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.

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<td>Christopher Rich (R)</td>
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<td>Sharon Ullman (R)</td>
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<td>*Rick Yzaguirre (R)</td>
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<td>Gary Raney (R)</td>
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<td>Vicky McIntyre (R)</td>
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#### 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.

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<td>Sherry Ward (R)</td>
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<td>Joe Holmes (R)</td>
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<td>Michael Paradis (R)</td>
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<td>*William “Bill” Brown (R)</td>
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<td>Susan Warner (R)</td>
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<td>Myron Gabbert (R)</td>
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<td>Richard Green (R)</td>
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<td>(208) 253-4227</td>
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<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Connie Kesler (R)</td>
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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: 82,539
Address: 624 E Center Street  Area: 1,148 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.co.bannock.id.us
Assessor  Dave Packer (R)  (208) 241-1800
Clerk  Dale Hatch (D)  (208) 236-7368
Commissioner District 1  Karl Anderson (R)  (208) 236-7611
Commissioner District 2  *Steve Hadley (R)  (208) 236-7211
Commissioner District 3  Howard Manwaring (R)  (208) 236-7210
Coroner  Kim Quick (D)  (208) 243-1328
Prosecuting Attorney  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: 5,774
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  David Matthews (R)  (208) 847-0451
Prosecuting Attorney  Roger Jones (R)  (208) 945-1438
Sheriff  Brent Bunn (R)  (208) 945-2121
Treasurer  Tricia Poulsen (R)  (208) 945-2130
BENEWAH COUNTY
Established January 23, 1915, with its county seat at St. Maries, by an act of the state legislature from the southern part of Kootenai County. Named for a Coeur d’Alene Indian chief. Some settlement began after the completion of the Mullan Road in 1860, but most settlers came to the area after the discovery of gold near St. Maries in 1880.
County Seat: St. Maries                Population: 9,258
Address: 701 College Ave.             Area: 787 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Monday
Assessor                Donna Spier (R)   (208) 245-2821
Clerk                   J. Michelle Reynolds (D) (208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 1  *Jack Buell (D)    (208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 2  Phillip Lampert (R) (208) 245-2234
Commissioner District 3  N.L. “Bud” McCall (D) (208) 245-2234
Coroner                 Ronald Hodge (D)     (208) 245-2611
Prosecuting Attorney    Douglas Payne (D)    (208) 245-2564
Sheriff                 Robert Kirts (D)      (208) 245-2555
Treasurer               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: 44,668
Address: 501 N. Maple Street       Area: 2,183 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.co.bingham.id.us
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  Whitney Manwaring (R) (208) 782-3013
Commissioner District 3  A. Ladd Carter (R) (208) 782-3012
Coroner                 Mike Gardner (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
Address: 206 1st Avenue South
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Tuesday and Thursday
www.co.blaine.id.us
Assessor
Valdi Pace (D) (208) 788-5542
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
Commissioners meet every Monday
www.boisecounty.us
Assessor
Brent Adamson (R) (208) 392-4415
Clerk
Mary Prisco (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
Robert Fry (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
April Hutchings (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
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
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 Mike Nielsen (R) (208) 265-1438
Commissioner District 3 *Lewis Rich (R) (208) 265-1438
Coroner                Kathryn Rose (R) (208) 263-6714
Prosecuting Attorney   Louis Marshall (R) (208) 263-6714
Sheriff                Daryl Wheeler (R) (208) 263-8417
Treasurer              Cheryl Piehl (R) (208) 265-1433

BONNEVILLE COUNTY
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
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.co.bonneville.id.us

Assessor               Blake Mueller (R) (208) 529-1350
Clerk                  Ronald Longmore (R) (208) 529-1350
Commissioner District 1 *Roger Christensen (R) (208) 529-1360
Commissioner District 2 Dave Radford (R) (208) 529-1360
Commissioner District 3 Lee Staker (R) (208) 529-1360
Coroner                Jonathan Walker (R) (208) 533-6999
Prosecuting Attorney   Bruce Pickett (R) (208) 529-1348
Sheriff                Paul J. Wilde (R) (208) 529-1375
Treasurer              Mark Hansen (R) (208) 529-1380
Architectural plans were drawn for the Courthouse by Fisher and Aitkins in 1919 and in 1921 the building was complete and formally opened.

When the courthouse was formally opened, the commissioners said proudly, "This building should be good for 50 years."

