



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 12, 2025 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, August 12, 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 Sharlene Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED / AMENDED

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 August 5, 2025
- 2) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0007-25, Riser Creek Estates
- 3) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Sheriff (Taylor & Sons, **\$139,263.30**)

Commissioner Korn made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by putting the Sheriff's item on the regular agenda for next week. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

Commissioner Williams asked for Sheriff Wheeler to be called so he could present his item. The board wanted to discuss it further rather than have it be a consent agenda item. While awaiting the sheriff, Commissioner Williams discussed the time sensitivity of this item. Taylor and Sons will only hold the vehicles for the sheriff's office for a limited period. Bill Wilson gave legal counsel regarding pulling this item out of the consent agenda. Discussion followed on how the board would like to proceed. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion fails.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to amend the order of agenda, placing the consent agenda after the BOCC items. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Jessica Stephany

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #44, **Totaling \$828,070.98**
- Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve payment of FY25 Claims Batch #44, Totaling \$828,070.98. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

SOLID WASTE – Bob Howard

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Reallocation; **Resolution**

Commissioner Domke confirmed these items are in alignment with a discussion that was held in a prior meeting. Bob confirmed that and briefly discussed what was talked about in the prior meeting. He talked about a few of the bigger ticket items that need funding.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the reallocation of \$100,000.00 from line item 023-9470 Capital Land Improvements to the following line items, \$60,000.00 to 023-7530, \$38,000.00 to 023-7040 and \$2000.00 to 023-7423. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

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

JUSTICE SERVICES – Ron Stultz

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Boundary Security & Transport Service Agreement
Commissioner Williams asked how often we have used this service so far, Ron said we have never used it as we have never had a prior agreement with this service. Commissioner Korn asked about travel expenses and where the travel would be to and from. Discussion followed. The board voiced issues with paying a per mileage rate for travel from Boundary County to Bonner County. Commissioner Williams suggested bringing this item back next Tuesday so the board has time to get all their questions answered.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to decline this item today and asked to have it brought back on next Tuesday's agenda with the question being answered of the mileage rates. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Bowman – Appreciates the commissioners trying to save the taxpayers' dollars. Said that all contractors charge mileage, no one gets paid only when they arrive on site.

John Duprey – He lived 26 miles away from where he worked in New York, and he did not get compensation for driving back and forth. Said Commissioner Williams is not cheap, she is a good steward.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES – Alysha Reitan

1) Agenda Item: Discussion Regarding Enrollment Update

Alysha discussed open enrollment and how that is going. There were 9 open enrollment talks held last week. Introduced the new HR director, Jonathan.

BOCC – Commissioner Williams

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding West Bonner County School District #83 L2 Certification Extension Request

Commissioner Korn made a motion to **approve** West Bonner County School District #83 L2 Certification extension request.

Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 L2 Certification Extension Request

Commissioner Domke made a motion to **approve** Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 L2 Certification extension request. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

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

3) Action Item: Discussion Regarding Fair Land and Buildings

Christian Jostlein talked about seating issues in the stadium and how that was mitigated.

Kristina L Nicholas Anderson – Talked about the opening of the fair today and people being upset about how it's being run. Talked about the last public hearing and only two people showing up. There is another public hearing in September about rates going up. Said the treasurer is claiming her reputation has been damaged regarding how much money she is being paid.

4) Sheriff's Office Consent Agenda Item

Ror Lakewold discussed the purchase of 3 Chevy 4-door vehicles for their fleet. Each is roughly \$46,000. Commissioner Korn asked if the sheriff's office plans to switch over from vehicles they're currently using to these new vehicles. Ror said that Chevy Tahoes are very difficult to find now, so many law enforcement agencies have been switching to trucks. He said there is added benefit to the trucks as opposed to the SUVs. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Doug Paterson – Asked about gas mileage in comparison to the Tahoes.

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

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 – Talked about the workshop yesterday and how the hearing today will likely be continued.
John Duprey – Talked about how it sounds like the commissioners will charge residents for making public comments at business meetings.
Commissioner Domke clarified that this is not the case.

DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT DISCUSSION

- 1) Ongoing Issues/Concerns Updates
Patrick McKenna– Talked about issues in the Idaho Club. He cannot get permits (Will Serve letters) from them to get his contracts underway.
- 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 – Talked about having interviews for the boards and commissions in public. Said that listening to legal opinion is not always the best idea. Said they have flawed rationale. Discussed his concerns with not allowing the public to sit in on these interviews. Said having an executive session for interviews is only allowed for employees, and these positions are not for employees.

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 10:32 a.m.

- No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 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 August 5, 2025 – August 11, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, August 5, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F)Litigation

On Tuesday, August 5, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(D)Records Exempt

On Wednesday, August 6, 2025, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Monday, August 11, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(D)Records Exempt & 74-206(1)(F)Litigation

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By *Asia Williams*
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By *Aurora Hoeffel*
Deputy Clerk

8/18/2025
Date