COUNTY GOVERNMENT
The county seals project was a project of the Idaho Centennial Commission. Each county was invited to submit its own design for a seal, and they were placed on the light posts in downtown Boise.
COUNTIES

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

The organization of county government is uniform throughout the state’s forty-four counties; however, this uniformity may change due to a 1994 constitutional amendment that allows for optional forms of county government. The legislature has developed enabling legislation that provides for the optional forms that are available to Idaho’s counties. Citizens in the counties have the opportunity to decide whether they want to continue with the current form of government or change to another form.

For further information on Idaho counties, contact the Idaho Association of Counties, 700 W. Washington, Box 1623 Boise, ID 83701; Phone: (208)345-9126; FAX: (208)345-0379; Website: 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; Website: http://www.idahocities.org/

TAXING DISTRICTS

Other local units of government in Idaho include school districts, numerous road districts, cemetery districts, fire protection districts, irrigation districts, junior college districts and other single-purpose taxing units. All of these units have limited taxing powers but are required to certify their requirements to the county commissioners who must include these needs in the collections made by county tax collectors.
COUNTY OFFICIALS

• The County Clerk, Assessor, Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer, Coroner and Sheriff are elected for four year terms.
• County Commissioners are elected for terms of two and four years with their terms being staggered.
• *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
Address: 200 West Front
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.adaweb.net
Assessor 
Clerk
Commissioner District 1
Commissioner District 2
Commissioner District 3
Coroner
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Treasurer
Robert McQuade (R) (208) 287-7200
J. David Navarro (R) (208) 287-6888
Sharon Ullman (R) (208) 287-7001
Rick Yzaguirre (R) (208) 287-7000
Fred Tilman (R) (208) 287-7000
Erwin Sonnenberg (R) (208) 287-5556
Greg Bower (R) (208) 287-7700
Gary Raney (R) (208) 577-3306
Cecil Ingram (R) (208) 287-6800

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
Address: 201 Industrial Ave
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Commissioners meet on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays
www.co.adams.id.us
Assessor 
Clerk
Commissioner District 1
Commissioner District 2
Commissioner District 3
Coroner
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Treasurer
Karen Hatfield (D) (208) 253-4271
Sherry Ward (R) (208) 253-4561
Joe Holmes (R) (208) 253-4561
Michael Paradis (R) (208) 253-4458
William “Bill” Brown (R) (208) 347-2290
Susan Warner (R) (208) 253-4242
Myron Gabbert (R) (208) 253-6896
Richard Green (R) (208) 253-4228
Connie Kesler (R) (208) 253-4263
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: 78,443
Address: 624 E. Center Area: 1,148 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet Monday
www.co.bannock.id.us through Friday
Assessor Jo Lynn Anderson (D) (208) 236-7260
Clerk Dale Hatch (D) (208) 236-7368
Commissioner District 1 Karl Anderson (R) (208) 236-7211
Commissioner District 2 *Steve Hadley (R) (208) 236-7211
Commissioner District 3 Larry Ghan (D) (208) 236-7210
Coroner Kim Quick (D) (208) 243-1328
Prosecuting Attorney Mark Hiedeman (D) (208) 236-7280
Sheriff Lorin Nielsen (D) (208) 236-7123
Treasurer Radene Barker (D) (208) 236-7220

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 Population: 6,167
Address: 7 East Center Street Area: 1,050 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday
www.bearlakecounty.info
Assessor Lynn Lewis (R) (208) 945-2155
Clerk Kerry Haddock (R) (208) 945-2212
Commissioner District 1 Montain Kunz (R) (208) 847-1625
Commissioner District 2 Demar Romrell (R) (208) 847-1973
Commissioner District 3 *Vaughn Rasmussen (R) (208) 847-3053
Coroner Leonard Matthews (R) (208) 847-0451
Prosecuting Attorney Roger Jones (R) (208) 945-1438
Sheriff Brent Bunn (R) (208) 945-2121
Treasurer Rodney Wallentine (D) (208) 945-2130

