in 1879.

County Seat: St. Anthony Population: 13,242
 Address: 151 West 1st North Area: 1,894 square miles
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Kathy Thompson (R)	(208) 624-7984
Clerk	Abbie Mace (R)	(208) 624-7332
Commissioner District 1	Bill Baxter (R)	(208) 624-4271
Commissioner District 2	LeRoy "Lee" Miller (R)	(208) 458-4271
Commissioner District 3	Jordon Stoddard (R)	(208) 624-4271
Coroner	Bonnie Burlage (R)	(208) 624-4482
Prosecuting Attorney	Karl Lewies (R)	(208) 624-4418
Sheriff	Len Humphries (R)	(208) 624-4482
Treasurer	J'lene Cherry (R)	(208) 624-3361



GEM COUNTY

www.co.gem.id.us

Established March 19, 1915 with its county seat at Emmett. Named for the state nickname, “Gem State.” Fur trappers were in the area as early as 1818 and Alexander Ross explored Squaw Creek in 1824. Prospectors and miners moved through the county in 1862 in route to the gold rush in the Boise Basin, and by the next year irrigation began along the Payette River.

County Seat: Emmett Population: 16,719
Address: 415 E. Main Street Area: 564 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Rick Johnston (R)	(208) 365-2982
Clerk	Shelly Tilton (R)	(208) 365-4561
Commissioner District 1	Norvill Bryan Elliott (R)	(208) 365-4561
Commissioner District 2	Bill Butticci (R)	(208) 447-2018
Commissioner District 3	Mark Rekow (R)	(208) 477-2017
Coroner	John Buck (R)	(208) 365-4491
Prosecuting Attorney	Richard Linville (I)	(208) 365-2106
Sheriff	Charles “Chuck” Rolland (R)	(208) 365-3521
Treasurer	Connie Goins (R)	(208) 365-3272



GOODING COUNTY

www.goodingcounty.org

Established January 28, 1913 with its county seat at Gooding. Named for Frank R. Gooding, pioneer sheep rancher, early mayor of the city of Gooding, later Idaho governor and U.S. Senator. Mountain men and fur traders trapped the Malad River extensively in the early 1800s. Settlers came to the rich agricultural lands of the Hagerman Valley in the 1860s.

County Seat: Gooding Population: 15,464
Address: 624 Main Street Area: 733 square miles
Business Hours: M-TH 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Assessor	Patty Bauscher (R)	(208) 934-5666
Clerk	Denise Gill (R)	(208) 934-4841
Commissioner District 1	Helen Edwards (R)	(208) 934-5782
Commissioner District 2	Mark Bolduc (R)	(208) 539-4347
Commissioner District 3	Wayne Chandler (R)	(208) 536-2578
Coroner	Steve Spence (R)	(208) 539-5172
Prosecuting Attorney	Luverene Schull (R)	(208) 934-4493
Sheriff	Shaun Gough (R)	(208) 934-4421
Treasurer	Christine “Tine” Wines (R)	(208) 934-5673



IDAHO COUNTY

www.idahocounty.org

Established February 4, 1864 by the First Idaho Territorial Legislature with its county seat at Florence. In 1861 it had been established as the third county of the Washington Territory. Named for the steamer *Idaho* that was launched June 9, 1860 on the Columbia River and served miners during the gold rush in north Idaho. In 1875 Mount Idaho was named the county seat, in 1902 the county seat was moved to Grangeville following a 10-year struggle between Grangeville and Mount Idaho.

County Seat: Grangeville Population: 16,267
Address: 320 W. Main Area: 8,503 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	James Zehner (R)	(208) 983-2742
Clerk	Kathy Ackerman (R)	(208) 983-2751
Commissioner District 1	Skipper Brandt (R)	(208) 983-2751
Commissioner District 2	Mark Frei (R)	(208) 983-2751
Commissioner District 3	Jim Chmelik (R)	(208) 983-2751
Coroner	Cody Funke (R)	(208) 983-1100
Prosecuting Attorney	Kirk MacGregor (R)	(208) 983-0166
Sheriff	Doug Giddings (R)	(208) 983-1100
Treasurer	Abbie Hudson (R)	(208) 983-2801



JEFFERSON COUNTY

www.co.jefferson.id.us

Established February 18, 1913 with its county seat at Rigby. Named for Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States. The first settlers were Mormons who constructed irrigation systems.

