



## **Bonner County**

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### **Board of Commissioners**

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

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

December 31, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, December 31, 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 9:04 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Janine Shephard and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### **ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS AMENDED**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to amend the order by removing the BOCC Item #1: Daryl Wheeler's Resignation per Idaho Code § 59-902. Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion to advance for discussion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Scott Herndon, BCRCC Chair – Wanted clarification on the motion, if this item will be removed. Feels it would be best to leave the agenda as presented.
- Dan Welle – Believes the standard practice of the County should be followed.

There was discussion among the board following public comment. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – No; Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion fails. Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion to amend the order by removing the HR Item #1: Compensation Policy #600. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Korn a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Bradshaw and 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 17, 2024
- 2) Liquor License(s): Village Kitchen, Priest River
- 3) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0053-23, Carter's Cove; MLD0047-24, Lau Subdivision
- 4) Invoices Over \$5k: Road & Bridge; Sheriff (Confidential); Technology (2, Confidential)

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 #13; **Totaling \$828,730.30**  
Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 Claims in Batch #13, totaling

\$828,730.30. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY25 EMS Claims Batch #13; **Totaling \$1,004.78**  
Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of the FY25 EMS Claims in Batch #13, totaling \$1,004.78. 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.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2024 Public Defender Annual Report  
Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the FY 2024 County Indigent Expense Report. Commissioner Korn and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **SHERIFF – Ror Lakewold**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Awarding Deputy Donald Alt Handgun, Badge, and Retired ID Card; Resolution

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve **Resolution #2024-90** authorizing Undersheriff Ror Lakewold to award Detention Deputy Donald Alt his handgun, badge, and retired ID card. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Awarding Sergeant Christopher Bell Handgun, Badge, and Retired ID Card; Resolution

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve **Resolution #2024-91** authorizing Undersheriff Ror Lakewold to award Patrol Sergeant Christopher Bell his handgun, badge, and retired ID card. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **NOXIOUS WEEDS – Chase Youngdahl**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area, Cost Share Application

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the 2025 Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area's Annual Operating Plan and associated cost share application for a request from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$15,336.00 with approximately \$7,600.00 to benefit Bonner County. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area, End of Year Report

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve the 2024 Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area End-of-Year Report for submission to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **AIRPORT – Dave Schuck**

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

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve this lease for Hangar 12 at Priest River Airport and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES – Alissa Clark *This item was removed***

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Compensation Policy #600

#### **EMS – Sarah Nixon**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Kootenai County Medical Transport Agreement  
Commissioner Korn and made a motion to approve and sign the contracts for the provision of emergency and non-emergency medical transport services in Bonner County with Kootenai County Emergency

Medical Services System commencing October 1, 2024. The total cost of this contract will be \$9,285.45 for the fiscal year and will be paid in instalments of \$773.79 monthly. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – 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**

*Commissioner Williams discussed that there will be a clear distinction between Bonner County and Bonner County Ambulance District. This will be reflected in future meetings, Commissioner Korn is the liaison between Bonner County and Bonner County Ambulance District, and that she is looking at other Idaho Counties in response to input from citizens, as well as the financial issues and fiscal responsibility of the County and the Ambulance District.*

#### **BOCC – Commissioners**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Daryl Wheeler’s Resignation per Idaho Code § 59-902

Commissioner Korn made a motion to accept the resignation of Sheriff Daryl Wheeler per Idaho Code § 59-902, effective 12/31/24. Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion to advance for discussion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Dian Welle – Ada and Kootenai Counties are not Bonner County
- Amy Lunsford – Has this actually ever happened in Bonner County to base this on
- Dave Bowman – Wants to point out that no elected county official has any authority over any other elected county official
- Jim Leighty – Whichever way this is voted on, whether it is legal or not, but look at what the ethics are and that the sheriff is unethical; there have been other elected officials within Bonner County where this process has been done, when the incumbent gives notice of intent to resign and
- Scott Herndon, BCRCC Chair – Interest today is in following the statutory process of an outgoing elected official; this situation is the first in his tenure with the central committee and not the same process as has been done in the past within Bonner County
- Wayne Martin – Thanked Commissioner Korn on his hard work, concerned about potential liability, should go by past practice and have legal come up with clear understanding
- Merlin Glass – This is unique and not applicable to all employees, there are financial implications, whether or not it is accepted is irrelevant as it was already received
- Rick Cramer – Would appreciate the same energy place in this on an employee who got a year’s wages for quitting and a commissioner
- Dan Welle – The sheriff is ethical in this and should go by past practices
- Jim Leighty – The mindset that this is how we have always done it is a bad mindset, follow the law
- Dian Welle – Past practice is legal
- Wayne Martin – Agrees with Mr. Leighty but there is still a precedence but please do not put the county at risk
- Doug Paterson – As Mr. Martin pointed out it sounds like it is beyond time for legal advice, thanked Mr. Herndon
- Scott Herndon, BCRCC, Chair – Main purpose of the board should be to follow state statute, and the precedent should be followed as has been done in the past, this resignation was submitted at 8:59 pm on a Friday night, that does not necessarily mean that it was received

There was discussion among the board after public comment. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Abstain; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Abstain. The motion fails.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Appointing Members to the Bonner County EMS Advisory Council; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and made a motion to approve the appointments of Jeff Lindsey, Mary Campbell, Gavin Gilcrease, Marian Martin, Dr. Douglas Dixon, Dmitry Borisov, Janine Shepard, and Asia Williams to the Bonner County EMS Advisory Council for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on January 1, 2027. (**Resolution #2024-92**) Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

### **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 – Read public apology for Mr. Cramer’s settlement
- 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

### **DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT\*** Opened at 10:52 a.m.

- Wayne Martin – Commented on the BC Ambulance District focus on financials, questions on the APA
- Jim Leighty – Requested clarification on who is actually the sheriff of Bonner County at this time and if he is not the sheriff then his information needs to be removed from the website showing he is sheriff as that is unethical
- Theresa Hiesener – Going to side with Scott on the sheriff debacle, code is code, where is legal; Scott is also very active in the County; encouraged attendance at the Town Hall with PHD upcoming
- Jonna Plante – Commented on bill received by neighbor when his house caught fire
- Amy Lunsford – Thanked Ron for trying to change Bonner County culture, should have followed code not this is how it has always been done, not impressed with legal and they should have provided input not remained silent, thanks Scott for explaining; commented on the apology to Mr. Cramer and wanted clarification that there was a settlement issued
- Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Wanted clarification on where things are at with the Fair Board

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

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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 that were held during the week of December 17, 2024 – December 30, 2024. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Assistance was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring & 74-206(1)(B) Personnel.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, a Special Meeting with the BOCC, Treasurer, & Auditor was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Wednesday, December 18 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation.

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, a Public Hearing for EMS was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Friday, December 20, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(F) Litigation & 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Friday, December 20, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring.

On Thursday, December 26, 2024, a Special Meeting with the Auditor pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(2).

On Thursday, December 26, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring & 74-206(1)(B) Personnel.

On Tuesday, December 31, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(A) Hiring & 74-206(1)(B) Personnel.

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**ATTEST:** Michael W. Rosedale

By Asia Williams  
Commissioner Asia Williams, Chair

By Quiana Shreffler  
Deputy Clerk

01-07-2025  
Date