BENEWAH COUNTY
Established January 23, 1915, with its county seat at St. Maries, by an act of the state legislature from the southern part of Kootenai County. Named for a Coeur d’Alene Indian chief. Some settlement began after the completion of the Mullan Road in 1860, but most settlers came to the area after the discovery of gold near St. Maries in 1880.
County Seat: St. Maries Population: 9,347
Address: 701 College Ave. Area: 787 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Monday
Assessor Teresa Jeffrey (D) (208) 245-2821
Clerk J. Michelle Reynolds (D) (208) 245-3212
Commissioner District 1 *Jack Buell (D) (208) 245-3274
Commissioner District 2 Terry Doupe (D) (208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 3 N.L. “Bud” McCall (D) (208) 245-2234

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Coroner
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Treasurer

Ronald Hodge (D)  (208) 245-2611
Douglas Payne (D)  (208) 245-2564
Robert Kirts (D)  (208) 245-2555
Sara Renner (D)  (208) 245-2421

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: 44,051
Address: 501 N. Maple Street  Area: 2,183 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

Assessor  Ronald Simmons (R)  (208) 782-3016
Clerk  Sara Staub (R)  (208) 782-3160
Commissioner District 1  *Cleone Jolley (R)  (208) 782-3010
Commissioner District 2  Donavan Harrington (R)  (208) 782-3011
Commissioner District 3  A. Ladd Carter (R)  (208) 782-3012
Coroner  Kyle Lindsay (R)  (208) 782-3153
Prosecuting Attorney  J. Scott Andrew (R)  (208) 782-3101
Sheriff  Dave Johnson (R)  (208) 785-4440
Treasurer  Janice Lawes (R)  (208) 785-3092

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: 21,501
Address: 206 1st Avenue South  Area: 2,655 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet Tuesday and Thursday

Assessor  Valdi Pace (D)  (208) 788-5535
Clerk  JoLynn Drage (D)  (208) 788-5531
Commissioner District 1  *Lawrence “Larry” Schoen (D)  (208) 788-5500
Commissioner District 2  Tom Bowman (D)  (208) 788-5500
Commissioner District 3  Angenie McCleary (D)  (208) 788-5500
Coroner  Russell Mikel (R)  (208) 578-1000
Prosecuting Attorney  Jim Thomas (D)  (208) 788-5545
Sheriff  J. Walt Femling (R)  (208) 788-5550
Treasurer  Vicki Dick (R)  (208) 788-5530
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
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Population: 7,641
Area: 1,908 square miles

www.co.boise.id.us

Assessor Brent Adamson (R) (208) 392-4415
Clerk Constance “Conni” Swearingen (R) (208) 392-4431
Commissioner District 1 Terry C. Day (R) (208) 392-4431
Commissioner District 2 Jamie Anderson (R) (208) 392-6636
Commissioner District 3 *Linda Zimmer (R) (208) 392-6636
Coroner Pamela Garlock (R) (208) 392-4411
Prosecuting Attorney RJ Twilegar (D) (208) 392-4485
Sheriff Ben Roeber (R) (208) 392-4411
Treasurer Barbara Balding (R) (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
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Population: 41,275
Area: 1,737 square miles

www.co.bonner.id.us

Assessor Jerry Clemons (R) (208) 265-1440
Clerk Marie Scott (D) (208) 265-1437
Commissioner District 1 Cornel Rasor (R) (208) 265-1438
Commissioner District 2 *Joseph Young (R) (208) 265-1438
Commissioner District 3 Lewis Rich (R) (208) 265-1438
Coroner Kathryn Rose (R) (208) 265-5274
Prosecuting Attorney Louis Marshall (R) (208) 263-6714
Sheriff Daryl Wheeler (R) (208) 263-8417
Treasurer Cheryl Piehl (R) (208) 265-1433

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

Population: 94,630
Area: 1,897 square miles

www.co.bonneville.id.us

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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: 10,831
Address: 6452 Kootenai Street Area: 1,277 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on Monday and Tuesday
www.boundarycountyid.org
Assessor David Ryals (R) (208) 267-3301
Clerk Glenda Poston (R) (208) 267-2242
Commissioner District 1 *Ron Smith (R) (208) 267-7723
Commissioner District 2 Walt Kirby (R) (208) 267-7723
Commissioner District 3 Dan Dinning (R) (208) 267-7723
Coroner Mick Mellett (D) (208) 267-2146
Prosecuting Attorney Jack Douglas (R) (208) 267-7545
Sheriff Greg Sprungl (R) (208) 267-3151
Treasurer Jennifer “Jenny” Fessler (R) (208) 267-3291