Not only has the building lasted well past that prediction, it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an example of neo-classical public architecture.
BOUNDARY COUNTY
Established January 23, 1915 with its county seat at Bonners Ferry. It was so named because it borders Canada on the north, Washington on the west, and Montana on the east as well as Bonner County on the south.
County Seat: Bonners Ferry  
Address: 6452 Kootenai Street  
Population: 10,951  
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  
John "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: 2,764  
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  
www.boundarycountyid.org

Assessor  
Laurie Gamett (R)  
(208) 527-8288

Clerk  
Trilby McAffee (R)  
(208) 527-3021

Commissioner District 1  
*Seth Beal (R)  
(208) 527-3021

Commissioner District 2  
Kent Cummins (R)  
(208) 604-4033

Commissioner District 3  
Brian Harrell (R)  
(208) 767-3511

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: 1,109
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 Korri Blodgett (R)  (208) 764-2242
Commissioner District 1 *William "Bill" Davis (R)  (208) 764-2386
Commissioner District 2 Janet Croner (R)  (208) 764-2671
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) 764-2261
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: 186,615
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 Chris W. Yamamoto (R)  (208) 454-7337
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 Bryan Taylor (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: 6,914
Address: 159 S. Main                Area: 1,799 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.co.caribou.id.us

Assessor  Aaron Cook (R)  (208) 547-4749
Clerk      Veda Mascarenas (R)  (208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 1  Phil Christensen (R)  (208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 2  Earl Somesen (R)  (208) 547-4324
Commissioner District 3  *Lloyd Rasmussen (R)  (208) 547-4324
Coroner     F. Duayne Sims (R)  (208) 547-3742
Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Haney (R)  (208) 547-1930
Sheriff     Ric Anderson (R)  (208) 547-2561
Treasurer   Diane Crawford (R)  (208) 547-3726

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: 21,698
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  Dwight Davis (R)  (208) 878-3540
Clerk      Joseph Larsen (R)  (208) 878-4461
Commissioner District 1  Paul Christensen (R)  (208) 878-7302
Commissioner District 2  Robert Kunau (R)  (208) 878-7302
Commissioner District 3  *Dennis Crane (R)  (208) 878-7302
Coroner     Craig Rinehart (R)  (208) 678-3237
Prosecuting Attorney Alfred Barrus (R)  (208) 878-0419
Sheriff     Randy Kidd (R)  (208) 878-9327
Treasurer   Patty Justesen (R)  (208) 878-7202
CLARK COUNTY
Established February 1, 1919 with its county seat at Dubois. Named for Sam K. Clark, early settler on Medicine Lodge Creek who became the first state senator from Clark County. The city of Dubois was named for U.S. Senator Fred Dubois, a prominent Idaho political figure in early history.
County Seat: Dubois
Address: 224 W Main Street
Population: 952
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 "Bill" Frederiksen (R) (208) 374-5304
Commissioner District 2 *Greg Shenton (R) (208) 374-5274
Commissioner District 3 Tod Shenton (R) (208) 374-5813
Coroner Brenda Laird (R) (208) 351-8852
Prosecuting Attorney Arlynn Horne (I) (208) 778-5365
Sheriff Bart May (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
Address: 150 Michigan Avenue
Population: 8,043
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) 476-5615
Commissioner District 1 *Don Ebert (D) (208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 2 Stan Leach (R) (208) 476-3615
Commissioner District 3 Carole Galloway (R) (208) 476-3615
Coroner Will Rambeau (R) (208) 827-6180
Prosecuting Attorney E. Clayne Tyler (R) (208) 476-5611
Sheriff Chris Goetz (R) (208) 476-4521
Treasurer Dawn Erlewine (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
Address: 801 E Main Street
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) 879-6690
Clerk Barbara Tierney (R) (208) 879-2360
Commissioner District 1 *Wayne Butts (R) (208) 879-4215
Commissioner District 2 Doyle Lamb (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 "Sandy" 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, orginally named Rattlesnake, was moved to the railroad line and became Mountain Home. On February 4, 1891 the county seat was moved to Mountain Home.
County Seat: Mountain Home  Population: 28,820
Address: 150 South 4th East  Area: 3,103 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays
www.elmorecounty.org
Assessor Ron Fisher (R) (208) 587-2126
Clerk Barbara "Barb" Steele (R) (208) 587-2130
Commissioner District 1 *Arlen "Arlie" Shaw (R) (208) 587-4053
Commissioner District 2 Wesley Wootan (R) (208) 599-3131
Commissioner District 3 Albert Hofer (R) (208) 587-2130
Coroner Jerry Rost (R) (208) 587-0612
Prosecuting Attorney Kristina Schindele (D) (208) 587-2144
Sheriff Rick Layher (R) (208) 587-3370
Treasurer Rose Plympton (D) (208) 587-2138
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: 12,676
Address: 39 W. Oneida Area: 667 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
Assessor Jase Cundick (R) (208) 852-1091
Clerk Shauna Geddes (R) (208) 852-1090
Commissioner District 1 Richard Westerberg (R) (208) 852-1090
Commissioner District 2 R. Scott Workman (R) (208) 852-1090
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: 12,691
Address: 151 West 1st North Area: 1,894 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 1st & 3rd 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 "Lee" Miller(R) (208) 458-4271
Commissioner District 3 Jordon Stoddard (R) (208) 624-4271
Coroner Bonnie Burlage (R) (208) 351-3939
Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh (R) (208) 624-4418
Sheriff Len Humphries (R) (208) 624-4482
Treasurer Patricia McCoy (D) (208) 624-3361
Gem County Courthouse
Photo courtesy of: Julie Walton, inet-success.com

