



## **Bonner County**

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### **Board of Commissioners**

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

#### **MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

August 19, 2025 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, August 19, 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 Ken Lawrence and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### **ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to amend the order by moving the Prosecutor's Item directly after the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as amended. 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 12, 2025
- 2) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Fair (SM Earthwork & Cons., \$5,500; JW Hauling LLC, \$8,000); Risk (NW Auto, \$11,001.20, Frank Gurney, \$13,533); Sheriff (3 **Confidential**, Phone Service Changes, \$583.60/month & \$67.20/month, Propane, \$5,548.82); Technology (**Confidential**, Service Plan, \$10,000); Noxious Weeds (Custom Spray Service, \$18,071.48)

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Wayne Martin – Asked about the Fair invoices

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

#### **PROSECUTOR – Louis Marshall**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Creation of Fully Remote, Part-Time Prosecutor Position; **Resolution**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-53** authorizing the creation and modification of fully remote, part time Deputy Prosecuting Attorney position within the Prosecutor's office in order to maintain the quality of legal services we provide. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Brief discussion regarding policy updates necessary. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

## **BONNER COUNTY FIRES UPDATE**

### **1) USFS**

Eric – Sunset Fire

- An incident management team has been organized as this fire is beyond their capabilities

Kevin, Incident Management Liaison, Sunset Fire

- Thankful that this has been an easy transition
- The north part of the fire is uncontrolled, and the terrain is very steep, cannot get heavy equipment in, they have two hot shot crews. The north part of the fire is the biggest concern at this time. Discussed the steps they are taking for structure protection. Thankful for the community and the support provided to them.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

- Dian Welle – Asked how the public can assist
- Dave Bowman – Not to take away from all of the hard work of the teams working on this, the first on scene and local fire districts have also been very involved

Chris Noyes, District Ranger, Lightening Creek Fire

- Currently at 2500 acres, at 21% containment, discussed the management of this fire and the current teams on staff. Discussed what is considered contained.

### **CLERK – Jessica Stephany**

#### **1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #45, Totaling \$986,619.58**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of FY25 Claims Batch #45, Totaling \$986,619.58. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE – Matt Mulder**

#### **1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of Guardrail Contract, Eastshore Rd Phase 1, 3000 Block**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve this contract with Ideal Fencing Corp for the installation of guardrail on Eastshore Rd Phase 1, for the fixed cost-variable quantity amount of \$249,866.00 to cover 5,512.5 ft of guardrail. Commissioner Korn the motion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Theresa Hiesener – Concerned that people are afraid of guardrails and that is a narrow stretch of road

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

### **BOCC – Commissioner Ron Korn**

#### **1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Lakeland Joint School District #272 L2 Certification Extension Request**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to **approve** the Lakeland Joint School District #272 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 Human Resources and Risk Management to Report Directly to the BOCC; Resolution**

Commissioner Domke made a motion that the Board rescind Resolution No. 24-78 and approve **Resolution #2025-54** assigning direct reporting authority of the Human Resources Department and the Risk Management Department to the Bonner County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Dave Bowman – Wanted clarification about the grievance process for County employees
- Dimitry Borisov – No problems with moving HR, but policies should be made first

There was a brief discussion regarding updating County policies and establishment of organizational structure. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – 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

## **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
  - Jonna Plante – Thanked Asia for looking into mixed use and the comp plan decision and it being the public's decision

## **DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT\*** Opened at 10:26 a.m.

- Dian Welle – Wanted to comment on the BOCC business meeting video that cannot be posted online and why it is not online, she is glad they tried to trace it and hopes that the right people tried to do so; she does not see any reason why people outside of Bonner County can call into these meetings
- Reg Crawford – Wanted to let the public know that there is a workshop this evening about short plats; she said that noticing agendas are lacking and there is not enough time between the workshop and the hearing
- Michelle Johnson – Commented on land use hearings, she asked if the board sees complaints prior to a hearing, she hopes they are so they can make an informed decision; commented on employees in Planning and applications received by Planning
- Theresa Hiesener – The County website is a disaster, it is stupid. When there is a new Planning Director there needs to be a Liaison with the cities and there needs to be transparency when choosing Planning or Zoning Commissions. Asked Commissioner Korn why he went to a meeting for fires and not the budget meeting.
- Jonna Plante – Wanted to mention letters to the Planning Department about Comp Plan changes were not sent to the board, citizens will need to re-send their letters
- Wayne Martin – Thanked the board and staff for their work on the budget and emergency services for their work on the fires. Briefly discussed the fires and the unclear notifications regarding evacuations and the memo from Chief Armstrong about campfires etc. and the lack of zones that are clear and a check-in process for evacuees
- Mike Bramblia, Sheriff's Office – The information on the sheriff's office website is up to date
- Frank – Glad to see the interest in fire and safety, the public tends to not attend the meetings held by the fire districts
- Dian Welle – Commented on a check in process and the concern about looters knowing homes are empty

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

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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 12, 2025 – August 18, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, a Special Meeting with an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-204(4), 74-206(1)(B) Personnel & 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to § 74-206(1)(B) Personnel.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt & 74-206(1)(F) Litigation.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Thursday, August 14, 2025, a Planning Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Thursday, August 14, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Monday, August 18, 2025, a Special Meeting with Emergency was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

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**ATTEST:** Michael W. Rosedale

By Asia Williams  
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By Ausa Schoeffel  
Deputy Clerk

8/26/2025  
Date