County Seat: Rigby Population: 26,140
Address: 210 Courthouse Way Area: 1,106 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Cody Taylor (R)	(208) 745-9215
Clerk	Colleen Casper Poole (R)	(208) 745-7756
Commissioner District 1	Brian Farnsworth (R)	(208) 745-9222
Commissioner District 2	Scott Hancock (R)	(208) 745-9222
Commissioner District 3	Jerald Raymond (R)	(208) 745-9222
Coroner	LaVar Summers (R)	(208) 663-4630
Prosecuting Attorney	Robin Dunn (R)	(208) 745-9202
Sheriff	Blair Olsen (R)	(208) 745-9210
Treasurer	Kristine Lund (R)	(208) 745-9219

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JEROME COUNTY

www.jeromecounty.id.us

Established February 8, 1919 with its county seat at Jerome. Three sources for the name are commonly given: Jerome Hill, one of the developers of North Side Irrigation Project; his grandson, Jerome Kuhn, Jr.; or his son-in-law, Jerome Kuhn. All were important to the growth of the county.

County Seat: Jerome Population: 22,374
 Address: 300 N. Lincoln Area: 605 square miles
 Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Rick Haberman (R)	(208) 644-2745
Clerk	Michelle Emerson (R)	(208) 644-2714
Commissioner District 1	Cathy Roemer (R)	(208) 644-2702
Commissioner District 2	Charles Howell (R)	(208) 644-2701
Commissioner District 3	Roger Morley (R)	(208) 644-2703
Coroner	Gerald Brant (R)	(208) 539-0341
Prosecuting Attorney	John Horgan (R)	(208) 644-2630
Sheriff	Douglas "Doug" McFall (R)	(208) 644-2771
Treasurer	Tevian Ekren-Kober (R)	(208) 644-2720



KOOTENAI COUNTY

www.kcgov.us

Established December 22, 1864 by the Second Territorial Legislature with Seneaqueuten, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaqueuten as county seat in 1881 and Coeur d'Alene replaced Rathdrum in 1908. Named for the Kutenai Indians who inhabited the area when the white man arrived. The word is derived from the Kutenai word meaning "water people."

County Seat: Coeur d'Alene Population: 138,494
 Address: 451 Government Way Area: 1,310 square miles
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Mike McDowell (R)	(208) 446-1500
Clerk	Jim Brannon (R)	(208) 446-1651
Commissioner District 1	Marc Eberlein (R)	(208) 446-1604
Commissioner District 2	David Stewart (R)	(208) 446-1606
Commissioner District 3	Dan Green (R)	(208) 446-1605
Coroner	Warren Keene (R)	(208) 446-2199
Prosecuting Attorney	Barry McHugh (R)	(208) 446-1800
Sheriff	Ben Wolfinger (R)	(208) 446-1300
Treasurer	Steven Matheson (R)	(208) 446-1005



LATAH COUNTY

www.latah.id.us

This area was first formed as Lah-Toh County in 1864 with Coeur d'Alene as the county seat. In 1867 the name Lah-Toh was dropped when the area was placed in Nez Perce County. On May 14, 1888 the U.S. Congress created the county as we know it, the 16th Idaho county and the only Idaho county to be created by Congress. Named for Latah Creek, which drains the northwest corner. The name is NezPerce and means "the place of pine trees and pestle," because the Indians found stones here suitable for pulverizing camas

roots, and also found shade under the pine trees in which to work.

County Seat: Moscow

Population: 37,244

Address: 522 South Adams

Area: 1,077 square miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Patrick Vaughan (D)	(208) 883-5710
Clerk	Henriette K. Westberg (D)	(208) 883-2249
Commissioner District 1	Richard Walser (D)	(208) 883-2272
Commissioner District 2	Tom Lamar (D)	(208) 883-2275
Commissioner District 3	Dave McGraw (R)	(208) 883-2271
Coroner	Cathy Mabbutt (D)	(208) 883-2248
Prosecuting Attorney	Bill Thompson (D)	(208) 883-2246
Sheriff	Wayne Rausch (R)	(208) 882-2216
Treasurer	Lois Reed (R)	(208) 883-2253



LEMHI COUNTY

www.lemhcountyidaho.org

Established January 9, 1869 with its county seat at Salmon. Named for Fort Lemhi, the L.D.S. Salmon River Mission, which was named for King Lemhi in the Book of Mormon. Lewis and Clark were the first white men in this area.

County Seat: Salmon

Population: 7,963

Address: 206 Courthouse Dr.

