



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 22, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Highway 2, Room 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, July 22, 2025, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Domke, Williams, and Korn were present. Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Catherine Fahrig and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Domke made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes July 15, 2025
- 2) Liquor License(s) for Approval: Monarch Market, Clark Fork; Sandpoint Lions Club, Sandpoint
- 3) Cater Permit(s) for Approval: Rolling Hills Vineyard, Eagle, Event in Sandpoint
- 4) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0045-25, Lou's Sixpak; MLD0020-25, Grand Fir Estates, 1st Addition
- 5) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Sheriff (2: ILETs, \$18,762.50; Confidential, \$25,061)
- 6) Professional Services Agreement: HMH Engineering for Road & Bridge

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #41, **Totaling \$1,125,398.96**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve payment of FY25 Claims Batch #41, Totaling \$1,125,398.96. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Renewal of Audit Agreement with Zwygart John & Associates for FY2024-25; \$70,000

Commissioner Korn made a motion that Bonner County renew the Audit Agreement with Zwygart John & Associates, PLLC to complete the 2025 external audit for the total amount of \$70,000. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Brief discussion regarding the audit for the ambulance district. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

INLAND POWER & LIGHT – Presented by Commissioner Asia Williams

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Letter of Support for the Inland Power & Light Cooperative Residential Battery Storage Pilot Program for Blanchard.

There is no county cost associated with this project. Commissioner Korn asked for clarification on what the program specifically provides. Lengthy discussion followed. Meetings will be held August 20 and 24 for more information on the program. More discussion followed regarding cost to the residents.

Commissioner Domke agrees with the letter but disagrees with the supporting documents that were provided. Commissioner Korn doesn't want this to become a reason for them to turn the power off more often. Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Inland Power & Light Cooperative Residential Battery Storage Pilot Program for Blanchard.

Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Martin – Supports the concept of the program. Is concerned about storage and possible battery meltdowns.

Fred Arn – Mentioned that the batteries are coming out of China, questioned if the county should be encouraging them.

Catherine Fahrig – What happens if people cannot cover the cost of this program or have their own generator and don't need this service? Can they opt out?

Commissioner Domke requested more information about the program so the commissioners can better be in the loop. Commissioner Williams said the program is moving forward with or without commissioner approval. Discussion followed. Commissioner Korn said he will not be able to support the program without additional information.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Abstain; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion fails.

SHERIFF – MARINE DIVISION – Doug McGeachy

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Review and Approval of Schedule A

No changes have been made, and none are recommended at this time. Commissioner Korn is disagreeable to a few of these; he does not think there should be a fine for speeding. Doug said work needs to be done on the Codes before fines can be increased. Discussion followed. Commissioner Domke said there are some items on the list that need further evaluation. Commissioner Korn asked if the marine division has considered having a dedicated high-speed zone on the lake. Doug said there have not been discussions regarding that in the years that he has been here. Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the penalties set forth in Schedule A. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

ROAD & BRIDGE – Jason Topp

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding P3 Skid Mount Patcher Purchase from CimLine; **\$130,934.44**

Commissioner Korn asked if this is considered more efficient than an asphalt patch. Jason said it's not more efficient so much as more cost effective. An asphalt patch costs roughly \$1,000 a pothole. These skid mount patches last a long time. Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the purchase of the P3 Skid mount Patcher using the Sourcewell Contract from CimLine for the sum of \$130,934.44.

Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

ENGINEERING – Spencer Ferguson

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Administration Building Remodel Design

Commissioner Korn asked about moving some counters around rather than spending money moving full offices. Discussion followed regarding Design Alternative #1. Teddi Lupton said that staffing is not available to do what Commissioner Korn is requesting. Lengthy discussion followed. Mike Rosedale said

he prefers Design Alternative #2. Lengthy discussion followed regarding cost, moving a wall, and changing counter spaces.