BUTTE COUNTY
Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Arco. It was named for the buttes that rise from the Snake River plain and served as landmarks to trappers and pioneers who traveled through the area. The first white men in the region were thought to be Donald MacKenzie and his Northwest Fur Company trappers in 1818.
County Seat: Arco Population: 2,781
Address: 248 W. Grand Ave. Area: 2,237 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays
Assessor Laurie Gamett (R) (208) 527-8288
Clerk Trilby McAffee (R) (208) 527-3021
Commissioner District 1 *Seth Beal (R) (208) 527-3137
Commissioner District 2 Kent Cummins (R) (208) 527-8582
Commissioner District 3 Mark Stauffer (R) (208) 767-3329
Coroner Chris Merrill (I) (208) 390-7512
Prosecuting Attorney Steve Stephens (R) (208) 527-3458
Sheriff Wes Collins (R) (208) 527-8553
Treasurer Lori Beck (R) (208) 527-3047
CAMAS COUNTY
Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Fairfield. Named for the lily-like plant found in this area with an edible bulb used as a staple food by Indians and as hog fodder by settlers.
County Seat: Fairfield  Population: 1,088
Address: 501 Soldier Road  Area: 1,077 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 2nd
Monday and 4th Tuesday
Assessor  Lynn McGuire (R)  (208) 764-2370
Clerk  Ford “Rollie” Bennett (R)  (208) 764-2242
Commissioner District 1  William "Bill" Davis (R)  (208) 764-2386
Commissioner District 2  Ronald Chapman (R)  (208) 764-2223
Commissioner District 3  *Kenneth Backstrom (R)  (208) 764-2613
Coroner  Darla Boggs (R)  (208) 764-2653
Prosecuting Attorney  Calvin Campbell (R)  (208) 764-2251
Sheriff  David Sanders (R)  (208) 764-2809
Treasurer  Gayle Bachtell (R)  (208) 764-2126

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: 173,302
Address: 1115 Albany  Area: 603 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.canyoncounty.org
Assessor  Gene Kuehn (R)  (208) 454-7431
Clerk  William “Bill” Hurst (R)  (208) 454-7556
Commissioner District 1  Steven Rule (R)  (208) 454-7507
Commissioner District 2  Kathryn "Kathy" Alder (R)  (208) 454-7507
Commissioner District 3  *David Ferdinand (R)  (208) 454-7507
Coroner  Vicki DeGeus-Morris (R)  (208) 454-7523
Prosecuting Attorney  John Bujak (R)  (208) 454-7391
Sheriff  Chris Smith (R)  (208) 454-7510
Treasurer  Tracie Lloyd (R)  (208) 454-7354

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: 6,996
Address: 159 S. Main  Area: 1,799 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
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: 21,365
Address: 1459 Overland Avenue Area: 2,577 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet every Monday
www.cassiacounty.org
Assessor Marty Holland (R) (208) 878-3540
Clerk Larry Mickelsen (R) (208) 878-5231
Commissioner District 1 Paul Christensen (R) (208) 678-2399
Commissioner District 2 Clay Handy (R) (208) 738-5071
Commissioner District 3 *Dennis Crane (R) (208) 878-7302
Coroner Paul Young (R) (208) 678-1455
Prosecuting Attorney Alfred Barrus (R) (208) 878-0419
Sheriff Randy Kidd (R) (208) 878-2251
Treasurer Gayle Erekson (R) (208) 878-7202

