Idaho's oldest public building is located at Pierce in Clearwater County. The two-story courthouse first served as then Shoshone County's official headquarters. The log courthouse, which included two small jail cells, was constructed in two months during 1862 at a cost of $3,700. The county seat was moved to Murray in 1884 and the building was sold to a citizen for $50. It was later used as a residence, a club meeting house, a part-time chapel and as a school classroom annex. The courthouse was transferred to the Idaho State Historical Society in 1972.

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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 is 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 the Idaho Association of Counties, 700 W. Washington, Box 1623 Boise, ID 83701; Phone: (208)345-9126; FAX: (208)345-0379; Internet: www.idcounties.org

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 the Association of Idaho Cities, 3100 S. Vista Ave, Ste 310, Boise ID 83705; Phone: (208) 344-8594; Fax: (208) 344-8677; Internet: 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.
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. *Denotes chairman of the county commission.

**ADA COUNTY**
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: 300,904

Address: 200 West Front 83702  
Area: 1,060 sq. miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

District 1 Commissioner  
(R) *Peavey-Derr, Judy  
(208) 287-7000

District 2 Commissioner  
(R) Yzaguirre, Rick  
(208) 287-7000

District 3 Commissioner  
(R) Tilman, Fred  
(208) 287-7000

Assessor  
(R) McQuade, Robert  
(208) 287-7210

Clerk-Recorder  
(R) Navarro, Dave  
(208) 287-6888

Treasurer  
(R) Fischer, Lynda  
(208) 287-6801

Sheriff  
(R) Killeen, Vaughn  
(208) 377-6706

Prosecuting Attorney  
(R) Bower, Greg  
(208) 287-7700

Coroner  
(R) Sonnenberg, Erwin  
(208) 364-2676

**ADAMS COUNTY**
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: 3,476

Address: 201 Industrial Ave 83612  
Area: 1,370 sq. miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner  
(R) Ellis, Judy  
(208) 253-4561

District 2 Commissioner  
(R) Paradis, Mike  
(208) 253-4458

District 3 Commissioner  
(R) * Brown, William  
(208) 253-4458

Assessor  
(D) Hatfield, Karen  
(208) 253-4271

Clerk-Recorder  
(R) Fisk, Michael  
(208) 253-4561

Treasurer  
(R) Kesler, Connie  
(208) 253-4263

Sheriff  
(R) Green, Richard  
(208) 253-4228

Prosecuting Attorney  
(R) Gabbert, Myron  
(208) 347-2830

Coroner  
(R) Warner, Susan  
(208) 258-4461

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

County Seat: Pocatello  
Population: 75,565

Address: 624 E. Center 83205  
Area: 1,148 sq. miles

Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

District 1 Commissioner  
(R) * Guthrie, Jim  
(208) 236-7211

District 2 Commissioner  
(R) Hadley, Steve  
(208) 236-7211

District 3 Commissioner  
(R) Cooper, Craig  
(208) 236-7211
Assessor (D) Bilyeu, Diane (208) 236-7260
Clerk-Recorder (D) Ghan, Larry (208) 236-7342
Treasurer (D) Alexander, Genie (208) 236-7220
Sheriff (D) Nielsen, Lorin (208) 236-7116
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Hiedeman, Mark (208) 236-7280
Coroner (D) Allen, James (208) 237-1326

BEAR LAKE COUNTY
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 83261
Address: 7 East Center Street 83261
Population: 6,411
Area: 1,050 sq. miles

District 1 Commissioner (R) Michaelson, Conrad (208) 945-2737
District 2 Commissioner (R) *Cochran, Dwight (208) 847-0606
District 3 Commissioner (R) Clark, Don (208) 847-0667
Assessor (R) Lewis, Lynn (208) 945-2155
Clerk-Recorder (R) Eborn, Joan (208) 945-2212
Treasurer (R) Wallentine, Rodney (208) 945-2130
Sheriff (R) Bunn, Brent (208) 945-2121
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Helm Jr., Ardee (208) 847-0805
Coroner (R) Matthews, Leonard (208) 847-0451