Area: 4,571 square miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Jenny Rosin (R)	(208) 756-2815
Clerk	Terri Morton (R)	(208) 756-2815
Commissioner District 1	Ken Miner (R)	(208) 756-7075
Commissioner District 2	Richard Snyder (R)	(208) 756-0419
Commissioner District 3	John Jakovac (R)	(208) 756-3656
Coroner	Mike Ernest (R)	(208) 756-2815
Prosecuting Attorney	Paul Withers (R)	(208) 756-2009
Sheriff	Lynn Bowerman (R)	(208) 756-8980
Treasurer	Mary Ann Heiser (R)	(208) 756-2815



LEWIS COUNTY

www.lewiscountyyid.us

Established March 3, 1911 with its county seat at Nezperce. Named for Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Nez Perce Indians made this area their home and knew no whites until the Lewis and Clark expedition, the expedition spent a month in the Clearwater River Valley near the town of Kamiah on its return from the Pacific Coast in May 1806.

County Seat: Nezperce Population: 3,735
Address: 510 Oak Street Area: 480 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Shelley Brian (D)	(208) 937-2320
Clerk	Lisa Winner (D)	(208) 937-2661
Commissioner District 1	Greg Johnson (R)	(208) 937-2661
Commissioner District 2	Carroll Keith (R)	(208) 937-2661
Commissioner District 3	Don Davis (R)	(208) 937-2661
Coroner	Perry Larson (R)	(208) 937-2447
Prosecuting Attorney	Zachary Pall (I)	(208) 937-2271
Sheriff	Brian Brokop (D)	(208) 937-2447
Treasurer	Pauline Malone (D)	(208) 937-2341



LINCOLN COUNTY

www.lincolncountyyid.us

Established March 18, 1895 with its county seat at Shoshone. Lincoln was much larger originally, in 1913 Gooding and Minidoka took about half the original Lincoln County, after the creation of Jerome in 1919, Lincoln was left with only 1,206 square miles. Named for President Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, under whose administration the Idaho Territory was established.

County Seat: Shoshone Population: 5,208
Address: 111 West B Street Area: 1,206 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Linda Jones (R)	(208) 886-2161
Clerk	Brenda Farnworth (R)	(208) 886-7641
Commissioner District 1	Cresley McConnell (R)	(208) 420-2350
Commissioner District 2	Rebecca Wood (D)	(208) 886-7641
Commissioner District 3	Roy Hubert (R)	(208) 886-7641
Coroner	Keith Davis (R)	(208) 886-2224
Prosecuting Attorney	E. Scott Paul (R)	(208) 886-2454
Sheriff	Kevin Ellis (R)	(208) 886-2250
Treasurer	Ann Youts (R)	(208) 886-7681



MADISON COUNTY

www.co.madison.id.us

Established February 18, 1913 with its county seat at Rexburg. Named for President James Madison, the fourth president of the United States. First settlers in the county were Mormon families from Utah, who built the first irrigation system.

County Seat: Rexburg

Population: 37,536

Address: 134 E Main Street

Area: 473 square miles

Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Shawn Boice (R)	(208) 356-3071
Clerk	Kim Muir (R)	(208) 359-6200
Commissioner District 1	Kimber Ricks (R)	(208) 313-6585
Commissioner District 2	Jon Weber (R)	(208) 390-6128
Commissioner District 3	Todd Smith (R)	(208) 313-5035
Coroner	Rick Davis (R)	(208) 313-4800
Prosecuting Attorney	Sid Brown (R)	(208) 356-7768
Sheriff	Roy Klingler (R)	(208) 356-5426
Treasurer	Sherry Arnold (R)	(208) 359-6217



MINIDOKA COUNTY

www.minidoka.id.us

Established January 28, 1913 with its county seat at Rupert. Named directly for the first settlement, Minidoka, a railroad siding. The name is Indian, but the exact meaning is in dispute. Some believe that Minidoka means “well, spring” but there was not a source of water such as a well or spring until 1946. Others say the word is Shoshoni and means “broad expanse,” because the broadest portion of the Snake River Plain lies here.