CLARK COUNTY
Established February 1, 1919 with its county seat at Dubois. Named for Sam K. Clark, early settler on Medicine Lodge Creek who became the first state senator from Clark County. The city of Dubois was named for U.S. Senator Fred Dubois, a prominent Idaho political figure in early history.
County Seat: Dubois Population: 920
Address: 224 W Main Street Area: 1,764 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday
Assessor Carrie May (R) (208) 374-5404
Clerk Lisa Black (R) (208) 374-5304
Commissioner District 1 William Frederiksen (R) (208) 390-4531
Commissioner District 2 *Greg Shenton (R) (208) 374-5274
Commissioner District 3 Allyn May (R) (208) 374-5433
Coroner Orvin Jorgensen (R) (208) 374-5304
Prosecuting Attorney Arlynn Horne (I) (208) 778-5365
Sheriff Craig King (R) (208) 374-5403
Treasurer Velvet Killian (R) (208) 374-5455
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 Population: 8,324
Address: 150 Michigan Avenue Area: 2,488 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on Mondays

www.clearwatercounty.org

Assessor Mellisa Stewart (D) (208) 476-7042
Clerk Carrie Bird (D) (208) 476-5596
Commissioner District 1 *Don Ebert (D) (208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 2 Stan Leach (R) (208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 3 John Allen (D) (208) 476-3615
Coroner Thomas Atkinson, Jr., R.N. (D) (208) 476-3376
Prosecuting Attorney E. Clayne Tyler (D) (208) 476-5611
Sheriff Chris Goetz (R) (208) 476-4521
Treasurer Jeannie Johnson (D) (208) 476-5213

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 Population: 4,180
Address: 801 Main Street Area: 4,938 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays

www.co.custer.id.us

Assessor Christine “Chris” James (R) (208) 879-2325
Clerk Barbara Breedlove (R) (208) 879-2360
Commissioner District 1 *Wayne Butts (R) (208) 879-4215
Commissioner District 2 Cliff Hansen (R) (208) 879-2360
Commissioner District 3 Lin Hintze (D) (208) 390-2849
Coroner Vicki Armbruster (R) (208) 879-2360
Prosecuting Attorney Shawn M. Glen (I) (208) 879-4383
Sheriff Stuart "Stu" Lumpkin (R) (208) 879-2232
Treasurer Sandra James (R) (208) 879-2330

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, 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.
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 Population: 12,494
Address: 39 W. Oneida Area: 667 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

Assessor Richard Umbel (D) (208) 852-1091
Clerk Elliott Larsen (R) (208) 852-1090
Commissioner District 1 *Richard Westerberg (R) (208) 852-1090
Commissioner District 2 Scott Workman (R) (208) 852-3086
Commissioner District 3 Dirk Bowles (R) (208) 221-1398
Coroner Douglas Webb (R) (208) 852-0533
Prosecuting Attorney R. Todd Garbett (R) (208) 852-9119
Sheriff Don Beckstead (R) (208) 852-1234
Treasurer Jeanette McKay (R) (208) 852-1095

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: 12,369
Address: 151 West 1st North Area: 1,894 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

Assessor Kathy Thompson (R) (208) 624-7984
Clerk Abbie Mace (R) (208) 624-7332
Commissioner District 1 Ronald “Skip” Hurt(R) (208) 624-4271
Commissioner District 2 LeRoy Miller(R) (208) 458-4271
Commissioner District 3 *Paul Romrell (R) (208) 624-4271
Coroner Dennis Birch (R) (208) 390-2273
Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh (R) (208) 624-4418
Sheriff Len Humphries (R) (208) 624-4482
Treasurer Patricia McCoy (D) (208) 624-3361
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: 16,558
Address: 415 E. Main Street Area: 564 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on Mondays and Tuesdays
www.co.gem.id.us
Assessor Greg Himes (R) (208) 365-2982
Clerk Shelly Gannon (R) (208) 365-4561
Commissioner District 1 Sharon Church-Pratt (R) (208) 365-4561
Commissioner District 2 *Lan Smith (R) (208) 447-2018
Commissioner District 3 Michele Sherrer (R) (208) 477-2017
Coroner John Buck (R) (208) 365-4491
Prosecuting Attorney Richard Linville (I) (208) 365-2106
Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Rolland (R) (208) 365-3521
Treasurer Connie Goins (R) (208) 365-3272

