



**Bonner County**  
**Board of Commissioners**

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

## Special Meeting Minutes Planning Workshop

Date: April 8, 2025  
Location: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338  
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Convene at:

COMMISSIONERS: Domke – Present Williams – Present Korn – Present  
OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Department: Jake Gabell  
Hearing Examiner: Jackie Rucker

Purpose/Topic Summary: Planning Workshop – Hearing Examiner Contract

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Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

**Discussion/Decision:** Hearing Examiner Contract and continued use of the Hearing Examiner contract position.

Director Gabell presented a memorandum to the board reviewing the appointment and historical use of a Hearing Examiner and outlined pros and cons; see attached packet.

Jackie Rucker spoke to her background as an Engineer noting 33 years of experience ranging from city to federal areas. Noting that while the Hearing Examiner brings in professional experience it is not the final say and that it can be appealed to the zoning commission; there is a process. There was a discussion regarding the process the Hearing Examiner uses when reviewing files.

Commissioner Korn questioned why we are having this meeting.

Commissioner Domke stated that he had been asked to review the Hearing Examiner contract and stated the public has asked him about it (phone calls/emails/in person) and he wanted to open it up for discussion to respond to community questions and felt he needed more information. It is good for the public to understand.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Deputy Clerk: *Jennifer Ralls*