County Seat: Rupert

Population: 20,069

Address: 715 East G Street

Area: 762 square miles

Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Max Vaughn (R)	(208) 436-7181
Clerk	Patty Temple (R)	(208) 436-7111
Commissioner District 1	Robert Moore (R)	(208) 436-7111
Commissioner District 2	Kent McClellan (R)	(208) 312-2220
Commissioner District 3	Sheryl Koyle (R)	(208) 436-9429
Coroner	Lucky Bourn (R)	(208) 300-0342
Prosecuting Attorney	Lance Stevenson (R)	(208) 436-7187
Sheriff	Eric Snarr (R)	(208) 434-2324
Treasurer	Laura Twiss (R)	(208) 436-7188



NEZ PERCE COUNTY

www.co.nezperce.id.us

Established February 4, 1864 by the Idaho Territorial Legislature with its county seat at Lewiston. Named for the Nez Perce Indians who occupied the area before the white man. Previously established by the Territorial Legislature of Washington in 1861. This was one of the four original Idaho counties in 1863 from which all 44 have been carved. The present boundaries of Nez Perce County were set in 1911. Lewis and Clark were the first white men in the area

in 1805. Lewiston served as the territorial capital for twenty-two months before the capital was moved to Boise.

County Seat: Lewiston

Population: 37,536

Address: 1230 Main Street

Area: 855 square miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor

Dan Anderson (D)

(208) 799-3010

Clerk

Patty Weeks (D)

(208) 799-3020

Commissioner District 1

Robert Tippett (R)

(208) 799-3090

Commissioner District 2

Douglas Havens (R)

(208) 799-3090

Commissioner District 3

Douglas Zenner (R)

(208) 799-3093

Coroner

Gary Gilliam (D)

(208) 799-3074

Prosecuting Attorney

Daniel Spickler (R)

(208) 799-3073

Sheriff

Joe Rodriguez (R)

(208) 799-3130

Treasurer

Barbara Fry (D)

(208) 799-3030



ONEIDA COUNTY

www.co.oneida.id.us

Established January 22, 1864 with its county seat at Soda Springs. In 1866 it was moved to Malad City, because of its growth and its location on the stagecoach line and freight road between Corinne, Utah, and the mines in Butte, Montana. Named for Lake Oneida, New York, the area from which most of the early settlers had emigrated.

County Seat: Malad

Population: 4,286

Address: 10 Court Street

Area: 1,202 square miles

Business Hours: 9:00 to 5:00 pm

Assessor

Dixie Hubbard (R)

(208) 766-4116

Clerk

Lon Colton (R)

(208) 766-4116

Commissioner District 1

Shellee Smith Daniels (D)

(208) 840-0254

Commissioner District 2

Dale Tubbs (R)

(208) 766-4116

Commissioner District 3

Max Firth (R)

(208) 766-4177

Coroner

Brad Horsley (R)

(208) 766-5683

Prosecuting Attorney

Dustin Smith (R)

(208) 766-2201

Sheriff

Jeffery Semrad (R)

(208) 766-2251

Treasurer

Jan Edwards (R)

(208) 766-2962



POWER COUNTY

www.co.power.id.us

Established on January 30, 1913 with its county seat at American Falls. Named for the American Falls Power Plant. American Falls was the first settlement in the county and was a frequent camping place on the Oregon Trail. It became a railroad station when the Oregon Short Line was built across southern Idaho.

County Seat: American Falls Population: 7,817
Address: 543 Bannock Ave. Area: 1,442 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Mary Annen (D)	(208) 226-7616
Clerk	Sharee Sprague (R)	(208) 226-7611
Commissioner District 1	Ronald Funk (D)	(208) 226-7610
Commissioner District 2	William "Bill" Lasley (R)	(208) 226-5329
Commissioner District 3	Delane Anderson (R)	(208) 226-5348
Coroner	Mark Rose (R)	(208) 226-2147
Prosecuting Attorney	Ryan Peterson (R)	(208) 226-1230
Sheriff	Jim "J.J." Jeffries (D)	(208) 226-2311
Treasurer	Deanna Curry (R)	(208) 226-7614



SHOSHONE COUNTY

www.shoshonecounty.org

Established February 4, 1864 with its county seat at Pierce. In 1885 the county seat was moved to Murray, in 1890 to Osburn, and finally to Wallace in 1893. The first organized unit of government within Idaho boundaries, created and named for the Shoshoni Indians in 1858 by the Washington Territorial Legislature as part of Washington, effective in 1861.