GOODING COUNTY
County Seat: Gooding Population: 14,404
Address: 624 Main Street Area: 733 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet 2nd and 4th Mondays
Assessor Patty Bauscher (R) (208) 934-5666
Clerk Denise Gill (R) (208) 934-4841
Commissioner District 1 Helen Edwards (R) (208) 934-5782
Commissioner District 2 *Tom Faulkner (R) (208) 539-4347
Commissioner District 3 Terrell Williams (R) (208) 934-4221
Coroner Gary Loder (R) (208) 934-4406
Prosecuting Attorney Calvin Campbell (R) (208) 934-4493
Sheriff Shaun Gough (R) (208) 934-4421
Treasurer Christine “Tine” Wines (R) (208) 934-5673

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: 15,762
Address: 320 W. Main Area: 8,503 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on Tuesdays
www.idahocounty.org
Assessor: James Zehner (R) (208) 983-2742
Clerk: Rose Gehring (R) (208) 983-2751
Commissioner District 1: *Skipper Brandt (R) (208) 983-2751
Commissioner District 2: James Rockwell (R) (208) 983-3027
Commissioner District 3: Jim Rehder (D) (208) 983-2751
Coroner: Steven Frei (R) (208) 983-9957
Prosecuting Attorney: Kirk MacGregor (R) (208) 983-0166
Sheriff: Doug Gidding (R) (208) 983-1100
Treasurer: Sharon Cox (D) (208) 983-2801

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: 22,350
Address: 210 Courthouse Way
Area: 1,106 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Mondays

www.co.jefferson.id.us
Assessor: Cody Taylor (R) (208) 745-9215
Clerk: Christine Boulter (R) (208) 745-7756
Commissioner District 1: Debbie Karren (R) (208) 745-9222
Commissioner District 2: R. Tad Hegsted (R) (208) 754-9373
Commissioner District 3: *Ron Baxter (R) (208) 663-4684
Coroner: LaVar Summers (R) (208) 663-4630
Prosecuting Attorney: Robin Dunn (R) (208) 745-9202
Sheriff: Blair Olsen (R) (208) 745-9210
Treasurer: DeAnn Madsen (R) (208) 745-9219

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: 20,130
Address: 300 N. Lincoln
Area: 605 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays

www.jeromecounty.org
Assessor: Rick Haberman (R) (208) 644-2740
Clerk: Michelle Emerson (R) (208) 644-2704
Commissioner District 1: Cathy Roemer (R) (208) 644-2702
Commissioner District 2: *Charles Howell (R) (208) 644-2700
Commissioner District 3: Joseph Davidson (R) (208) 644-2703
Coroner: Gerald T. Brant (R) (208) 324-2176
Prosecuting Attorney: John Horgan (R) (208) 644-2630
Sheriff: Douglas McFall (R) (208) 644-2770
Treasurer: Mary Childers (R) (208) 644-2720
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KOOTENAI COUNTY
Established December 22, 1864 by the Second Territorial Legislature with Seneaquen, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaquen 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
Address: 451 Government Way
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
www.kcgov.us
Assessor Michael McDowell (R) (208) 446-1500
Clerk Daniel English (D) (208) 446-1650
Commissioner District 1 Todd Tondee (R) (208) 446-1600
Commissioner District 2 *Elmer “Rick” Currie (R) (208) 446-1600
Commissioner District 3 Rich Piazza (R) (208) 446-1600
Coroner Robert West, M.D. (R) (208) 446-2199
Prosecuting Attorney Barry McHugh (R) (208) 446-1800
Sheriff Rocky Watson (R) (208) 446-1300
Treasurer Tom Malzahn (R) (208) 446-1005

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 Nez Perce 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
Address: 522 South Adams
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
www.latah.id.us
Assessor Patrick Vaughan (D) (208) 883-5710
Clerk Susan Peterson (R) (208) 883-2249
Commissioner District 1 Jennifer Barrett (D) (208) 882-8580
Commissioner District 2 *Tom Stroschein (D) (208) 883-2275
Commissioner District 3 John “Jack” Nelson (R) (208) 883-2271
Coroner Catherine Mabbutt (D) (208) 882-4474
Prosecuting Attorney Bill Thompson (D) (208) 883-2246
Sheriff Wayne Rausch (R) (208) 882-2216
Treasurer Connie Jain Ferguson (R) (208) 883-2252
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.
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays
www.lemhicountyidaho.org
Assessor R.J. Smith (R) (208) 756-2815
Clerk Terri Morton (R) (208) 756-2815
Commissioner District 1 Robert Cope (I) (208) 756-2124
Commissioner District 2 Richard Snyder (R) (208) 768-2714
Commissioner District 3 *Brett Barsalou (R) (208) 756-2567
Coroner Mike Mitchell (R) (208) 756-3203
Prosecuting Attorney P. Bruce Withers (R) (208) 756-2009
Sheriff Sam Slavin (R) (208) 756-8980
Treasurer Mary Ann Heiser (R) (208) 756-2816

