



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 1, 2025 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Highway 2, Room 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, April 1, 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 Charlyn Wright 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 Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes March 25, 2025
- 2) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Solid Waste (Huber Trailers)
- 3) Solid Waste Collection Site Closure, Sunday, April 20, 2025
- 4) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0062-23 Hemlock Estates

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

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #25, **Totaling \$515,864.78**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #25, totaling \$515,864.78. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

PLANNING – Alex Feyen

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Vacation of a Portion of Olney Boulevard, Planning File VS0005-24; **Resolution**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-23**, vacating a portion of Olney Boulevard located in Section 03, Township 56 North, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

ASSESSOR – Dennis Engelhardt

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Surplus of Assessor Vehicles; **Resolution**
- Commissioner Korn made a motion that the County approve **Resolution #2025-24** Assessor's Office vehicle surplus for the vehicles enumerated in the same Resolution. Commissioner Domke seconded the

motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Doug Paterson – Requested a brief description of these vehicles.

Discussion followed regarding Motor Pool acquiring some of these vehicles by an upcoming Resolution.

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

The motion carries.

NOXIOUS WEEDS – Chase Youngdahl

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant

Application, Noxious Weed Handbooks

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the Noxious Weeds Handbook grant proposal for submission to the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation and authorize the Chair to sign administratively.

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

BOCC – Commissioner Brian Domke

- 1) Discussion Regarding County Match for Grant Secured by Project 7B for a Consultant to Review the Comprehensive Plan

Discussion regarding moving forward and overall thoughts regarding whether or not to move forward with this proposed project. Commissioner Korn does not believe this should move forward with allowing special interest groups to have a say and read an email from the Planning Commission regarding this proposal. Discussion followed regarding special interest groups' involvement in this as well as the involvement of consultants.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Bowman – The Planning Commission has put in hundreds of hours and accepted a lot of public comment, but there has been no guidance from a professional planner in the building of the comp plan
- Amy Lunsford – Agrees with Dave, appreciates that planners have gone out to meet with the public, using “special interest groups” just makes it sound toxic, a third party will make sure things are done right
- Wayne Martin – Having a professional look at the comp plan is an intelligent use of money
- Michelle Johnson – Agrees with other comments, having a third party will address the vagueness and close loopholes
- Theresa Hiesener – Supports moving forward with this, this comp plan has been going on for years, the planning department has made a mess of zoning
- Allan Songstad, Chair, Planning Commission – The implementation will be viewed in it's entirety, the old comp plan was done by a consultant and is kind of a mess; their position is they have done a lot of work, they have had a lot of input from other agencies and public on just the land use component and they are ready to move forward, having a consultant is up to the board. It is difficult to see how a consultant can come in with no background in the public comment and input from other agencies and re-write the comp plan. There is only 1 realtor/developer on the 7-member board of the Planning Commission, that comment was inappropriate. JUB wrote the prior comp plan. There needs to be clarification.
- Dian Welle – Agrees with the majority of people here
- Fred Arn – Anything to do to prevent mistakes experienced in the past should be done
- Dan Welle – Sees no reason to hesitate from a peer review
- Susan Drumheller, Project 7B – Discussed the formation of Project 7B and their mission in education about land use planning; they did apply for the grant to obtain a consultant
- Linda W – Appreciates the concern about special interest groups and the community; an outside consultant review would provide better optics

There was further discussion among the board regarding the potential of the board accepting the grant if the grant is awarded. Commissioner Domke will begin to prepare a Resolution to move bring to the board to see about moving forward with this proposal. Commissioner Williams asked that the grant information be included in the Resolution.

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE

- 1) Citizen Concerns and Suggestions
- 2) Current High Priority Tasks
- 3) Questions from the Public on District 1 Commissioner Update

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 10:24 a.m.

- Dian Welle – Very concerned about the MLD leak and the legal ramifications and potential lawsuits that will come from it; asked each commissioner if they were the one to leak the information
- Dan Welle – Commented on the purpose of government and how public officials should behave and peer review
- Susan Drumheller – Appreciates the moratorium on MLDs
- Sheryl Messer – Would like to see a peer review to see if the comp plan aligns with what the public wants
- Kristen Dodd – It is the Chair's responsibility to maintain decorum which includes shutting down personal attacks; Commissioner Korn has been transparent, the item last week was not an emergency
- Theresa Hiesener – Did not hear any personal attacks, disappointed in Commissioner Korn as sharing with that information was harmful to the County; discussed PAC
- Amy Lunsford – Owes Ron an apology for a comment made last week; commented on family splits being protected from the MLD process, requested clarification on this
- Michelle Johnson – Agrees and supports Susan Drumheller's comments
- Dave Bowman – Appreciates the explanation of short plats; commented on family exemptions; commented on last week's MLD item
- Jim Leighty – Commented on an investigation that was brought up by the Welles, will there be an investigation in how they knew how it would be Commissioner Korn
- Wayne Martin – Commented on the board's behavior and the option of Zoom
- Dian Welle – Addressed Jim Leighty's accusations
- Dave Bowman – Commented on Ms. Dodd's comment regarding decorum and the first amendment
- Jon DuPree – Proud of this board, mistakes get made, need to forgive and not throw stones
- Kathy P – Agrees with Jon's comments; need to be really careful of people trying to divide the board; briefly commented on the MLD issue and family exemption

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 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 March 25, 2025 – March 31, 2025. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) Records Exempt

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2)

On Thursday, March 27, 2025, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) Records Exempt

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By Asia Williams
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By Alisa Schaeffer
Deputy Clerk

4-8-2025
Date