# BONNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES October 7, 2025

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Don Davis called the Bonner County Planning Commission meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, via Zoom webinar, and YouTube live streaming.

PRESENT: Commissioner Dave Bowman, Commissioner Don Davis,

Commissioner Eric Hidden, Commissioner Brendan Mooney,

Commissioner Erik Leavitt, Commissioner Larry Madoski

**ABSENT**: Commissioner Peter Taylor

**ALSO PRESENT**: Interim Planning Director Alex Feyen

**CHANGES IN AGENDA: None** 

**COMMISSIONER & STAFF UPDATES: None** 

APPROVAL Of MINUTES: None.

# **Public Hearing Action Items:**

Lauren Reichenbach, a Clerk of the Court, swore in Bowman, Mooney, and Madoski as Bonner County Planning Commissioners.

### **Discussion/Decision: Election of Officers**

Vice Chair Don Davis opened the Commission up to nominations to appoint the Committee's Chair.

Commissioner Leavitt Nominated Commissioner Hidden to serve as the Committee's chair for a year term.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Commissioner Bowman AYE Commissioner Mooney AYE Commissioner Davis AYE Commissioner Hidden AYE Commissioner Madoski AYE Commissioner Leavitt AYE

**COMMISSION VOTED** and the motion was carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Hidden nominated Commissioner Davis to serve as the Committee's Vice Chair for a year term.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Commissioner Bowman AYE Commissioner Mooney AYE Commissioner Davis AYE Commissioner Hidden AYE Commissioner Madoski AYE Commissioner Leavitt AYE

**COMMISSION VOTED** and the motion was carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

## **Commissioner Training:**

Chair Hidden introduced the new Commissioners to Bonner County Staff and the Commission reviewed the required system accesses needed for the Commissioners.

The Commission reviewed how health safety and wellness affects the decision making when reviewing Files and making decisions.

The new Commissioners were briefed on the progress and goals in the creation of Bonner County's new Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission was briefed on the customs and courtesies, in addition to the laws and regulations regarding the role of a Bonner County Planning Commissioner.

The Commission reviewed the judicial movement and workflow of the types of Files the Planning Commission Hears.

The Commission discussed the importance of property rights.

The Commission reviewed the legal verbiage used in the Bonner County Code.

The Commission emphasized the importance of the incorporating of subject matter expert opinions when reviewing the Bonner County Code.

The Commission explored the possibility of reviewing the Codes of near by Counties in Idaho to find verbiage and concepts which may prove useful in the creation of a new Bonner County Code.

# **Comprehensive Plan Appendix - Glossary of Terms:**

The Commission agreed to review the Comprehensive Plan Appendix Glossary of Terms at a later Planning Meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Discussion/Decision: October 21, 2025, Agenda Items.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., October 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Feyen, Interim Planning Director

The above Minutes are hereby approved this 21st day of October 2025.

Bonner County Planning Commission

Eric Hidden, Chair