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
Address: 701 College Ave, 83861
Population: 9,171
Area: 787 sq. miles

District 1 Commissioner (D) *Buell, Jack A (208) 245-3274
District 2 Commissioner (D) Johnson, David (208) 686-1877
District 3 Commissioner (D) McCall, N.L. “Bud” (208) 245-2234
Assessor (D) Jeffrey, Teresa (208) 245-2821
Clerk-Recorder (D) Sather, Kay (208) 245-3212
Treasurer (D) Weinmann, Janice (208) 245-2421
Sheriff (D) Tharp, William (208) 245-2555
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Payne, Douglas (208) 245-2564
Coroner (D) Hodge, Ronald (208) 245-2611

BINGHAM COUNTY
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, Pennsylvania Congressman. Fremont County was carved out of Bingham in 1893, Bonneville in 1911, Power in 1913, and Butte in 1917.
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BLAINE COUNTY
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
Address: 206 1st Avenue South 83333
Area: 2,655 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on each Monday, except the fifth Monday

- District 1 Commissioner (D) *Wright, Dennis (208) 788-9655
- District 2 Commissioner (D) Mix, Mary Ann (208) 788-5500
- District 3 Commissioner (D) Michael, Sarah (208) 788-5500
- Assessor (D) Pace, Valdi (208) 788-5535
- Clerk-Recorder (D) Riemann, Marsha (208) 788-5505
- Treasurer (D) Dick, Vicki (208) 788-5530
- Sheriff (R) Femling, Walt (208) 788-5555
- Prosecuting Attorney (D) Thomas, Jim (208) 788-5545
- Coroner (R) Mikel, Russell (208) 578-2100

BOISE COUNTY
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
Address: 420 Main Street 83631
Area: 1,908 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday

- District 1 Commissioner (R) *Jackson, Roger (208) 392-4445
- District 2 Commissioner (R) Lawson, Fred (208) 259-3344
- District 3 Commissioner (R) Hanson, Dale (208) 793-2372
- Assessor (D) Blough, Linda (208) 392-4415
- Clerk-Recorder (R) Canody, Rora (208) 392-4431
- Treasurer (R) Balding, Barbara (208) 392-4441
BONNER COUNTY
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
Address: 215 South First Avenue, 83864
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
District 1 Commissioner (R) Phillips, Marcia (208) 265-1438
District 2 Commissioner (D) Orr, Brian (208) 265-1438
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Clemons, Jerry (208) 265-1438
Assessor (D) Boatwright, James (208) 265-1440
Clerk-Recorder (D) Scott, Marie (208) 265-1437
Treasurer (R) Piehl, Cheryl (208) 265-1433
Sheriff (R) Jarvis, Phil (208) 263-8417
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Robinson, Philip (208) 263-6714
Coroner (R) Garlock, Pamela (208) 392-4411

BONNEVILLE COUNTY
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
Address: 605 N. Capital Avenue 83402
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
District 1 Commissioner (R) * Christensen, Roger (208) 529-1350
District 2 Commissioner (R) Radford, Dave (208) 529-1350
District 3 Commissioner (R) Staker, Lee (208) 529-1350
Assessor (R) Mueller, Blake (208) 529-1350
Clerk-Recorder (R) Longmore, Ronald (208) 529-1350
Treasurer (R) Hansen, Mark (208) 529-1350
Sheriff (R) Stommel, Byron (208) 529-1350
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Watkins, Dane (208) 529-1350
Coroner (R) Coffelt, Dale (208) 263-3133

BOUNDARY COUNTY
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
Address: 6452 Kootenai Street 83805
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Monday and Tuesday
District 1 Commissioner (R) * Smith, Ronald (208) 267-3817
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District 2 Commissioner  (R)  Kirby, Walt  (208) 267-7865
District 3 Commissioner  (R)  Dinning, Dan  (208) 267-3817
Assessor  (R)  Ryals, David  (208) 267-3301
Clerk-Recorder  (D)  Cartwright, Diane  (208) 267-2242
Treasurer  (D)  DeVore, Wilma  (208) 267-3291
Sheriff  (R)  Voyles, George  (208) 267-3151
Prosecuting Attorney  (R)  Jones, Mark  (208) 267-7545
Coroner  (D)  Mellett, Mick  (208) 267-2146