County Seat: Wallace Population: 12,765
Address: 700 Bank Street Area: 2,640 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Jerry White (D)	(208) 752-1202
Clerk	Peggy DeLange-White (D)	(208) 752-1264
Commissioner District 1	Patrick "Mike" Fitzgerald (D)	(208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 2	Jay Huber (D)	(208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 3	Leslee Stanley (R)	(208) 752-3331
Coroner	Lonny Duce (D)	(208) 786-5121
Prosecuting Attorney	Keisha Oxendine Stutzke (D)	(208) 752-1106
Sheriff	Mitch Alexander (D)	(208) 556-1114
Treasurer	Ellen Masterson (D)	(208) 752-1261



TETON COUNTY

www.tetoncountyidaho.gov

Established January 26, 1915, with its county seat at Driggs. It was named for the adjacent Teton mountains and valley. The valley was formerly known as Pierre's Hole where Indians held their councils and trappers met for their rendezvous.

County Seat: Driggs

Population: 9,337

Address: 150 Courthouse Drive

Area: 450 square miles

Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Bonnie Beard (D)	(208) 354-3507
Clerk	Mary Lou Hansen (D)	(208) 354-8771
Commissioner District 1	Cindy Riegel (D)	(208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 2	Bill Leake (D)	(208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 3	Kelly Park (R)	(208) 354-8775
Coroner	Tim Melcher (R)	(208) 354-8770
Prosecuting Attorney	Kathy Spitzer (D)	(208) 354-2990
Sheriff	Tony Liford (D)	(208) 354-2323
Treasurer	Beverly Palm (D)	(208) 354-2254



TWIN FALLS COUNTY

www.twinfallscounty.org

Established February 21, 1907 with its county seat at Twin Falls. Named for the nearby waterfalls on the Snake River. A station line was established at Rock Creek in 1864 for the Ben Holladay Stage Line. The Twin Falls South Side project brought water to thousands of acres of arid land in 1904 and became one of the most successful of the Carey Act irrigation projects.

County Seat: Twin Falls

Population: 77,230

Address: 425 Shoshone St. N

Area: 1,957 square miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 PM

Assessor	Gerald Bowden (R)	(208) 736-4010
Clerk	Kristina Glascock (R)	(208) 736-4004
Commissioner District 1	Terry Kramer (R)	(208) 736-4068
Commissioner District 2	Leon Mills (R)	(208) 736-4068
Commissioner District 3	George Urie (R)	(208) 736-4068
Coroner	Gene Turley (R)	(208) 733-7610
Prosecuting Attorney	Grant Loeb (R)	(208) 736-4020
Sheriff	Tom Carter (R)	(208) 736-4177
Treasurer	Debbie Kauffman (R)	(208) 736-4008



VALLEY COUNTY

www.co.valley.id.us

Established February 26, 1917 with its county seat at Cascade. Named for the outstanding topographical feature of the area, Long Valley. Fur trappers were the first white men in the area but permanent settlement did not take place until the 1880s when livestock ranchers moved into Long Valley.

County Seat: Cascade Population: 9,862
Address: 219 N. Main Street Area: 3,733 square miles
Business Hours: M-TH 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Assessor	Jane Fullmer (R)	(208) 382-7126
Clerk	Douglas Miller (R)	(208) 382-7102
Commissioner District 1	Elting Hasbrouck (R)	(208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 2	Gordon Cruickshank (R)	(208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 3	Bill Willey (R)	(208) 382-7100
Coroner	Nathan Hess (R)	(208) 634-2220
Prosecuting Attorney	Jay Kiiha (R)	(208) 382-7120
Sheriff	Patti Bolen (R)	(208) 382-7150
Treasurer	Glenna Young (R)	(208) 382-7110



WASHINGTON COUNTY

www.co.washington.id.us

Established February 20, 1879 with its county seat at Weiser. Named for George Washington, the first president of the United States. Donald MacKenzie was one of the first white men in the area in 1811. Settlers came in the 1860s after gold was discovered in the area.

County Seat: Weiser Population: 10,198
Address: 256 E. Court Area: 1,474 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Assessor	Georgia Plischke (R)	(208) 414-2000
Clerk	Betty Thomas (R)	(208) 414-2092
Commissioner District 1	Tom Anderson (R)	(208) 414-2789
Commissioner District 2	Robert Thomason (R)	(208) 414-2789
Commissioner District 3	Kirk Chandler (R)	(208) 414-2789
Coroner	Bowe Von Brethorst (R)	(208) 405-1347
Prosecuting Attorney	Delton Walker (R)	(208) 414-0390
Sheriff	Matt Thomas (R)	(208) 414-2123
Treasurer	Sebrina Young (R)	(208) 414-0324