



## **Bonner County**

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### **Board of Commissioners**

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

## **Special Meeting Minutes**

### **Planning Department Update**

Date: May 8, 2025  
Location: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338  
Sandpoint, ID 83864  
Convene at: 1:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS: Domke – Present Williams – Zoom Korn – Present  
OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Department: Jake Gabell, Alex Feyen; Legal: Bill Wilson

Purpose/Topic Summary: Monthly Planning Update

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Commissioner Korn called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

#### Public Comments

- None

#### Announcements

- None

#### Updates on Planning Department Activities

- Monthly Planning Related Meetings
  - Discussed upcoming calendar, no meetings next week
- Monthly Application Reports
  - Title 11 – busy time of year
  - Title 12 – moratorium
  - Public Record Requests – on par with the time of year
- Department Updates
  - Software – EnerGov: working on implementation, going live June 1; Self-Service: making sure only allowing public information, making as much public facing as they can, live first with BLPs and Vacation Rental Permits
  - Staffing – hearing coordinator position open, doing interviews
  - Financial – increased revenues, slight increase in expenses (P&Z meals, mileage)
- Compliance and Enforcement
  - Title 11 Compliance – more onsite inspections due to increased BLPs
  - Title 12 Compliance – aerial imagery has increased these
- Pending / Proposed Ordinance Changes
  - Title 11 – Building Regulations – working through this following last month's workshop
  - Title 12 – Land Use Regulations – working through this following the workshops, hearing upcoming; major change was on admin variances (12-238); lengthy discussion with the board, Planning Director Gabell, and legal regarding changes to the following 12-214, 12-268, 12-262, and 12-268 (see packet)

- Review of 2025 House Bill (HB) 180E1 – Broadband – This takes effect in July, adding provisions; discussed working this into code or just cite within the code; brief discussion with legal about utility poles in the county
- **Presentation** from Anne Wilder-Chamberlain regarding HB180E1 – Presented about the bill passed by Idaho legislation about wireless communication towers, briefly commented on county code; brought up what the bill overlooks; voiced her concerns
- Title 16 – APA
- Review of 2025 Senate Bill (SB) 1133 – APA Act – Director Gabell went over the amendment to the APA Act
- Comprehensive Plan
  - Land Use Component
  - Implementation Component

#### Review and Feedback on Land Use Staff Reports for Previously Heard Files

- Briefly discussed changes that have been made and are in the process of being made, appreciates staff continuing to be neutral

#### Action Item – Discussion/Decision

Discussion/Decision: Renewal of Rentalscape/Deckard contract for short-term rental software. There was a discussion regarding the complaint hotline, including usage.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Deputy Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*