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: 2,899
Address:  248 W. Grand 83213  Area: 2,237 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays
District 1 Commissioner  (R)  *Beal, Seth (208) 527-3137
District 2 Commissioner  (R)  Traughber, John  (208) 527-8226
District 3 Commissioner  (R)  Stauffer, Mark  (208) 527-3021
Assessor  (R)  Gamett, Laurie  (208) 527-8288
Clerk-Recorder  (R)  McAffee, Trilby  (208) 527-8288
Treasurer  (R)  Beck, Lori  (208) 527-3047
Sheriff  (D)  VanEtten, Cary  (208) 527-8553
Prosecuting Attorney  (R)  Sisson, Lary  (208) 527-3458
Coroner  (R)  Anderson, Maurice  (208) 527-3900

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: 991
Address: 501 Soldier Rd 83327  Area: 1,077 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday
District 1 Commissioner  (R)  Davis, William  (208) 764-2386
District 2 Commissioner  (R)  * Chapman, Ronald (208) 764-2223
District 3 Commissioner  (R)  Backstrom, Kenneth  (208) 764-2613
Assessor  (R)  Dalin, Mickey  (208) 764-2370
Clerk-Recorder  (R)  Bennett, Rollie  (208) 764-2242
Treasurer  (R)  Bachtell, Gayle  (208) 764-2126
Sheriff  (R)  Sanders, David  (208) 764-2261
Prosecuting Attorney  (R)  Campbell, Calvin  (208) 764-2251
Coroner  (R)  Glick, John  (208) 764-2694

CANYON COUNTY
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.

**Canyon County**
- County Seat: Caldwell
- Population: 131,441
- Area: 603 sq. miles
- Address: 1115 Albany 83605
- Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
- District 1 Commissioner: (R) Vasquez, Robert (208) 454-7507
- District 2 Commissioner: (R) Beebe, Matt (208) 454-7507
- District 3 Commissioner: (R) *Lakey, Todd (208) 454-7507
- Assessor: (R) Kuehn, Gene (208) 454-7431
- Clerk-Recorder: (R) Hales, Noel (208) 454-7337
- Treasurer: (R) Lloyd, Tracie (208) 454-7358
- Sheriff: (R) Nourse, George (208) 454-7510
- Prosecuting Attorney: (R) Young, David (208) 454-7391
- Coroner: (R) DeGeus-Morris, Vicki (208) 454-7523

**Caribou County**
- 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 Cariboo 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: 7,304
- Area: 1,799 sq. miles
- Address: 159 S. Main 83276
- Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Commissioners meet on Monday
- District 1 Commissioner: (R) Conlin, Wm. Bart (208) 547-4258
- District 2 Commissioner: (R) *Dredge, Bruce (208) 547-4119
- District 3 Commissioner: (R) Rasmussen, Lloyd (208) 547-4324
- Assessor: (R) Phelps, Preston (208) 547-4749
- Clerk-Recorder: (D) Izatt, Edie (208) 547-4324
- Treasurer: (D) Meads, Diane (208) 547-3726
- Sheriff: (D) VanVleet, Raymond (208) 547-2561
- Prosecuting Attorney: (R) James, S. Criss (208) 547-1930
- Coroner: (R) Sims, F. Duane (208) 547-3742

**Cassia County**
- 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: 21,416
- Area: 2,577 sq. miles
- Address: 1459 Overland Avenue 83318
- Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Commissioners meet every Monday
- District 1 Commissioner: (R) Christensen, Paul (208) 678-2399
- District 2 Commissioner: (R) Handy, Clay (208) 678-0318
- District 3 Commissioner: (R) *Crane, Dennis (208) 878-7302
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 83423
Population: 1,022
Address: 320 W. Main 83423
Area: 1,765 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday

District 1 Commissioner (R) Leonardson, Michael (208) 374-5301
District 2 Commissioner (R) *Shenton, Greg (208) 374-5274
District 3 Commissioner (R) Edwards, Ted (208) 374-5304
Assessor (R) Gunter, Vicki (208) 374-5404
Clerk-Recorder (R) Owen, Conni (208) 374-5304
Treasurer (R) Burns, Bonnie (208) 374-5455
Sheriff (R) King, Craig (208) 374-5403
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Simpson, Craig (208) 523-2000
Coroner (R) Jorgensen, Orvin (208) 374-5469

CLEARWATER COUNTY
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 83544
Population: 8,930
Address: 150 Michigan Avenue 83544
Area: 2,488 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Monday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Ebert, Don (208) 476-3615
District 2 Commissioner (R) *Leach, Stan (208) 476-3615
District 3 Commissioner (R) Curfman, Joseph (208) 476-3615
Assessor (D) Stewart, Melissa (208) 476-4123
Clerk-Recorder (D) Christensen, Robin (208) 476-5615
Treasurer (D) Johnson, Jeannie (208) 476-5213
Sheriff (R) Hengen, Alan (208) 476-4521
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Swayne, John (208) 476-5611
Coroner (R) Jorgensen, Orvin (208) 374-5469

CUSTER COUNTY
Established January 8, 1881 with its county seat at Challis. Named for the General Custer mine, which was named in honor of General George Custer who died at the Battle of Little Bighorn. Its history begins with fur traders and pathfinders as early as 1824; later in the 1860s and 1870s prospectors and miners came. It contains portions of the Sawtooth, Salmon River, White
Cloud, Pioneer, Lost River, and White Knob mountains and contains the highest peaks in the state.

County Seat: Challis  
Address: 801 Main Street 83226  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday

Dist 1 Commissioner (R) Butts, Wayne  
Dist 2 Commissioner (R) Hansen, Cliff  
Dist 3 Commissioner (D) *Hintze, Lin  
Assessor (R) James, Christine  
Clerk-Recorder (R) Peck, Ethel  
Treasurer (R) Leuzinger, Judi  
Sheriff (R) Taylor, Robert  
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Smirch, James  
Coroner (R) Griffith, Charles

County Seat: Mountain Home  
Address: 150 South 4th East 83647  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Egusquiza-Stanek, Mary  
District 2 Commissioner (R) Rose, Larry  
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Ireland, Calvin  
Assessor (D) Haydon, Jim  
Clerk-Recorder (D) Best, Gail  
Treasurer (D) Plympton, Rose  
Sheriff (R) Layher, Rick  
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Bazzoli, Aaron  
Coroner (R) Spence, Marla

County Seat: Preston  
Address: 39 W. Oneida 83263  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner (R) Carter, Alan  
District 2 Commissioner (R) Thomas, Craig  
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Campbell, Paul  
Assessor (D) Umbel, Richard  
Clerk-Recorder (R) Larsen, Elliott  
Treasurer (R) McKay, Jeanette  
Sheriff (R) Beckstead, Don  
Prosecuting Attorney (R) McKenzie, Jay  
Coroner (R) Webb, Douglas

ELMORE COUNTY

Established February 7, 1889 with its county seat at Rocky Bar. Named for the Ida Elmore mines, the area’s greatest silver and gold producer of the 1860s. The Oregon Trail crossed the Snake River at Three Island Crossing near Glenns Ferry. A station on the overland stage route, orginally named Rattlesnake, was moved to the railroad line and became Mountain Home. On February 4, 1891 the county seat was moved to Mountain Home.

County Seat: Mountain Home  
Address: 150 South 4th East 83647  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Egusquiza-Stanek, Mary  
District 2 Commissioner (R) Rose, Larry  
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Ireland, Calvin  
Assessor (D) Haydon, Jim  
Clerk-Recorder (D) Best, Gail  
Treasurer (D) Plympton, Rose  
Sheriff (R) Layher, Rick  
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Bazzoli, Aaron  
Coroner (R) Spence, Marla

