Bonner County
Board of Commissioners
Brian Domke Asia Williams Ron Korn

Special Meeting Minutes
Clerk/Auditors' Budget Adoption

Date: August 31, 2026
Location: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338
Sandpoint, ID 83864
Convene at: 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS: Domke – Present Williams – Present Korn – Present
OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Rosedale, Jessica Stephany, Jacob Storms, Clorrisa Koster, Vana Balbin, Bob Howard, Rob Beers, Teddi Lupton, Cindy Brannon, Mike Bolling, Dennis Engelhardt, Tom Lindley, Spencer Ferguston, Ron Stultz, Devin Simmons, Chase Youngdahl, Alex Feyen, Jeannie Welter, Jen Jensen, Angie Aller, Christian Jostlein, Matt Zoeller, Jason Topp
ZOOM: Dave Schuck, Joleen Bass, Dina Brown, Veronica Dixon

Purpose/Topic Summary: Adoption of the 2027 Bonner County Budget

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Commissioner Korn called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Commissioner Domke thanked the department heads for all of their work in the budget process. He noted that most of the departments were able to bring forward a net zero budget with room for cuts, and there were many good conversations with all of the departments. He discussed several aspects of the budget and the overall cost of living.

Commissioner Williams requested clarification on whether or not department heads have to attend both budget meetings, she noted that is not the case.

Clerk Rosedale: (See Attached)
Presented the highlights of the budget and trying to keep all budgets at net zero. Everyone did a really good job with doing this. He went over the overall budget, the expenditures for 2026 and 2027. He also wanted to share his appreciation of the work done by all departments into the budgets this year.

Chase Yongdahl – Asked about the cap for new construction costs

Public Comment - none

Commissioner Korn recessed the meeting at 10:13 a.m. until 6:00 PM

Deputy Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

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Commissioner Korn reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Adoption of the FY27 Bonner County Budget; **Resolution**

With no one new in the room this evening, Commissioner Domke asked any new potential online viewers to refer to the earlier portion of the hearing if they would like to listen to a more in-depth version of the budget hearing.

Clerk Rosedale: (See Attached)
*Clerk discussed the levy amount. He said that the budget was really tight this year, and everyone was asked for a net zero budget. Everyone did a great job of making their budget as tight as possible. Mike went over the source of funds for this year as well as for the upcoming fiscal year. He went over budget expenditures for this year and next. He said they are roughly the same between the years, where sometimes there are large influxes from year to year. Every department that is pretty fuel-dependent has been asked to increase their fuel budget by 20% to mitigate the rising fuel costs. Overall budget is over $81 million.

Commissioner Korn read the resolution into the record.

Public Comment - None

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, approving and adopting the Bonner County Budget in the amount of $81,428,836 for FY2027 beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; and recover the $4,866 in Forgone. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.
Commissioner Williams said there were some departments that did an exceptional job bringing their budgets forward. The Treasurer always does a great job, and she thinks a trend is being set to do a great job bringing their budgets forward. She does not agree with the budget, as she disagrees with compensation for this budget. She did not agree with how the budget was noticed. She does not think everyone should automatically get a pay bump. Not everyone is doing a good enough job to necessitate all of staff getting a raise. “Perfect is the enemy of good enough,” Commissioner Domke said. He talked about his viewpoint on publishing the budget. He is comfortable with the decision that the board has made with this budget. Commissioner Domke talked about a budget book that is being put together, that gives an overview of the different departments, what statutes they are working under, and what everyone’s tax dollars are really going toward. This will be ready in the next few months.
Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – No; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Deputy Clerk: *Lauren Reichenbach*