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
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet each Monday
www.lewiscountyid.org
Assessor Leslie Snyder (D) (208) 937-2261
Clerk Cathy Larson (D) (208) 937-2661
Commissioner District 1 Charles Doty (D) (208) 935-0049
Commissioner District 2 *Carroll Keith (R) (208) 937-2620
Commissioner District 3 Don Davis (R) (208) 937-2661
Coroner C. Robert Pratt (D) (208) 937-2447
Prosecuting Attorney Kimron Torgerson (I) (208) 937-2271
Sheriff Brian Brokop (D) (208) 937-2447
Treasurer Pauline Malone (D) (208) 937-2341

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
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
Assessor Linda Jones (R) (208) 886-2161
Clerk Liz Kime (R) (208) 886-7641
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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: 31,393
Address: 134 E Main Street  Area: 473 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

www.co.madison.id.us
Assessor  Brent Saurey (R)  (208) 356-3071
Clerk  Marilyn Rasmussen (R)  (208) 359-6200
Commissioner District 1  Kimber Ricks (R)  (208) 356-8824
Commissioner District 2  Jon Weber (R)  (208) 390-3110
Commissioner District 3  Robert Hansen (R)  (208) 356-0721
Coroner  Rick Davis (R)  (208) 496-1253
Prosecuting Attorney  Sid Brown (R)  (208) 356-7768
Sheriff  Roy Klingler (R)  (208) 356-5426
Treasurer  Sherry Arnold (R)  (208) 359-6232

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: 19,041
Address: 715 G Street  Area: 762 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on first four Mondays

www.minidoka.id.us
Assessor  Max Vaughn (R)  (208) 436-7181
Clerk  Duane Smith (R)  (208) 436-7111
Commissioner District 1  Robert Moore (R)  (208) 436-0750
Commissioner District 2  Daniel Stapelman (R)  (208) 438-5894
Commissioner District 3  Lynn Hunsaker (R)  (208) 431-1974
Coroner  Joel Heward (R)  (208) 436-9381
Prosecuting Attorney  Lance Stevenson (R)  (208) 436-7187
Sheriff  Kevin Halverson (R)  (208) 434-2320
Treasurer  Laura Twiss (R)  (208) 436-7188
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  
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
www.co.nezperce.id.us  
Assessor Daniel Anderson (D)  (208) 799-3010  
Clerk Patty Weeks (D)  (208) 799-3020  
Commissioner District 1 Mike Grow (R)  (208) 799-3090  
Commissioner District 2 Ronald Wittman (D)  (208) 799-3090  
Commissioner District 3 *Douglas Zenner (R)  (208) 799-3090  
Coroner Gary Gilliam (D)  (208) 799-3074  
Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Spickler (R)  (208) 799-3073  
Sheriff Dale Buttrey (D)  (208) 799-3131  
Treasurer Barbara Fry (D)  (208) 799-3030

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  
Business Hours: 9:00 to 5:00 pm  
www.co.oneida.id.us  
Assessor Dixie Hubbard (R)  (208) 766-4116  
Clerk Shirlee Blaisdell (D)  (208) 766-4116  
Commissioner District 1 Cecil Sweeten (R)  (208) 766-4116  
Commissioner District 2 Larry Etherington (R)  (208) 698-3532  
Commissioner District 3 *Joe Daniels (D)  (208) 766-4545  
Coroner Spence Horsley (R)  (208) 766-4330  
Prosecuting Attorney Dustin Smith (R)  (208) 766-2201  
Sheriff Jeffery Semrad (R)  (208) 766-2251  
Treasurer Dianne Pett (R)  (208) 766-2962