Architect, builder, or engineer: Richardson, David, Hummel, Frank

Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering

Added to the National Register of Historic Places 1982.
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: 16,437
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  Dale Reynolds (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: 14,430
Address: 624 Main Street  Area: 733 square miles
Business Hours: M-TH 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Commissioners meet 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays
www.goodingcounty.org
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
Address: 320 W. Main
Population: 15,461
Area: 8,503 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Tuesdays

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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

County Seat: Rigby
Address: 210 Courthouse Way
Population: 24,802
Area: 1,106 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet 2nd & 4th Mondays

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<td>Robin Dunn (R)</td>
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JEROME COUNTY
Established February 8, 1919 with its county seat at Jerome. Three sources for the name are commonly given: Jerome Hill, one of the developers of North Side Irrigation Project; his grandson, Jerome Kuhn, Jr.; or his son-in-law, Jerome Kuhn. All were important to the growth of the county.
County Seat: Jerome
Address: 300 N. Lincoln
Population: 21,262
Area: 605 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays
www.jeromecounty.org
Assessor Richard 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 Roger Morley (R) (208) 644-2703
Coroner Gerald T. Brant (R) (208) 324-2176
Prosecuting Attorney John Horgan (R) (208) 644-2630
Sheriff Douglas "Doug" McFall (R) (208) 644-2771
Treasurer Mary Childers (R) (208) 644-2720

KOOTENAI COUNTY
Established December 22, 1864 by the Second Territorial Legislature with Seneaquoteen, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaquoteen 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
Population: 139,390
Area: 1,310 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.kcgov.us
Assessor Michael "Mike" McDowell (R) (208) 446-1500
Clerk Clifford Hayes (R) (208) 446-1650
Commissioner District 1 *Todd Tondee (R) (208) 446-1600
Commissioner District 2 Jai Nelson (R) (208) 446-1600
Commissioner District 3 Dan Green (R) (208) 446-1600
Coroner Debbie "Deb" Wilkey (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 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: 38,046
Address: 522 South Adams Area: 1,077 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays & Wednesdays
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) 883-2272
Commissioner District 2
Tom Stroschein (D) (208) 883-7208
Commissioner District 3
David "Dave" McGraw (R) (208) 883-7208
Coroner
Catherine "Cathy" Mabbutt (D) (208) 882-4474
Prosecuting Attorney
Bill Thompson (D) (208) 883-2246
Sheriff
Wayne Rausch (R) (208) 882-2216
Treasurer
Lois Reed (R) (208) 883-2296

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

County Seat: Salmon Population: 7,908
Address: 206 Courthouse Dr. Area: 4,571 square miles
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays
www.lemhicountyidaho.org

Assessor
Jenny Rosin (R) (208) 756-2815
Clerk
Terri Morton (R) (208) 756-2815
Commissioner District 1
*Robert Cope (R) (208) 756-2124
Commissioner District 2
Richard Snyder (R) (208) 768-2714
Commissioner District 3
John Jakovac (R) (208) 756-3656
Coroner
Mike Mitchell (R) (208) 756-3203
Prosecuting Attorney
P. Bruce Withers (R) (208) 756-2009
Sheriff
Lynn Bowerman (R) (208) 756-8980
Treasurer
Mary Ann Heiser (R) (208) 756-2815
LEWIS COUNTY
Established March 3, 1911 with its county seat at Nezperce. Named for Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Nez Perce Indians made this area their home and knew no whites until the Lewis and Clark expedition, the expedition spent a month in the Clearwater River Valley near the town of Kamiah on its return from the Pacific Coast in May 1806.

