



# Bonner County

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## Board of Commissioners

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

### MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 26, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting with Commissioners Williams, Korn, and Bradshaw were present. Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Will and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion to amend the order of the agenda by moving the BOCC discussion regarding the closure this Friday to after Clerk Rosedale. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries. Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the order of the agenda as amended. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes November 19, 2024
- 2) Liquor License(s): Walmart #2485, Ponderay; 7B Lanes, Sandpoint; Stoneridge Golf, Blanchard; Mitchell's Harvest Foods, Priest River; Matchwood Brewing Company, Sandpoint (4); Lou's Place, Priest River; The Moose Knuckle, Coolin; Utara Brewing Co & Curry House, Sandpoint (2); 113 Main, Sandpoint; Dover Bay Café, dover; Captn's Table, Sagle; Hope Marine Services, Hope; 1908 Saloon, Sandpoint; Timber Town Beer Company, Priest River (2); Sandpoint Lodge #1376 BPOE & Elks Golf Course, Ponderay; Idaho Pour Authority, Sandpoint
- 3) Plats for Approval: MLD0042-24, Newell Acres; MLD0049-24, Mustang Ranch
- 4) Invoices Over \$5k: Technology (5 Confidential, Zoom Meetings); Sheriff's Office (1, Confidential); Risk (Western Community Insurance)

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

#### CLERK – Jessica Stephany

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 Claims Batch #08; **Totaling \$388,517.50**

#### Public Comment:

- Doug Paterson – Asked why the claims seem low this week.
- Christian Jostlein – The insurance payment is for property insurance not liability insurance.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #08, totaling \$388,517.50. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 EMS Claims Batch #08; Totaling \$39,885.38

Public Comment:

- Dave Bowman – Why the packet was not online?

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 EMS Claims in Batch #08, totaling \$39,885.38. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

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

**BOCC – Commissioner Williams**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding the Closure of County Offices on Friday, November 29, 2024.

Staff Comment:

- Jessica Stephany, Auditing – Not in favor, this has financial obligations for those who are required to work that day, and some departments need to be open on that day.
- Bob Howard, Solid Waste – SW is closed on Fridays anyway; sites will remain open.
- Jason Topp, Road & Bridge – On November 4 an email was sent to the BOCC regarding R&B being closed this day; in the past the BOCC allowed this, and employees use PTO; the floating holiday that R&B staff used for this day was taken away for Christmas Eve; they generally always work on Christmas Eve/Christmas. Since he has been here it has been up to the directors to say they will close an office, it is not done often, he has already approved PTO for his employees; if R&B needs to come in, he will come in so his staff can keep their approved PTO day off.
- Clorrisa Koster, Treasurer – The Treasurer’s Office is open, and she has safety concerns for her staff. If the building is not open, they are getting no mail and no customers, what will staff be doing that day. Does not agree with adding another holiday.
- Dennis Engelhardt, Assessor – In support of making Juneteenth and Columbus Day floating holidays; the Assessor’s Office will be closed, and they have advertised for this for two weeks in the papers and their website. GIS and DMV will also be closed.
- Ron Stultz, Justice Services – A floating holiday was difficult to track. Other Idaho Counties give this day off as Employee Appreciation Day.
- Mike Rosedale, Clerk – There are 12 holidays; the Courts have to be open, and the Auditors will have staff in the office.

There was further discussion among the Board and the above named staff.

Public Comment:

- Dave Bowman – It would be a shame that services are not available on a Friday because people decide they don’t want to provide the services.
- Jennifer Cramer – It seems late to make this decision and increasing OT is not a wise decision. Heard Clorrisa’s concerns but it’s been this way for years and the public would be unable to pay their taxes. In support of getting rid of Juneteenth.
- Kevin Moore – Can the County change federal holidays; could an officer be present for the safety of the Treasurer’s office; an officer was here every day for a year before.
- Mike DuPree – As an employee having time off is great, as a taxpayer not a fan of an extra paid day off. It should be up to the department to make a decision on how their departments will operate. Likes the idea of floating holidays.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion that department heads make decisions based on the necessity of their departments and run a skeleton crew if necessary. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. *No vote taken.*

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to move Juneteenth to this Friday this week as a one-time deal until it can be explored differently. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion for discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Bradshaw – No; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion fails.

Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion to that Bonner County Building run a skeleton crew for this Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, with the exception of Road & Bridge, acknowledging that

they don't get to take holidays traditionally, the way that the rest of the County does, noting that Bonner County Road & Bridge will always be available in case of emergency. After this holiday, next season, we will look at where we situate other holidays. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **TREASURER – Clorrisa Koster**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval to Pay Excess Tax Sale Funds to the Lelar V Bagwill Estate

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the excess tax sale funds for parcel RP00158021030AA in the amount of \$32,169.68 to the Lelar V Bagwill Estate. This has been reviewed and approved by legal. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Request for Petty Cash Funds; Solid Waste; **\$400.00**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$400.00 from the Treasurer's Account to the Idaho Hill Petty Cash Drawer. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **JUSTICE SERVICES – Ron Stultz**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding IDJC Staging Agreement

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the Juvenile Detention Staging Agreement with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. The term of the Agreement is for a period of two (2) years, ending September 30, 2026. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **PLANNING – Alex Feyen**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding MLD0029-24, Waiver of Title 2 Public Comment:

- Kevin Moore – Requested clarification on the numbers.
- Jason Topp – Clarification if this is a public ROW; thinks it should be private.
- Dave Bowman – Wanted to know the zoning and why would any land use be waived.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to deny the granting of this waiver of Title 2, Public Road Standards, as found in Bonner County Revised Code, and BCRC 12-624 (D). Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Brief discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding File VS0003-24; **Resolution**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve **Resolution #2024-89**, vacating a portion of a plat "Plat of SWSE Section 16-56N-2W", located in Section 16, Township 56 North, Range 02 West, Boise-Meridian. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES – Kevin Rothenberger**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding HSA Contribution Limits & Employer Contributions

Commissioner Korn made a motion approve the requested changes to the HSA IRS limits and Employer Contribution limits. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES WEEKLY REPORT**

- 1) Discussion Regarding Open County Job Positions: where are they posted, how to apply with tracking on how long they have been listed

- 2) Discussion Regarding Open Board/Commission Positions: which boards have openings, also tracking of positions that will become open within 6 months' time. *Commissioner Williams will be moving this to the District 2 Commissioner Discussion.*
- 3) Upcoming Training

**DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

- 1) Commissioner Chat Review: Summary of the completed chat with information on upcoming chat guests
- 2) Ongoing issues/concern updates
- 3) Litigation
- 4) Workshops pending
- 5) Questions from the public

**AMBULANCE DISTRICT UPDATE**

Chief Lindsey discussed the budget, building their reserves, and the TAN received

Public Comment:

- Kevin Moore – Asked about the fees associated with a TAN
- Dave Bowman – The transaction fee needs to be included in the total; wants to know how this will be fixed
- Amy Lunsford – It seems like the Chief isn't taking this as seriously as he should; with money coming in the potential OT/staffing solutions have been thrown out; with as many benefits as the county has the loss of OT shouldn't be too difficult
- Kevin Moore – Commented on the 48/96 schedule
- Jessica Stephany – EMS is different than a fire department under FLSA
- Merlin Glass - The FLSA is federal mandate, (fire dept) using this schedule maintains this schedule for coverage with less employees

**DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** \* Opened at 10:56 a.m.

- John DuPree – Comes to these meetings to see government in action, appreciates the more detailed meetings; discussed general political thoughts and Zoom; asked Commissioner Bradshaw to step down
- Kevin Moore – Discussed litigation/severance, wants an announcement of severance payments, including amounts and recipient, that have been made going back 5-10 years; discussed separation of church and state; discussed the Fair Board meeting, wants an audit/inquiry about Darcey; Vrbeta bridge
- Dave Bowman – Wants to know about posting of jobs and open advisory board vacancies, need to be prominently posted

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMS/BOCC**

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Codes § 74-206 (1)(A) Hiring & 74-206 (1)(B) Personnel, EMS Advisory Council

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Hiring & Personnel, EMS Advisory Council

At 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Korn made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206 (1)(A) Hiring & 74-206 (1)(B) Personnel. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote:

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

Reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to proceed as directed. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call

Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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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 November 19, 2024 – November 25, 2024  
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Thursday, November 21, 2024, and Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206 (1)(F)  
Litigation and 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By Asia Williams  
Chair, Asia Williams

By: Aussie Schaeffer  
Deputy Clerk

12-3-2024  
Date