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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  
Address: 39 W. Oneida 83263  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner (R) Carter, Alan  
District 2 Commissioner (R) Thomas, Craig  
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Campbell, Paul  
Assessor (D) Umbel, Richard  
Clerk-Recorder (R) Larsen, Elliott  
Treasurer (R) McKay, Jeanette  
Sheriff (R) Beckstead, Don  
Prosecuting Attorney (R) McKenzie, Jay  
Coroner (R) Webb, Douglas
FREMONT COUNTY
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: 11,819
Address: 151 West 1st North 83445  Area: 1,894 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday
District 1 Commissioner  (R) Smith, Gordon  (208) 624-4271
District 2 Commissioner  (R) Trupp, Donald  (208) 624-4271
District 3 Commissioner  (R) *Forbush, Bill  (208) 624-4271
Assessor  (R) Burrell, Ivel  (208) 624-7984
Clerk-Recorder  (R) Mace, Abbie  (208) 624-7332
Treasurer  (D) McCoy, Patricia  (208) 624-3361
Sheriff  (R) Stegelmeier, Tom  (208) 624-4482
Prosecuting Attorney  (D) Grant, Trent  (208) 624-4418
Coroner  (R) Romrel, Paul  (208) 624-4304

GEM COUNTY
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: 15,181
Address: 415 E. Main Street 83617  Area: 564 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 1st thru 4th Mondays
District 1 Commissioner  (R) Church-Pratt, Sharon  (208) 365-4561
District 2 Commissioner  (R) *Mansfield, Ed  (208) 365-4561
District 3 Commissioner  (R) Sherrer, Michele  (208) 365-5132
Assessor  (R) Himes, Greg  (208) 365-2982
Clerk-Recorder  (R) Howard, Susan  (208) 365-4561
Treasurer  (R) Knighton, Marilyn  (208) 365-3272
Sheriff  (R) Short, Clint  (208) 365-3521
Prosecuting Attorney  (L) Linville, Richard  (208) 365-2106
Coroner  (R) Buck, John  (208) 365-4491

GOODING COUNTY
County Seat: Gooding  Population: 14,155
Address: 624 Main Street 83330  Area: 733 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet 2nd and 4th Mondays
District 1 Commissioner  (R) Bingham, Thomas  (208) 934-4022
District 2 Commissioner  (R) Elexpuru, Carolyn  (208) 934-8355
District 3 Commissioner  (R) *Sauer, Rob  (208) 934-2141
Assessor  (R) Bauscher, Patty  (208) 934-5666
Clerk-Recorder  (R) Edwards, Helen  (208) 934-4221
IDAHO COUNTY

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
Address: 320 W. Main 83530
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays

District 1 Commissioner (R) Mattson, Alice (208) 926-4461
District 2 Commissioner (R) *Holmberg, Patricia (208) 983-1788
District 3 Commissioner (R) Enneking, George (208) 983-2751
Assessor (D) Beckman, Jim (208) 983-2742
Clerk-Recorder (R) Gehring, Rose (208) 983-2751
Treasurer (D) Cox, Sharon (208) 983-2801
Sheriff (R) Dasenbrock, Larry (208) 983-1100
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Payne, Jeff (208) 983-0166
Coroner (R) Frei, Steven (208) 983-9957

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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
Address: 134 N. Clark 83442
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner (R) Olaveson, Brett (208) 745-8544
District 2 Commissioner (R) *Casper, Darwin (208) 745-4689
District 3 Commissioner (R) Simmons, Larry (208) 745-9222
Assessor (R) Briggs, Joyce (208) 745-9215
Clerk-Recorder (R) Boulter, Christine (208) 745-7756
Treasurer (R) Madsen, DeAnn (208) 745-9219
Sheriff (R) Olsen, Blair (208) 745-9210
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Dunn, Robin (208) 745-9202
Coroner (R) Karren, Bruce (208) 745-7988

JEROME COUNTY

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
Address: 300 N. Lincoln 83338

Population: 15,511
Area: 8,503 sq. miles

Population: 19,155
Area: 1,106 sq. miles

Population: 18,342
Area: 605 sq. miles
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Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on Monday
District 1 Commissioner (R) *Lierman, Veronica (208) 324-8811
District 2 Commissioner (R) Chojnacky, Alvin (208) 324-4184
District 3 Commissioner (R) Ellorieta, John (208) 324-8811
Assessor (R) Tolman, Bonnie (208) 324-7507
Clerk-Recorder (R) Watts, Cheryl (208) 324-8811
Treasurer (R) Childers, Mary (208) 324-7594
Sheriff (R) Weaver, Jim (208) 324-8913
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Nicholson, J. III (208) 324-7547
Coroner (R) Ostler, Gerald (208) 324-2566