County Seat: Nezperce  Population: 3,735
Address: 510 Oak Street  Area: 480 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet first four Mondays
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) 937-2661
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  Population: 4,645
Address: 111 West B Street  Area: 1,206 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays

Assessor  Linda Jones (R)  (208) 886-2161
Clerk  Suzanne McConnell (R)  (208) 886-7641
Commissioner District 1  Charles Ritter (I)  (208) 886-2140
Commissioner District 2  Marsha Hiatt (D)  (208) 487-2187
Commissioner District 3  *Jerry Nance (R)  (208) 886-7641
Coroner  Keith Davis, M.D. (R)  (208) 886-2224
Prosecuting Attorney  E. Scott Paul (R)  (208) 886-2454
Sheriff  Kevin Ellis (R)  (208) 886-2250
Treasurer  Cathy Gilbert (R)  (208) 886-7681

COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MADISON COUNTY
Established February 18, 1913 with its county seat at Rexburg. Named for President James Madison, the fourth president of the United States. First settlers in the county were Mormon families from Utah, who built the first irrigation system.
County Seat: Rexburg
Address: 134 E Main Street
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.co.madison.id.us

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Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.co.madison.id.us

MINIDOKA COUNTY
Established January 28, 1913 with its county seat at Rupert. Named directly for the first settlement, Minidoka, a railroad siding. The name is Indian, but the exact meaning is in dispute. Some believe that Minidoka means “well, spring” but there was not a source of water such as a well or spring until 1946. Others say the word is Shoshoni and means “broad expanse,” because the broadest portion of the Snake River Plain lies here.
County Seat: Rupert
Address: 715 G Street
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on first four Mondays
www.minidoka.id.us

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County Seat: Rupert
Address: 715 G Street
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on first four Mondays
www.minidoka.id.us

Assessor
Brent Saurey (R)  (208) 356-3071
Clerk
Kim Muir (R)  (208) 359-3662
Commissioner District 1
*Kimber Ricks (R)  (208) 313-6585
Commissioner District 2
Jon Weber (R)  (208) 356-0058
Commissioner District 3
Todd Smith (R)  (208) 313-5035
Coroner
Rick Davis (R)  (208) 496-4347
Prosecuting Attorney
Sid Brown (R)  (208) 356-7768
Sheriff
Roy Klingler (R)  (208) 356-5426
Treasurer
Sherry Arnold (R)  (208) 359-6217

Assessor
Max Vaughn (R)  (208) 436-7181
Clerk
Patty Temple (R)  (208) 436-7111
Commissioner District 1
*Robert Moore (R)  (208) 436-0750
Commissioner District 2
Kent McClellan (R)  (208) 436-7111
Commissioner District 3
Sheryl Koyle (R)  (208) 436-9429
Coroner
C.V. "Lucky" Bourn (R)  (208) 300-0375
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
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday

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 Douglas Havens (R) (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
Commissioners meet on 2nd Monday and 4th Tuesday

www.co.oneida.id.us
Assessor Dixie Hubbard (R) (208) 766-4116
Clerk Lon Colton (R) (208) 766-4116
Commissioner District 1 *Cecil Sweeten (R) (208) 766-4116
Commissioner District 2 Dale Tubbs (R) (208) 722-6420
Commissioner District 3 Max Firth (R) (208) 766-4177
Coroner Spence Horsley (R) (208) 766-4330
Prosecuting Attorney Dustin Smith (R) (208) 766-2201
Sheriff Jeff Semrad (R) (208) 766-2251
Treasurer Dianne Pett (R) (208) 766-4116

COUNTY GOVERNMENT 277
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: 11,223
Address: 20381 State Highway 78  Area: 7,666 square miles
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday,
www.owyheecounty.net
Assessor  Brett Endicott (R)  (208) 495-9866
Clerk  Charlotte Sherburn (R)  (208) 495-2421
Commissioner District 1  *Jerry Hoagland (R)  (208) 318-8308
Commissioner District 2  Kelly Aberasturi (R)  (208) 495-1154
Commissioner District 3  Joe Merrick (R)  (208) 495-2421
Coroner  Harvey Grimme (R)  (208) 896-4266
Prosecuting Attorney  Douglas Emery (R)  (208) 495-1153
Sheriff  Daryl Crandall (R)  (208) 766-2251
Treasurer  Brenda Richards (R)  (208) 495-1158

