

# **Bonner County**

# **Board of Commissioners**

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

# MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 23, 2025 – 9:00 AM Bonner County Administration Building 1500 Highway 2, Room 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, December 23, 2025, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Domke, Williams, and Korn were present. Commissioner Domke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Chris Bassett and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion to advance for discussion. Commissioner Korn would like the BOCC item removed as it is a personnel issue; a discussion followed. Commissioner Korn reiterated that this item be removed, there was further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

#### CONSENT AGENDA - Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes December 16, 2025
- 2) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Technology (Confidential, Software Renewal, \$145,499.56)
- Liquor Licenses: Hayden Beverage Co, Sagle; The Mango Tree, Sandpoint; Pearl's on The Lake, Hope; Pack River General Store, Sandpoint; Popeye's Lounge, Priest River; Vicki Rae's Pizza, Priest River; The District Bistro & Wine Shop, Sandpoint

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – Bob Howard

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Emergency Disaster Declaration, Windstorms;
 Resolution

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a disaster declaration for all of Bonner County due to the extreme weather and potential danger to life, property, and structures. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

#### AIRPORT - Dave Schuck

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Assignment of Lot 20 Lease; Sandpoint Commissioner Korn made a motion that Bonner County approve this lease assignment and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

  PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - Wayne Martin Asked for clarification on contract renewal

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES** – Jonathan Holmgren

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Human Resources Generalist Job Descriptions Update

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the discussion of pay in relation to this item, legal did provide that it is appropriate for the Director to answer the question of pay. A discussion followed regarding what training is required for an HR Generalist.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the Human Resources Generalist job description revisions. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion followed, including input from Christian Jostlein, Risk Manager, and Jessica Stephany, Comptroller. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No; Commissioner Korn – No. The motion fails.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the job description titled Human Resources Generalist Compensation and Benefits, with respect to the job description titled Human Resources Generalist Compensation and Benefits with the amendment that we leave the strikeout for department supervisor – striking out Risk Manager – with respect to the body of the job description, we leave the references to the Risk Management duties, for a point of contact for the Bonner County Risk Manager to have a Generalist assigned to perform Risk Management related duties as outlined in the job description; with respect to Human Resources Generalist, Talent Acquisition, job description I motion that we approve the job description as presented. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. There was further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Human Resources Generalist Certification Pay Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the certification pay for the two Human Resources Generalists effective for the pay day occurring on January 9, 2026. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance for discussion. A lengthy discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion carries.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT** – Christian Jostlein

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding SIF Workers Compensation Renewal Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve renewal of workers compensation insurance with the State Insurance Fund. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

  PUBLIC COMMENT:
- Doug Paterson Commented on SIF/State Insurance Fund
   Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams Yes; Commissioner Korn Yes; Commissioner Domke Yes.
   The motion carries.

#### **CLERK** – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Claims Batch #12; Totaling **\$214,875.60** Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Claims Batch #12, totaling \$214,875.60. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke Yes; Commissioner Williams Yes; Commissioner Korn Yes. The motion carries.
- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Demands Batch #12; **Totaling \$55,965.90** Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Demands in Batch #12, totaling \$55,965.90. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn Yes; Commissioner Domke Yes; Commissioner Williams Yes. The motion carries.

#### SHERIFF - Ror Lakewold

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Fingerprint Printer/Scanner Annual Maintenance Agreement; \$3,975.80

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the annual maintenance agreement renewal from NEC Corporation of America for the Bonner County Sheriff's Jail fingerprint printer and scanners and allow the chair to sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Purchase Over \$5k, Change of Vendor; \$9,500 The funding was already approved, no motion.

#### **BOCC** – Commissioner Asia Williams

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding HR Director Retraction
  Commissioner Williams made a motion to direct Director Holmgren to draft a public retraction of
  statements made against members of the Fair Board to be read at the next scheduled business meeting and
  publish in the Bonner County Daily Bee. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion for further discussion.
  PUBLIC COMMENT:
  - Amy Lunsford Sending an email does not give the public a full view that an apology was made, believes the public would appreciate seeing this in a meeting
  - Jonathan Holmgren Would like legal clarification on the meaning of "retraction"
  - Wayne Martin Commented on the confusion of past boards and the fair board and the redaction request

There was a lengthy discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion fails.

#### DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE

- 1) Citizen Concerns and Suggestions
- 2) Current High Priority Tasks
- 3) Questions from the Public on District 1 Commissioner Update
  - Doug Paterson Agree with and thank to the commissioners for their work with Risk

## **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
  - Dan Welle Wanted to address an issue that was glossed over regarding the public retraction

#### **DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT\* Opened at 11:39 a.m.

- Amy Lunsford Asked about the Chairman resigning last night from the Fair Board, commented
  on the Fair Board's agenda item last night regarding the Chair; commented that the Fair is closed
  for the last two weeks of the year; commented on how the meeting was handled last night due to
  no Fair employee present to create packets for the meeting
- Wayne Martin Thanked the board for their work and commented on disagreements; asked about Meadow Ridge and where Lot #4 is; asked about the cell tower issue; commented on fire and emergency services and lumber companies; commented on the Sagle bike park
- Mike Williams Disagreed with Commissioner Domke's explanation regarding Meadow Ridge
- Kristina Nicholas Anderson Asked who is funding Commissioner Korn's defense group, if this
  is funded by the County or privately. Commented on the Fair and the proposed retraction and
  what the HR Director had said at meetings and a public apology is warranted
- Wayne Martin Tries to work together with others, appreciates that two commissioners seem to listen; words matter and body language matters

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Clerk: Alisa Schoeffel

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 December 16, 2025 - December 22, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, a Special Meeting for Tax Exemption Reconsideration was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation

On Thursday, December 18, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring

On Monday, December 22, 2025, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Monday, December 22, 2025, a Special Meeting with Emergency Management was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

Commissioner Brian Domke, Chair