KOOTENAI COUNTY
Established December 22, 1864 by the Second Territorial Legislature with Seneaquooteen, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaquooteen 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: 108,685
Address: 451 Government Way 83814  Area: 1,310 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
District 1 Commissioner (R) Johnson, S.J. (208) 466-1600
District 2 Commissioner (R) Currie, Elmer (208) 466-1600
Dist 3 Commissioner (R) * Panabaker, Richard (208) 466-1600
Assessor (R) McDowell, Michael (208) 466-1600
Clerk-Recorder (D) English, Dan (208) 466-1650
Treasurer (R) Malzahn, Tom (208) 466-1011
Sheriff (R) Watson, Rockey (208) 466-1300
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Douglas, Bill (208) 772-3933
Coroner (R) West, Robert (208) 667-9571

LATAH COUNTY
Established May 14, 1888 with its county seat at Moscow. 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. In 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 shade under the pine trees in which to work.

County Seat: Moscow  Population: 34,935
Address: 522 South Adams 83843  Area: 1,077 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on Mondays
District 1 Commissioner (R) *Kimmell, Paul (208) 882-8580
District 2 Commissioner (D) Stroschein, Tom (208) 882-8580
District 3 Commissioner (R) Nelson, Jack (208) 882-8580
Assessor (D) Fiscus, Steve (208) 882-8580
Clerk-Recorder (R) Petersen, Susan (208) 882-8580
Treasurer (R) Proctor, Leslie (208) 883-2252
Sheriff (D) Crouch, Jeff (208) 882-2216
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Thompson, Bill (208) 882-8580
Coroner (I) Schmidt, Dan (208) 882-2011
LEMHI COUNTY
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: 7,806  Area: 4,571 sq. miles
Address: 206 Courthouse Dr. 83467
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

District 1 Commissioner  (I) *Cope, Robert  (208) 756-2124
District 2 Commissioner  (R) Snyder, Richard  (208) 768-2714
District 3 Commissioner  (R) Proksch, Joseph  (208) 756-2815
Assessor  (R) Smith, R.J.  (208) 756-3116
Clerk-Recorder  (R) Morton, Terri  (208) 756-2815
Treasurer  (R) Heiser, Mary Ann  (208) 756-2816
Sheriff  (R) Barsalou, Brett  (208) 756-2288
Prosecuting Attorney  (R) Withers, Paul  (208) 756-2009
Coroner  (R) Mitchell, Michael  (208) 765-3203

LEWIS COUNTY
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: 3,747  Area: 480 sq. miles
Address: 510 Oak Street 83543
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

District 1 Commissioner  (D) Doty, Charles  (208) 935-0049
District 2 Commissioner  (D) *Leitch, Joe  (208) 937-2661
District 3 Commissioner  (R) Trautman, LeAnn  (208) 937-2661
Assessor  (D) Snyder, Leslie  (208) 937-2261
Clerk-Recorder  (D) Larson, Cathy  (208) 937-2661
Treasurer  (D) Malone, Pauline  (208) 937-2341
Sheriff  (D) Wadley, Randal  (208) 937-2447
Prosecuting Attorney  (I) Torgerson, Kimron  (208) 937-2271
Coroner  (D) Pratt, Robert  (208) 937-2551

LINCOLN COUNTY
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: 4,044  Area: 1,206 sq. miles
Address: 111 West B Street 83352
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

District 1 Commissioner  (R) Parker, Rusty  (208) 886-2400
District 2 Commissioner  (R) Calkins, Lawrence  (208) 866-7641
District 3 Commissioner  (R) *Nance, Jerry  (208) 544-2480
Assessor  (R) Johnson, Wendell  (208) 886-2161
MADISON COUNTY
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
Address: 134 E Main Street 83440
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

