



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 14, 2025 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, January 14, 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 Chris Bassett and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke 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 January 7, 2025
- 2) Liquor License(s): Surf Shack, Blanchard
- 3) Catering Permits: The Falls Inn. Priest Lake (2)
- 4) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Emergency Management (AED Purchase with a Grant); Solid Waste (2, Boss Plows (2), Mag Chloride); Sheriff (2, ILETS, Confidential)

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

CLERK – Jessica Stephany

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #15, **Totaling \$1,503,754.04**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #15, totaling \$1,503,754.04. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin Moore – Questions about Avista and the grader for R&B

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Cameron La Combe

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2024 EMPG Award

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the 2024 EMPG award from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management award number 24EMPG017 in the amount of \$29,881.32 with a county

match of \$29,881.32 for Bonner County Emergency Management. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dian Welle – Commented on AEDs being placed in government buildings
- Wayne Martin – Where will these AEDs be placed; can the Edgemere Grange be on a list to receive an AED in the future
- Sandpoint Mayor Jeremy Grimm – In regard to Emergency Management, the City of Sandpoint provides water distribution outside of city limits, not the entity who provides occupancy for new structures, fire districts etc. need to ensure that occupancy is approved appropriately and based on emergency services
- Kevin Moore – How many AEDs and how much

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2024 EMPG Award; **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-03** to authorize the Director of Emergency Management to manage, prepare, sign, and submit reports for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant, award number 24EMPG017 in the amount of \$29,881.32 with a county match of \$29,881.32. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

PARKS & WATERWAYS – Matt Zoeller

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Vehicle Transfer; **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion move that Bonner County approve **Resolution #2025-04** authorizing the transfer of a 1990 Ford F150 Pickup-Vin #1FTEF14N0LPA40946 and a 2007 Ford F150 Pickup – Vin #1FTRX14W27FB87739 from Bonner County Surplus to Bonner County Parks and Waterways. Commissioner Domke and seconded the motion to advance for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jason Topp – The mechanic for P&W is very trained and if he says the vehicles are safe, they are safe
- Kevin Moore – Questioned the mechanics employed by the County; mentioned request to purchase a different vehicle
- Amy Lunsford – Wanted clarification on snowmobile sticker fees, these are necessary to maintain the County's side of the contract, do her paid fees stay in Bonner County
- Michael Williams – How many gallons of fuel will be transported
- Doug Paterson – How many miles are on these vehicles, with maintenance concerns the mileage should be available
- Dian Welle – It is pleasant to see a functioning board that is fiscally conservative and safety conscious
- Jennifer Cramer – How do vehicles currently get fueled, why are these trucks in surplus currently, it sounds like a good idea for these to go to MP

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion fails.

Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion to table this until the next business meeting. There was no second, the motion fails.

JUSTICE SERVICES – Ron Stultz

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Records Destruction, **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve: **Resolution #2025-04** ordering the destruction of Bonner County Juvenile Detention facility “temporary records”, as described above, held by the Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-871(c), as approved by

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Records Destruction, **Resolution**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve: **Resolution #2025-05** ordering the destruction of Bonner County Juvenile Detention facility “permanent records”, as described above, held by the Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center for the years 2011-2014, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-871(c), as approved by legal. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Records Destruction, **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-06** ordering the destruction of Bonner County Juvenile Detention facility “temporary records”, as described above, held by the Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center for the years 2020-2022, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-871(c), as approved by legal. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Leighty – Question on the grievance portion of this request

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

AIRPORT – Dave Schuck

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Lease Assignment, Priest River

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve this lease assignment for Lot 2 at Priest River Airport and that the Chairman sign administratively. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

ROAD & BRIDGE – Jason Topp

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2025 Road Restrictions; **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-07** that authorizes the Road and Bridge Department to post Road Restrictions (size, weight and hauling limits) on County roads for 2025. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kevin Moore – Asked if the frost laws were state or county
- Fred Arn – Who enforces this

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

PLANNING – Jake Gabell

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Time Extension Request, File S0006-22

Commissioner Domke made a motion to **approve** a time extension of Golden Tee Estates 12th, file S0006-22, to January 23, 2027. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

