

This meeting was held to discuss repaying state supplemental appropriations and talk about different strategic initiatives for the committee.

Chairman Alex Adams called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Members not in attendance were Chantel Greene and Dennis Johnson.

Chairman Adams started the discussion on different strategic initiatives the committee could take up. Members of the committee as well as state agency heads provided different ideas for projects. Tom Keeley discussed an initiative to expand Idaho broadband connectivity as it is such a widely used resource in this time of crisis. Melissa Wintrow gave her idea of rental assistance for Idaho residents statewide. Bobbi-Jo Meuleman presented a workforce development training program for employees that have been furloughed due to COVID-19. Lisa Hettinger gave a recommendation to support medical providers for COVID-19 medical expenses. Jeff Weak proposed an idea to bolster state IT infrastructure to improve state employee's ability to work from home. Josh Tewalt discussed an initiative to increase public safety in our correctional institutions in Idaho. Chairman Adams presented an initiative to pay public health and public safety employees with CARES Act money as they are front line workers with the epidemic. Susan Buxton presented her idea for to give hazard pay for any work involving physical hardship as it relates to COVID-19 to state employees.

The committee discussed initial impressions and a timeframe in which they needed to make their decision. The members decided subcommittees would be an effective way to deal with these questions and to decide which initiatives should be moved forward. Chairman Adams stated he would take a poll of committee members to determine on which subcommittees they would like to serve.

The committee adjourned with the intention to meet again as a whole next Friday.