MINIDOKA COUNTY
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
Address: 715 G Street 83350
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

NEZ PERCE COUNTY
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
Address: 1230 Main Street 83501
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Van Tassel, J.R. (208) 799-3090
District 2 Commissioner (D) Wittman, Ronald (208) 799-3090
District 3 Commissioner (D) *Vincent, Larry (208) 799-3090
Assessor (D) Anderson, Daniel (208) 799-3010
Clerk-Recorder (D) Weeks, Patty (208) 799-3020
Treasurer (D) Fry, Barbara (208) 799-3030
Sheriff (R) Kingsbury, Randy (208) 799-3131
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Spickler, Daniel (208) 799-3073
Coroner (D) Gilliam, Gary (208) 799-3074

ONEIDA COUNTY

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
Address: 10 Court Street 83252
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd Mondays

District 1 Commissioner (D) *Goodenough, Gerald (208) 766-2505
District 2 Commissioner (R) Bush, Jerry (208) 766-2216
District 3 Commissioner (D) Caldwell, E. Gene (208) 766-4014
Assessor (R) Hill, Kathryn (208) 766-2954
Clerk-Recorder (D) Blaisdell, Shirlee (208) 766-4116
Treasurer (R) Pett, Dianne (208) 766-2962
Sheriff (R) Semrad, Jeffery (208) 766-2251
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Brooks, Stevin (208) 766-2201
Coroner (R) Horsley, Spence (208) 766-4330

OWYHEE COUNTY

Established December 31, 1863 with its county seat at Ruby City. This was the first county to be established by the first territorial legislature. In 1867 the county seat was moved to Silver City and in 1934 to Murphy. Named for the river, mountains and mining area explored by Hawaiian fur trappers in 1819-1820. Hawaii and Owyhee are different spellings of the same word. Gold was discovered on Jordan Creek in 1863, and millions of dollars of gold and silver were taken from the Silver City region until the industry declined in the early 1900s.

County Seat: Murphy
Address: HC 79, Mile Marker 29.5 Hwy 78 83650
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner (R) *Tolmie, Harold (208) 337-3711
District 2 Commissioner (R) Salove, Chris (208) 495-2421
District 3 Commissioner (R) Reynolds, Dick (208) 845-2035
Assessor (R) Endicott, Brett (208) 495-2817
Clerk-Recorder (R) Sherburn, Charlotte (208) 495-2421
Treasurer (R) Wright, Barbara (208) 495-1158
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PAYETTE COUNTY

Established February 28, 1917 with its county seat at Payette. Named for the Payette River which was named for Francois Payette, a Canadian fur trapper and explorer with the North West Company, who came to this county in 1818. He was the first white man in the area and brought the first cattle. Boomerang, which was named for the log boom on the Payette river, was constructed as a railroad camp in 1883 and later changed its name to Payette.

County Seat: Payette 83661  Population: 20,578
Address: 1130 3rd Avenue North 83661  Area: 403 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Monday
District 1 Commissioner (R) Endrikat, Rudy (208) 642-3910
District 2 Commissioner (R) Shigeta, Marc (208) 278-3770
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Codr, Dennis (208) 278-5480
Assessor (R) MacKenzie, Bob (208) 642-6012
Clerk-Recorder (R) Dressen, Betty (208) 642-6000
Treasurer (R) Peterson, Donna (208) 642-6004
Sheriff (D) Barowsky, Robert (208) 642-6008
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Kelso, Anne-Marie (208) 642-6096
Coroner (R) Schuller, Keith (208) 452-3377

POWER COUNTY

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: 7,538
Address: 534 Bannock Avenue 83211  Area: 1,442 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Monday
District 1 Commissioner (R) Zimmerman, Raymond (208) 226-2959
District 2 Commissioner (D) Meadows, Vicki (208) 226-2041
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Estep, Ken (208) 226-7610
Assessor (D) Glascock, Doug (208) 226-7616
Clerk-Recorder (D) Steinlicht, Christine (208) 226-7611
Treasurer (R) Mauch, Bobbie (208) 226-7614
Sheriff (D) Sprague, Howard (208) 226-2311
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Laggis, Paul (208) 226-2563
Coroner (R) Schuller, Keith (208) 452-3377

