

COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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 Bannack 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	Population: 6,411
Address: 7 East Center Street 83261	Area: 1,050 sq. miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm	Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday
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	(D) 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	Population: 9,171
Address: 701 College Ave, 83861	Area: 787 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Monday
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.



County Seat: Blackfoot	Population: 41,735
Address: 501 N. Maple 83221	Area: 2,183 sq. miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Commissioners meet Monday through Thursday
District 1 Commissioner	(R) Jolley, Cleone (208) 782-3010
District 2 Commissioner	(R) *Brower, Wayne (208) 785-3011
District 3 Commissioner	(R) Shipley, DeVaughn (208) 785-8687
Assessor	(R) Simmons, Ronald (208) 785-5005
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Staub, Sara (208) 782-3013
Treasurer	(R) Lawes, Janice (208) 782-3090
Sheriff	(R) Holm, Dayle (208) 785-4440
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Andrew, J. Scott (208) 782-3101
Coroner	(R) Lindsay, Kyle (208) 782-3153

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	Population: 18,991
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	(R) 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	Population: 6,670
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

Sheriff	(R) Brown, Gary	(208) 392-4411
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Gardunia, Theresa	(208) 392-4485
Coroner	(R) Garlock, Pamela	(208) 392-4411

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	Population: 36,835	Area: 1,918 sq. miles
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) Coffelt, Dale	(208) 263-3133

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	Population: 82,522	Area: 1,897 sq. miles
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) Walker, Jonathan	
(208) 521-4864		

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	Population: 9,871	Area: 1,277 sq. miles
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

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

Address: 248 W. Grand 83213

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

Population: 2,899
Area: 2,237 sq. miles



Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner	(R) *Beal, Seth	(208) 527-3137
District 2 Commissioner	(R) Traugher, John	(208) 527-8226
District 3 Commissioner	(R) Stauffer, Mark	(208) 527-3021
Assessor	(R) Gamett, Laurie	(208) 527-8288
Clerk-Recorder	(R) McAfee, 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

Address: 501 Soldier Rd 83327

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

Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday

Population: 991
Area: 1,077 sq. miles



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.

County Seat: Caldwell	Population: 131,441
Address: 1115 Albany 83605	Area: 603 sq. miles
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
Address: 159 S. Main 83276	Area: 1,799 sq. miles
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
Address: 1459 Overland Avenue 83318	Area: 2,577 sq. miles
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

Assessor	(R) Holland, Martell	(208) 678-3540
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Mickelsen, Larry	(208) 678-4367
Treasurer	(R) Ereksen, Gayle	(208) 678-7202
Sheriff	(R) Higen, James	(208) 878-1107
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Barrus, Alfred	(208) 678-0419
Coroner	(R) Young, Paul	(208) 678-1455

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) Masar, Maurice	(208) 476-4528



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

Population: 4,342

Area: 4,938 sq. miles

Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday

Dist 1 Commissioner	(R) Butts, Wayne	(208) 879-2360
Dist 2 Commissioner	(R) Hansen, Cliff	(208) 879-2360
Dist 3 Commissioner	(D) *Hintze, Lin	(208) 879-3085
Assessor	(R) James, Christine	(208) 879-2325
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Peck, Ethel	(208) 879-2360
Treasurer	(R) Leuzinger, Judi	(208) 879-2330
Sheriff	(R) Taylor, Robert	(208) 879-2232
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Smirch, James	(208) 879-4383
Coroner	(R) Griffith, Charles	(208) 879-4559

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 Glens Ferry. A station on the overland stage route, originally 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

Population: 29,130

Area: 3,103 sq. miles

Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner	(D) Egusquiza-Stanek, Mary	(208) 587-7485
District 2 Commissioner	(R) Rose, Larry	(208) 366-2226
District 3 Commissioner	(R) *Ireland, Calvin	(208) 587-3829
Assessor	(D) Haydon, Jim	(208) 587-2126
Clerk-Recorder	(D) Best, Gail	(208) 587-2130
Treasurer	(D) Plympton, Rose	(208) 587-2138
Sheriff	(R) Layher, Rick	(208) 587-2121
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Bazzoli, Aaron	(208) 587-2144
Coroner	(R) Spence, Marla	(208) 587-6981

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

Population: 11,329

Area: 667 sq. miles

Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

District 1 Commissioner	(R) Carter, Alan	(208) 646-2517
District 2 Commissioner	(R) Thomas, Craig	(208) 852-2763
District 3 Commissioner	(R) *Campbell, Paul	(208) 747-3465
Assessor	(D) Umbel, Richard	(208) 852-1091
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Larsen, Elliott	(208) 852-1090
Treasurer	(R) McKay, Jeanette	(208) 852-1095
Sheriff	(R) Beckstead, Don	(208) 852-1234
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) McKenzie, Jay	(208) 852-3500
Coroner	(R) Webb, Douglas	(208) 852-0533



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

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: 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



Treasurer	(R) Christopherson, Fae	(208) 934-5673
Sheriff	(R) Gough, Shaun	(208) 934-4421
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Brown, Philip	(208) 934-4493
Coroner	(R) Loder, Gary	(208) 934-4406

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	Population: 15,511
Address: 320 W. Main 83530	Area: 8,503 sq. miles
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	Population: 19,155
Address: 134 N. Clark 83442	Area: 1,106 sq. miles
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	Population: 18,342
Address: 300 N. Lincoln 83338	Area: 605 sq. miles