HUMAN RESOURCES WEEKLY REPORT *No report provided*

RISK MANAGEMENT MONTHLY INSURANCE UPDATE

1) Discussion Regarding Claims: Workers’ Compensation, Property, General Liability, and Auto

2) Discussion Regarding Tort Budget: Insurance Liability and Insurance Deductible

3) Discussion Regarding Insurance Renewals

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sandpoint Mayor, Jeremy Grimm – Discussed the City’s MOD rate decrease; active training with employees is critical, any collaboration with the City and County for training is welcome
- Kevin Moore – Discussed the number of claims, are these payments the \$91k total, hoping for a more general amount provided
- Dave Bowman – Commented about Northside Fire training with Sandpoint Fire

DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT DISCUSSION

- 1) Commissioner Chat Review: Summary of the completed chat with information on upcoming chat guests
- 2) Ongoing Issues/Concerns Updates
- 3) Litigation
- 4) Workshops Pending
- 5) Discussion Regarding Open Board/Commission Positions: Which boards have openings, also tracking of positions that will become open within 6 months’ time
- 6) Questions from the Public
 - Amy Lunsford – Starting the new EMS board, are they in charge of EMS employees, similar to the Fair Board; in the future would the fair employees be under the BOCC

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT*

- Amy Lunsford – Asked about the Civil Defense group, wanted clarification on this group and an Emergency Management group, questions on funding
- Theresa Hiesener – Commented about PHD meeting regarding rain studies and funding, trying to ban geoengineering in Idaho; thinks that Commissioner Korn’s program is great but not the use of County employees/resources
- Sandpoint Mayor, Jeremy Grimm – Very supportive of Commissioner Korn’s group, working on something like this in the city, would love to coordinate with the County
- Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Welcomed Commissioner Domke; questions on the brochures Amy brought forward, is this a duplication of services, questioned use of county resources
- Assessor Dennis Engelhardt – Hears that this group is valuable, should come before the board and have a hold harmless agreement
- * * - Wanted to thank Ron for starting this program, not everything needs to be centralized
- Kristine Logue – Hopes this board goes well, welcomed Commissioner Domke; some of her concerns have been voiced by others, should be open to all areas, why not use community centers, are there answers on EMS
- Dan Welle – Doesn’t understand how people don’t understand the liability of this group
- Jennifer Cramer – Hopes for a great term for Commissioner Domke; commented on the group started by Commissioner Korn if it is going to be an employee group and the liability
- Jim Leighty – There is confusion between these groups, who is in charge and are both active
- Dave Bowman – Commented on Mayor Grimm’s earlier comments and Northside Fire
- Kevin Moore – Commented on the group Commissioner Korn is working on and the time it takes for emergency response to arrive and his concerns about people abusing their authority
- Mike Williams – Commented on issues caused by MLDs, especially for fire departments
- Dian Welle – In favor of the training proposed by Ron’s group but against it without the legalities and risk, this is nothing like Asia’s chats
- Merlin Glass – Encourage the board to familiarize themselves with the upcoming levies for the May ballot, they need to be advocates for these, commented on water and fire suppression

- Sandpoint Mayor, Jeremy Grimm –
 - Some others may have taken his comments out of context
 - City Council will be meeting tomorrow regarding an appeal of a denial of water permits; denied due to how this would affect fire suppression flow
 - Discussed the peak flow/deficiency of fire flow during fire season
 - It has become apparent that the city is not issuing occupancy permits outside of city limits and the deficiencies in the current system need to be looked at before signing off on occupancy permits
 - Water outside of the city limits being provided is going to be evaluated, especially in light of the situation in CA currently
 - Not obligated to provide water outside of city limits
 - This is going to be priority this year for the city
- Discussion followed regarding the potential impact of this and the growth of the county including discussion on the city's jurisdiction and future time extension requests for planning files

Adjourned at 11:47 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 January 7, 2025 – January 13, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, January 8, 2024, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Wednesday, January 8, 2024, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Thursday, January 9, 2025, a Planning Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Monday, January 13, 2025, newly elected officials were Sworn into Office

On Monday, January 13, 2025, an Elected Officials & Department Heads Meeting was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By *Asia Williams*
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By: *Alisa Schoeffel*
Deputy Clerk

1-21-2025
Date