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.
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OWYHEE COUNTY
Established February 24, 1911 with its county seat at Murphy. Named for the Owyhee 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. Murphy, which was named for the log boom on the Owyhee river, was constructed as a railroad camp in 1883 and later changed its name to Murphy.
County Seat: Murphy Population: 11,104
Address: 20381 State Highway 78 Area: 7,666 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 1st & 4th Mondays
www.owyheecounty.net

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 Population: 22,595
Address: 1130 3rd Avenue North Area: 403 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on Mondays
Website: www.payettecounty.org

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: 7,914
Address: 543 Bannock Avenue Area: 1,442 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.co.power.id.us

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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
Address: 700 Bank Street
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Wednesday
Assessor Jerry White (D) (208) 752-1202
Sheriff Mitch Alexander (D) (208) 556-1114
Prosecuting Attorney Van Siegel (D) (208) 752-1106
Clerk Peggy DeLange-White (D) (208) 752-1264
Coroner Lonny Duce (D) (208) 786-5121
Commissioner District 1 Vern Hanson (D) (208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 2 *Jon Cantamessa (D) (208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 3 Larry Young (R) (208) 354-2323
Treasurer Ellen Sauer (D) (208) 752-1261

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
Address: 89 North Main
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
Assessor Bonnie Beard (D) (208) 354-3507
Sheriff Tony Liford (D) (208) 354-2323
Prosecuting Attorney Kathy Spitzer (D) (208) 354-1998
Clerk Mary Lou Hansen (D) (208) 354-8780
Commissioner District 1 Kathy Rinaldi (D) (208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 2 Bob Benedict (D) (208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 3 *Larry Young (D) (208) 354-2905
Coroner Tim Melcher (R) (208) 709-7426
Treasurer Bonnie Hatch (D) (208) 354-2254

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
Address: 425 Shoshone St. N.
Population: 71,575
Area: 1,957 square miles

Prosecuting Attorney Frank "Randy" Kline (D) (208) 226-1230
Sheriff Jim “J.J.” Jeffries (D) (208) 226-2311
Treasurer Bobbie Mauch (R) (208) 226-7614

Commissioner District 1 Vince Rinaldi (D) (208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 2 Vern Hanson (D) (208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 3 *Jon Cantamessa (D) (208) 752-3331
Coroner Lonny Duce (D) (208) 786-5121
Prosecuting Attorney Van Siegel (D) (208) 752-1106
Sheriff Mitch Alexander (D) (208) 556-1114
Treasurer Ellen Sauer (D) (208) 752-1261

Commissioner District 1 Bob Benedict (D) (208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 2 Kathy Rinaldi (D) (208) 354-2905
Commissioner District 3 Larry Young (R) (208) 354-2905
Coroner Tony Liford (D) (208) 354-2323
Treasurer Bonnie Hatch (D) (208) 354-2254

www.tetoncounty.com
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  Population: 8,836
Address: 219 N. Main Street  Area: 3,733 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays

www.co.valley.id.us
Assessor  Karen Campbell (R)  (208) 382-7126
Clerk  Archie Banbury (R)  (208) 382-7101
Commissioner District 1  *Gerald “Jerry” Winkle (R)  (208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 2  Gordon Cruickshank (R)  (208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 3  Frank Eld (D)  (208) 325-5000
Coroner  Marvin Heikkila (R)  (208) 634-2220
Prosecuting Attorney  Matthew Williams (R)  (208) 382-7121
Sheriff  Patti Bolen (R)  (208) 382-7150
Treasurer  Glenna Young (R)  (208) 382-7110

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  Population: 10,202
Address: 256 E. Court  Area: 1,474 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm  Commissioners meet on Mondays

www.co.washington.id.us
Assessor  George Plischke (R)  (208) 414-2000
Clerk  Sharon Widner (R)  (208) 414-2789
Commissioner District 1  Michael Hopkins (R)  (208) 549-2030
Commissioner District 2  *Rick Michael (R)  (208) 414-2092
Commissioner District 3  Roy Mink (R)  (208) 414-2789
Coroner  Robert Thomason (R)  (208) 414-1234
Prosecuting Attorney  Delton Walker (R)  (208) 414-1652
Sheriff  Marvin Williams (R)  (208) 414-2121
Treasurer  Ann Frei (R)  (208) 414-0324