SHOSHONE COUNTY

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: 13,771
IDAHO BLUE BOOK

Address: 700 Bank Street 83873
Area: 2,640 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Monday through Wednesday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Vergobbi, Jim (208) 752-3331
District 2 Commissioner (D) Krulitz, Sherry (208) 752-3331
District 3 Commissioner (I) *Cantamessa, Jon (208) 752-3331
Assessor (D) White, Jerry (208) 752-1202
Clerk-Recorder (D) DeLange-White, Peggy (208) 752-1264
Treasurer (D) Sauer, Ellen (208) 752-1261
Sheriff (D) Reynalds, Chuck (208) 556-1114
Prosecuting Attorney (I) Siegel, Val (208) 752-1106
Coroner (D) Duce, Lonny (208) 786-5121

TETON COUNTY

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: 5,999
Address: 89 North Main 83422
Area: 450 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner (D) Calderwood, Jay (208) 787-2738
District 2 Commissioner (R) Trupp, Mark (208) 354-8358
District 3 Commissioner (R) *Ramirez, Ron (208) 354-2741
Assessor (D) Thomas, Denny (208) 354-3507
Clerk-Recorder (R) Boyle, Nolan (208) 354-2905
Treasurer (D) Hatch, Bonnie (208) 354-2254
Sheriff (R) Kaufman, Ryan (208) 354-2323
Prosecuting Attorney (D) Lowery, Laura (208) 354-2990
Coroner (R) Rubert, Duane (208) 354-2383

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

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: 64,284
Address: 425 Shoshone St. N. 83303
Area: 1,957 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

District 1 Commissioner (R) *Grindstaff, Gary (208) 736-4068
District 2 Commissioner (R) Mikesell, Tom (208) 736-4068
District 3 Commissioner (R) Brockman, William (208) 736-4068
Assessor (R) Bowden, Gerald (208) 736-4010
Clerk-Recorder (R) Glascock, Kristina (208) 736-4075
Treasurer (R) Kauffman, Debbie (208) 736-4008
Sheriff (I) Tousley, Wayne (208) 736-4177
Prosecuting Attorney (R) Loebs, Grant (208) 736-4020
Coroner (R) Chambers, Dennis (208) 733-7610
VALLEY COUNTY
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 83611  
Address: 219 N. Main Street 83611  
Population: 7,651  
Area: 3,733 sq. miles  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday
District 1 Commissioner  
(R) Davis, F. Phillip  
(208) 382-7100
District 2 Commissioner  
(R) Kerr, Thomas  
(208) 634-2686
District 3 Commissioner  
(R) *Gestrin, Terry  
(208) 382-7100
Assessor  
(R) Banbury, Archie  
(208) 382-3138
Clerk-Recorder  
(R) Heinrich, Leland  
(208) 382-7100
Treasurer  
(R) Healy, Diana  
(208) 382-7110
Sheriff  
(R) Durfee, Britt  
(208) 382-7155
Prosecuting Attorney  
(R) Roats, Richard  
(208) 382-7120
Coroner  
(R) Heikkila, Marvin  
(208) 634-2220

WASHINGTON COUNTY
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 83672  
Address: 256 E. Court 83672  
Population: 9,977  
Area: 1,474 sq. miles  
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on Monday
District 1 Commissioner  
(R) *Thomas, Diana  
(208) 414-2092
District 2 Commissioner  
(R) Michael, Rick  
(208) 414-2092
District 3 Commissioner  
(R) Mink, Roy  
(208) 414-2092
Assessor  
(R) Plischke, Georgia  
(208) 549-2000
Clerk-Recorder  
(R) Widner, Sharon  
(208) 549-2092
Treasurer  
(R) Frei, Ann  
(208) 549-0324
Sheriff  
(R) Williams, Marvin  
(208) 549-2121
Prosecuting Attorney  
(R) Burton, Ira  
(208) 549-1652
Coroner  
(R) Thomason, Robert  
(208) 549-1234