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: 23,099
Address: 1130 3rd Avenue North  Area: 403 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays
www.payettecounty.org
Assessor  Sharon Worley (R)  (208) 642-6012
Clerk  Betty Dressen (R)  (208) 642-6000
Commissioner District 1  Rudy Endrikat (R)  (208) 642-3910
Commissioner District 2  Marc Shigeta (R)  (208) 642-6015
Commissioner District 3  *Larry Church (R)  (208) 452-3985
Coroner  Keith Schuller (R)  (208) 452-3377
Prosecuting Attorney  Anne Marie Kelso (R)  (208) 452-7814
Sheriff  Charles “Chad” Huff (R)  (208) 642-6006
Treasurer  Donna Peterson (R)  (208) 642-6004
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
Address: 543 Bannock Avenue
Population: 7,734
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
Assessor Douglas Glascock (D) (208) 226-7616
Clerk Christine Steinlicht (D) (208) 226-7611
Commissioner District 1 Ronald Funk (D) (208) 226-7610
Commissioner District 2 *Vicki Meadows (D) (208) 226-7611
Commissioner District 3 Delane Anderson (R) (208) 226-5154
Coroner Mark Rose (R) (208) 226-2147
Prosecuting Attorney Randy Kline (D) (208) 226-1230
Sheriff Jim “J.J.” Jeffries (D) (208) 226-2311
Treasurer Deanna Curry (R) (208) 226-7614

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
Population: 12,660
Area: 2,640 square miles
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet Monday through Thursday
www.shoshonecounty.org
Assessor Jerry White (D) (208) 752-1202
Clerk Peggy DeLange-White (D) (208) 752-1264
Commissioner District 1 *Vince Rinaldi (D) (208) 752-3331
Commissioner District 2 Larry Yergler (R) (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
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: 150 Courthouse Drive  
Business Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.tetoncounty.com
Assessor Bonnie Beard (D) (208) 354-3507
Clerk Mary Lou Hansen (D) (208) 354-8780
Commissioner District 1 Bob Benedict (D) (208) 354-8775
Commissioner District 2 Kathy Rinaldi (D) (208) 354-2905
Commissioner District 3 Kelly Park (R) (208) 354-8775
Coroner Tim Melcher (R) (208) 354-2323
Prosecuting Attorney Kathy Spitzer (D) (208) 354-1998
Sheriff Tony Liford (D) (208) 354-2323
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 Street N  
Business Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Commissioners meet Monday through Friday
www.twinfallscounty.org
Assessor Gerald Bowden (R) (208) 736-4010
Clerk Kristina Glascock (R) (208) 736-4075
Commissioner District 1 Terry Kramer (R) (208) 736-4068
Commissioner District 2 Leon Mills (R) (208) 736-4068
Commissioner District 3 George Urie (R) (208) 736-4068
Coroner Dennis Chambers (R) (208) 766-7610
Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb (R) (208) 736-4020
Sheriff Tom Carter (R) (208) 736-4177
Treasurer Debbie Kauffman (R) (208) 736-4008

County: Teton  
Population: 9,337
Area: 450 square miles

County: Twin Falls  
Population: 75,296
Area: 1,957 square miles
The old Teton County Courthouse was built in 1924. It was replaced with a modern facility located a few blocks away in 2009.

The new courthouse is 21,000 square feet, fully ADA Accessible and was made possible through a combination of donations and public funding.
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
Address: 219 N. Main Street
Business Hours: M-TH 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Commissioners meet on 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays
www.co.valley.id.us
Assessor: June Fullmer (R)  (208) 382-7126
Clerk: Archie Banbury (R)  (208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 1: Gerald “Jerry” Winkle (R)  (208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 2: *Gordon Cruickshank (R)  (208) 382-7100
Commissioner District 3: Ray Moore (R)  (208) 325-5000
Coroner: Marvin Heikkila (R)  (208) 634-2220
Prosecuting Attorney: Matthew Williams (R)  (208) 382-7100
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
Address: 256 E. Court
Business Hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Commissioners meet on Mondays
www.co.washington.id.us
Assessor: Georgia Plischke (R)  (208) 414-2000
Clerk: Betty Thomas (R)  (208) 414-2092
Commissioner District 1: *Michael Hopkins (R)  (208) 414-2789
Commissioner District 2: Rick Michael (R)  (208) 414-2092
Commissioner District 3: Dave Springer (R)  (208) 414-2789
Coroner: Bowe Von Brethorst (R)  (208) 550-0926
Prosecuting Attorney: Delton Walker (R)  (208) 414-0390
Sheriff: Marvin Williams (R)  (208) 414-2121
Treasurer: Ann Frei (R)  (208) 414-0324
The building was designed by the Boise-based architectural firm of Tourtellotte & Hummel in 1938.

Construction of the building began in 1939 under the Work Projects Administration and was completed in 1940. The building is built of concrete in the Art Deco or Moderne style.

The building was placed on the National Register on September 28, 1987.