



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 18, 2025 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, February 18, 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 Ken Lawrence and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Domke made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Korn 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 February 11, 2025
- 2) Invoices over \$5k: Risk (NW Autobody); Sheriff (Johnson Hicks)
- 3) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0061-24, RK Ranch

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding the Invoice for Northwest Autobody and claims payment by Risk. No roll call vote. Commissioner Korn made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the amendment of taking out the tax on the Northwest Autobody invoice. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Bowman – It is time to separate EMS from the County.
- Christian Jostlein – Will remove the tax and discussed the process for which shop to choose for auto repair.

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

CLERK – Michael Rosedale & Jessica Stephany

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #19, **Totaling \$325,044.87**
Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #19, totaling \$325,044.87. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Increase in the Economic Development Professional (EDPRO) Grant Award, Grant # 006483, Increase \$5,000

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the increase in the EDPRO Grant Award of \$5,000. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

SHERIFF – Daryl Wheeler

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Idaho Sheriff Connect Agreement; \$8,467.25

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Leighty – Asked about the third-party storing data and who has access to data, questioned the cost as well

Commissioner Domke made a motion to table the Sheriff's agenda item regarding the Sheriff Connect Agreement to the next regular business meeting scheduled for February 25, 2025 to allow time for legal review. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

PLANNING – Jake Gabell & Alex Feyen

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding County Surveyor Contract, Glahe & Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michael Williams – Would like to send some information about this topic regarding conflicts of interest
- Jennifer Cramer – Has a lot of concerns about Planning and this should be a more transparent process

Commissioner Korn made a motion to deny the contract with Glahe & Associates and direct the Planning Director to open up the bid process for two surveyors for two weeks. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding County Surveyor Contract, Highland Surveying, LLC

Commissioner Domke made a motion to deny the contract with Highland Surveying LLC. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Final Plat, SS0002-24 Bahia del Sol, 1st Addition
Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the surety agreement between Bonner County and Darwin W, Brown and Carolyn J. Brown., for Bahia del Sol, 1st Addition, in the amount shown for the completion of the improvements shown on the engineer's cost estimate, and further approve the final plat of Bahia del Sol, Planning File No. SS002-24 and authorize the chair to sign the final plat. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion to further for discussion. There was a lengthy discussion.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to amend the motion to approve to continue this to the next regular board meeting scheduled on February 25, 2025. Commissioner Korn seconded the amendment to the motion. Brief discussion. Roll Call Vote (on the amendment): Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to continue the surety agreement between Bonner County and Darwin W, Brown and Carolyn J. Brown., Bahia del Sol, Planning File No. SS002-24 to February 25, 2025. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote (on the amended motion): Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

Roll Call Vote (on the original motion): Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion fails.

ROAD & BRIDGE -Tom Klopman

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding State & Local Agreement

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the State and Local Agreement for Project No A024(620) – Key Number 24620 to design repairs to the Merritt Bridge and make an initial payment of \$10,000 to LHTAC. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Brief discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2025 Rock Crushing Bid Advertisements
Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the Notice of Advertisements for Rock Crushing in Districts 1, 2, & 3. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

AIRPORT – Dave Schuck

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sandpoint Airport Obstruction Removal Ardurra Work Order 24-01

Commissioner Domke made a motion that the county accept this work order and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sandpoint Airport Land and Easement Acquisition Ardurra Work Order 24-02

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Leighty – Commented on the safety aspect of trees in the approach

Commissioner Korn made a motion that the county accept this work order and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

- 3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest River Airport Taxilane C Water Line Design and Construction Ardurra Work Order 25-001

Commissioner Domke made a motion that the county accept this work order and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

- 4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest River Airport Taxilane C Lot Line and Utility Easement Survey under Ardurra Work Order 25-002

Commissioner Korn made a motion that the county accept this work order and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2025 Annual Priest Lake Spring Festival

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dian Welle – Concerns about this group and the event without knowing who the group is
- Jim Leighty – A parade is a form of free speech, approving or disapproving based on the board's beliefs can potentially be a violation of first amendment

Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion that the 2025 Annual Priest Lake Spring Festival Coolin Parade obtain written confirmation from the Sheriff's Office and Road and Bridge regarding the request contained within their letter and bring this item back to the board for review and approval. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

- 1) Discussion Regarding Open County Job Positions
- 2) Upcoming Training

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE

- 1) Citizen Concerns and Suggestions
- 2) Current High Priority Tasks

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

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

- 1) Summarization of Meetings During the Week

2) Community Events Attended During the Week

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 11:11 am

- Sheryl Messer – Appreciates the cooperation and critical thinking; commented on the P&Z workshops and farming
- Michael Williams – Commented on the proposed workshop regarding the comp plan and including PHD in this
- Dr. Thomas Fletcher – Commented on the covid pandemic in relation to the public health districts and childhood vaccine schedule
- Dave Bowman – Agrees with Commissioner Domke’s concerns regarding the BOCC meddling in the proposed comp plan, the new (PC) board has been working very hard on this process; commented on the BCASD meeting tomorrow and why is the entire agenda only payment of bills and approval of minutes
- Dian Welle – Asked about why the public has to ask where they are from during public comment; concern that non-Bonner County residents are taking up time and that the comment that a parade is under free speech especially if it is a parade detrimental to the County
- Jim Leighty – Wanted to clarify that deciding a parade be allowed based on personal opinions, a parade does in fact fall under freedom of speech

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 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 February 11 – February 18, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, an Emergency Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation, 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt, and 74-204(2).

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation and 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt. Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation and 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Thursday, February 13, 2025, a Workshop with the BOCC was held pursuant to Idaho § 74-204(2).

On Thursday, February 13, 2025, Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation and 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By *Asia Williams*
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By *Alisa Schoeffel*
Deputy Clerk

2/25/25
Date