



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Domke, Williams, and Korn were present. Commissioner Korn called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Janine Shepard and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS AMENDED

Commissioner Domke made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. No second, the motion dies.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Sheriff's agenda item #7 as it will be discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion with legal. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes August 25, 2026
- 2) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Risk (3: Northwest Autobody, \$9,387.99 & \$10,422.53, Frank Gurney, \$16,116.75); Sheriff (2 Confidential, \$5,493 & \$25,061)
- 3) Catering Permit(s): 113 Main, Sandpoint

Commissioner Williams made a motion to remove invoices for Northwest Autobody amounting to \$9,387.99 and \$10,422.53. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

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

NOXIOUS WEEDS – Chase Youngdahl

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Grant Award, \$10,000.00 - USFS-IPNF, Title II Funding: Noxious Weed Interpretive Signage with Boot Brushes

Commissioner Domke made a motion to accept the US Forest Service-IPNF Resource Advisory Committee award of \$10,000.00 of Title II funding for the purchase of noxious weed interpretive signage with boot brushes and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michael Bondor – Asked about boot brushes.

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

AIRPORT – Dave Schuck

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Pavement Project at Sandpoint Airport; **\$25,931.25** Commissioner Williams made a motion that Bonner County pay \$25,931.25 for this paving project and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams wanted to note that this project is for LifeFlight. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest River Airport SRE Building Airport Improvement Program Grant Amendment

Commissioner Domke made a motion that Bonner County approve the grant application amendment for grant AIP 3-16-0058-022-2026 for an amended amount of \$759,889 for a change of, under the companion grant AIP 021 by \$134,923, approving the increased County match based on available funds within that budget line thus increasing the AIP 022 grant by the same amount and that the Chair sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest River Airport SRE Building Airport Improvement Program Grant Acceptance Request

Commissioner Williams made a motion that Bonner County agrees to accept these grants totaling \$902,467 and allow the Chair to sign administratively. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – No. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sandpoint Airport Obstruction Removal Project Flight Check Request

Commissioner Domke made a motion, including the legal opinion that was just offered, that Bonner County pay \$44,629.89 for this flight check and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Jessica Stephany

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Claims Batch #48; **Totaling \$158,672.67** Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Claims Batch #48, totaling \$158,672.67. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Demands Batch #48; **Totaling \$197,963.37** Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Demands Batch #48, totaling \$197,963.37. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Idaho Dept of Commerce: Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Grant (EDPRO)

Commissioner Williams made a motion that we accept and partner with Pend Oreille Economic Partnership to administer this grant and have the Chair sign administratively, noting that the County's only costs are associated with the work of submitting the grant reimbursement request.

Commissioner Domke seconded the motion to advance for discussion. There was a brief discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Abstain. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Partnership with North Idaho College for Unpaid Accounting Internships

Commissioner Domke made a motion that we authorize the Clerk's Office to partner with North Idaho College to host unpaid accounting interns starting fall semester. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance for discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion fails.

SHERIFF – Daryl Wheeler

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Jasper Engines & Transmissions; **\$12,810**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 replacement engines totaling \$12,810.00 from Jasper Engines & Transmissions. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Replacement Repeaters (**CONFIDENTIAL**); **\$53,392**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to accept the purchase of 4 replacement repeaters in the amount of \$53,392. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 911 Repeater B to 911 Repeater C Funds Transfer; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, authorizing the Clerk to open the 911 Repeater “B” budget and transfer from 00824-7110 911 Repeater/Prof Services to the “C” budget and increase line-item 00824/9410 Capital Communications Equipment by \$33,000.00. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Purchase of 2026 Chevrolet Silverado from Michael Hohl GM; **\$50,542.75**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado totaling \$50,542.75 from Michael Hohl GM. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

5) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Purchase of Three (3) 2026 Chevrolet Silverados from Taylor & Son’s Chevrolet; **\$148,758.10**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 - 2026 Chevrolet Silverados totaling \$148,758.10 from Taylor & Son’s Chevrolet. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

6) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Bonner County Sheriff Certificate Pay

There was a lengthy discussion among the board, the sheriff, and auditing.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve the certification pay as noted on our benefits page and backpay the eligible employees to the date on their certificates. The BOCC also directs Auditing to process and approve all future submitted requests for certification pay for all qualified Sheriff’s Office employees for the remainder of FY2026. Auditing has the flexibility to work the employees on how this is paid out to address their tax bracket. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

7) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Dispatcher Monthly Bonuses; **\$57,600**

This item was moved to Executive Session.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner Brian Domke

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sale of Bonner County Owned Real Property;

Resolution

There was a lengthy discussion among the board and legal. *There was no decision made on this item, it will be brought forward at another meeting.*

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) Internal Auditing
 - 6) Health Insurance
 - 7) Questions from the Public
- Dave Bowman – Discussed the Fire Districts mentioned in Commissioner Williams' discussion

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 11:07 a.m.

- Dave Bowman – Asked about signing up for public comment and how Zoom is asking for an email address to participate, he wants to know why this started and wants it gone; commented on the open positions on Planning and Zoning Commissions and why the applications aren't links and there is no cutoff date, this needs to be fixed
- Theresa Hiesener – Also commented on Zoom asking for an email

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Sheriff

- 1) Executive Session Under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(B) Personnel, Sheriff's Office
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel, Sheriff's Office
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Dispatcher Monthly Bonuses; **\$57,600**

There was a lengthy discussion among the board and legal regarding this item. Sheriff Wheeler presented this item and discussed the need and reason for this request. There was a question to legal on what is appropriate for open meeting versus going into Executive Session; there was a discussion regarding legal opinion.

Commissioner Korn called for a recess until 12:02 pm at 11:56 a.m.

Reconvene at 12:04 p.m.

At 12:06 p.m. Commissioner Williams made a motion made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(B)(D) Personnel and Records Exempt. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvene at 1:05 p.m.

Commissioner Williams made a motion as follows, that with respect to the four supervisors and the four emergency communications officers, that the Board of County Commissioners pay a \$500 per pay period stipend until Bonner County Sheriff's Office is able to fill the total of four emergency communications officer vacant positions and those persons are certified in their positions, noting that the Sheriff's Office will come before the Board of Commissioners as those positions become filled to give a status update regarding their staffing model. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. There was a lengthy discussion with the board discussing their views on this item. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – No; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.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 August 25, 2026 – September --, 2026. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

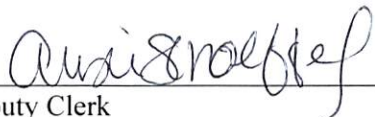
On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Wednesday, August 26, 2026, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Monday, August 31, 2026, the FY27 Budget Adoption was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Commissioner Ron Korn, Chair

By 
Deputy Clerk


Date