



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, December 17, 2024, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Bradshaw, 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 Korn made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. 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 December 10, 2024
- 2) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0040-24, The Hamptons
- 3) Liquor License(s): Farmhouse Kitchen & BBQ, Ponderay; Savory, Sandpoint; The St Bernard, Sandpoint; Rara Food Mart, Oldtown; Springhill Suites Sandpoint, Ponderay; Winter Ridge Natural Foods, Sandpoint; The District Bistro & Wine Shop, Sandpoint; Willow Bay North, Priest River; Roxy's Lounge, Sandpoint; Waterfront Express, Sandpoint; Mi Pueblo II, Priest River; Hoodoo Creek Café and Market, Priest River; Sunshine on Cedar, Sandpoint; The Peppered Mercantile, Sandpoint; The Bank: Barrom & Bistro, Sandpoint; 74 Main Public House, Priest River; Arlo's, Sandpoint
- 4) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Sheriff (2, Confidential)

There was discussion regarding invoices among the board. The Clerk and Legal provided input as well. Commissioner Korn made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by removing the \$84,211 confidential invoice for the Sheriff's Office from the Consent Agenda pending review. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Bradshaw 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 #11; **Totaling \$467,997.36**
Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #11, totaling \$467,997.36. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. 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 #11; **Totaling \$9,878.28**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 EMS Claims in Batch #11, totaling \$ Totaling \$9,878.28. Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

PARKS & WATERWAYS/GROOMERS – Matt Zoeller

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Snowmobile Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve signing the Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement Between Idaho Parks and Recreation, USDA Forest Service, and Bonner County. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

PLANNING – Alex Feyen

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding S0002-22 Cedar Park 2nd Addition Final Plat
Commissioner Korn a motion to approve this Project File S0002-22 Cedar Park 2nd Addition and authorize the chair to sign the final plat as presented. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Alissa Clark

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Compensation Policy #600
There was a lengthy discussion regarding compensation for Deputy Clerk pay.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Bowman – Requested elaboration on this policy and changes made
- Mike Rosedale, County Clerk – About 7 years ago we left step & grade, discussed the Chief Deputies under his purview and the differing responsibilities of each
- Dave Bowman – Wanted Step & Grade defined
- Jessica Stephany, Comptroller – Chief Deputy is not part of duties hired for, it is additional duties

Commissioner Korn made a motion to send this policy back to HR for revisions. 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 posted, how to apply with tracking on how long they have been listed
- 2) Upcoming Training

AMBULANCE DISTRICT UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Merlin Glass – This is a crisis, the delivery of service with potential loss of EMS staff will cause citizens to suffer
- Dave Bowman – Seconds what Mr. Glass said, this creates a ripple effect; why was the presentation that was supposed to happen last week not presented
- Kristine Noella – Agrees with Mr. Bowman, appreciates Commissioner Williams keeping on it, asked Commissioner Korn what he is doing specifically for EMS
- Jonna Plante – Asked about the “mall” at Colburn Culver; commented on a house fire last year and the homeowner receiving a bill from Sagle Fire, isn’t this covered by property taxes for a fire district wanted clarification on this; hearing “this is the way it’s been” makes her thankful for new board; looking forward to the standing rules/public comment sign up being removed
- Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Agrees with other comments (loss of connection)
- Dan Welle – Finds it reprehensible that Chief Lindsey cannot answer specific questions and instead dodges answering, the County should find a chief who is willing and able to deal with the financial crisis

- Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Concerned about lack of presentation and that someone who is leading the ambulance district doesn't know how to manage his department/budget; encourages people to go to rate increase hearing
- Merlin Glass – Commented about furloughing and not laying off employees

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
 - Dian Welle – Thanked the board for clarifying the term vote

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 10:37 a.m.

- Jonna Plante – Apologized for giving public comment in wrong order

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 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 10, 2024 – December 16, 2024. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, a USFS Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

Thursday, December 12, 2024, a Planning Meeting was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

Monday, December 16, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(B) Personnel.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By: *Asia Williams*
 Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By: *Alisa Schoeffel*
 Deputy Clerk

12/31/2024
 Date