Commissioner Korn made a motion that the BOCC approve Engineering concept Alternative #2 limiting it to the first floor and the bare necessities of getting the Treasurer moved to the first floor and whatever other necessities have to follow with Road and Bridge and GIS to make the Treasurer's office work. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teddi Lupton – Made sure her custodians will still have space.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

PLANNING – Dave Fischer

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Administrative Appeal of MLD0033-25, Upland Acre

Commissioner Korn asked about an email he could not find in the packet. Dave said that individual no longer works for the department, which is why the email was not included in the packet. Commissioner Korn asked about the number of houses and septic systems on the property. Lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Domke made a motion to **affirm** the Planning staff's administrative decision as written in the collective report for this project File MLD0033-25. The decision is based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the Staff Memo was prepared and testimony received at this meeting. This action does not result in the taking of private property. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Korn said he's having a hard time understanding why they would reverse this.

Commissioners Domke and Williams agreed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

BOCC

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Administration Building and Office Complex Front Door Hours

Commissioner Williams said that some departments are manned by only one person. They will have slightly different hours when they are out in the field. She suggested calling those departments to confirm someone is there before coming to the building. Commissioner Korn suggested restricting the time until 8:30 a.m. rather than 8 a.m. Commissioner Williams said this will create excessive hardship. Clorissa said her office is open to the public starting at 8 a.m., so she would like the doors to open at 8:00 a.m. Teddi said elevator maintenance crews come in around 8 a.m. so she would also prefer the doors opening at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Korn made a motion that Bonner County establish that the front doors of the Administration Building and Office Complex will be unlocked from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, beginning July 23, 2025. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Martin – Agrees that the doors should be opened at 8 a.m., especially because of Commissioner Williams's Community Chats.

Dave Bowman – Asked the board to account for hearings that start late in the day.

Teddi Lupton – Said the common practice right now is that the custodians lock the doors at 5 p.m. If a hearing goes longer, the Planning Department is responsible for locking them when they're done.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – No; Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – No. The motion fails.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding making exceptions for public meetings and hearings that run past regular business hours.

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE

- 1) Citizen Concerns and Suggestions
- 2) Current High Priority Tasks
- 3) Questions from the Public on District 1 Commissioner Update
Dave Bowman – Applauds Commissioner Domke for his statements

DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT DISCUSSION

- 1) Ongoing Issues/Concerns Updates
- 2) Litigation
- 3) Workshops Pending
- 4) Discussion Regarding Open Board/Commission Positions: Which boards have openings, also tracking of positions that will become open within 6 months' time
- 5) Questions from the Public
Dave Bowman – Said the public has Commissioner Williams's back. All three fire districts are having a meeting tomorrow night.

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

- 1) Summarization of Meetings During the Week
- 2) Community Events Attended During the Week

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 11:20 a.m.

- Fred Arn – A federal suit was filed last Friday that has to do with a RICO issue. A lot of people involved in that were involved with Camp Bay. Asked commissioners to look at Camp Bay and make sure it was done legally.
- Diane Madoski – Talked about Road and Bridge not having enough money to do what they need. Asked about adding a solar powered flashing stop sign at a dangerous corner to prevent accidents.
- Jonna Plante – Agreed with Commissioner Domke's comment on the censure. Trying to understand the reasoning behind the Comp Plan changes. Talked about nonconforming status. Said the Planning Department gives inconsistent treatment.
- Amy Lunsford – Asked about a follow up on the fairground's pig wash rack.
- Dave Bowman – Agrees with Jonna Plante. Talked about nonconforming lots. Also seconded Fred Arn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Clerk: *Lauren Reichenbach*

The following is a summary of the Board of County Commissioners' Special Meetings (including Tax Cancellations, Assistance Meetings, Admin, and other) Executive Sessions, Emergency Meetings, and Hearings held during the week of July 15, 2025 – July 21, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, a Special Meeting with HR was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(D)(F), Records Exempt & Litigation

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, a Special Meeting with Auditing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, a Special Meeting with BOCC/Emergency Management was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, a Special Meeting with Auditing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Thursday, July 18, 2025, a Special Meeting with Auditing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Monday, July 21, 2025, Budget Workshops were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Monday, July 21, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By Asia Williams
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By Austin Schaeffer
Deputy Clerk

7-29-2025
Date