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 Seneaqueoteen, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaqueoteen 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

Address: 206 Courthouse Dr. 83467

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

District 1 Commissioner

District 2 Commissioner

District 3 Commissioner

Assessor

Clerk-Recorder

Treasurer

Sheriff

Prosecuting Attorney

Coroner

Population: 7,806

Area: 4,571 sq. miles

Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays

(I) *Cope, Robert (208) 756-2124

(R) Snyder, Richard (208) 768-2714

(R) Proksch, Joseph (208) 756-2815

(R) Smith, R.J. (208) 756-3116

(R) Morton, Terri (208) 756-2815

(R) Heiser, Mary Ann (208) 756-2816

(R) Barsalou, Brett (208) 756-2288

(R) Withers, Paul (208) 756-2009

(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

Address: 510 Oak Street 83543

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

District 1 Commissioner

District 2 Commissioner

District 3 Commissioner

Assessor

Clerk-Recorder

Treasurer

Sheriff

Prosecuting Attorney

Coroner

Population: 3,747

Area: 480 sq. miles

Commissioners meet each Monday

(D) Doty, Charles (208) 935-0049

(D) *Leitch, Joe (208) 937-2661

(R) Trautman, LeAnn (208) 937-2661

(D) Snyder, Leslie (208) 937-2261

(D) Larson, Cathy (208) 937-2661

(D) Malone, Pauline (208) 937-2341

(D) Wadley, Randal (208) 937-2447

(I) Torgerson, Kimron (208) 937-2271

(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

Address: 111 West B Street 83352

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

District 1 Commissioner

District 2 Commissioner

District 3 Commissioner

Assessor

Population: 4,044

Area: 1,206 sq. miles

Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

(R) Parker, Rusty (208) 886-2400

(R) Calkins, Lawrence (208) 866-7641

(R) *Nance, Jerry (208) 544-2480

(R) Johnson, Wendell (208) 886-2161



Clerk-Recorder	(R) Kime, Elizabeth	(208) 886-7641
Treasurer	(R) Quiroga, Cathy	(208) 886-7681
Sheriff	(R) Southwick, Stephen	(208) 886-2250
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Paul, E. Scott	(208) 886-2454
Coroner	(R) Davis, Keith	(208) 886-2224

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

Population: 27,467

Address: 134 E Main Street 83440

Area: 473 sq. miles

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

Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner	(R) Muir, Roger	(208) 356-0394
District 2 Commissioner	(R) * Sommer, Reed	(208) 356-6548
District 3 Commissioner	(R) Passey, Brooke	(208) 356-3666
Assessor	(R) Archibald, LeeAnne	(208) 356-3071
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Rasmussen, Marilyn	(208) 356-3662
Treasurer	(R) Arnold, Sherry	(208) 356-6871
Sheriff	(R) Klingler, Roy	(208) 356-5426
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Brown, Sid	(208) 356-7768
Coroner	(R) Davis, Rick	(208) 356-1253

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

Population: 20,174

Address: 715 G Street 83350

Area: 762 sq. miles

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

Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday

District 1 Commissioner	(R) Bingham, Marvin	(208) 532-4393
District 2 Commissioner	(R) Stapelman, Daniel	(208) 438-5894
District 3 Commissioner	(R) *Teeter, Dave	(208) 436-3641
Assessor	(R) Vaughn, Max	(208) 436-7181
Clerk-Recorder	(R) Smith, Duane	(208) 436-7111
Treasurer	(R) Twiss, Laura	(208) 436-7188
Sheriff	(R) Fries Sr., Paul	(208) 434-2320
Prosecuting Attorney	(I) Bollar, Rick	(208) 436-7187
Coroner	(R) Fisher, Donald	(208) 436-0262

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

Population: 37,410

Address: 1230 Main Street 83501

Area: 855 sq. miles

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

Population: 4,125

Address: 10 Court Street 83252

Area: 1,202 sq. miles

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

Population: 10,644

Address: HC 79, Mile Marker 29.5 Hwy 78 83650

Area: 7,666 sq. miles

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

Sheriff	(R) Aman, Gary	(208) 495-1154
Prosecuting Attorney	(R) Yarbrough, G.	(208) 495-1153
Coroner	(R) Grimme, Harvey	(208) 896-4266

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) Rose, Mark (208) 226-2147

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
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Address: 700 Bank Street 83873
 Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Commissioners meet on Monday through Wednesday
 District 1 Commissioner
 District 2 Commissioner
 District 3 Commissioner
 Assessor
 Clerk-Recorder
 Treasurer
 Sheriff
 Prosecuting Attorney
 Coroner

Area: 2,640 sq. miles

(D) Vergobbi, Jim (208) 752-3331
 (D) Krulitz, Sherry (208) 752-3331
 (I) *Cantamessa, Jon (208) 752-3331
 (D) White, Jerry (208) 752-1202
 (D) DeLange-White, Peggy (208) 752-1264
 (D) Sauer, Ellen (208) 752-1261
 (D) Reynolds, Chuck (208) 556-1114
 (I) Siegel, Val (208) 752-1106
 (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) Loeb, 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

Population: 7,651

Address: 219 N. Main Street 83611

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

Population: 9,977

Address: 256 E. Court 83672

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



