Bonner County
Board of Commissioners
Brian Domke Asia Williams Ron Korn

Special Meeting Minutes
Clerk/Auditors' Budget Adoption

Date: August 18, 2025
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, Kaiden Rahoun, Clorrisa Koster, Teddi Lupton, Bob Howard, Jason Topp, Cindy Brannon, Chase Youngdahl, Tom Lindley, Joleen Bass, Spencer Ferguson, Kerry DeLair, Jonathan Holmgren, Jake Gabell, Mike Bolling, Mike Bramblia, Daryl Wheeler, Angie Aller, Jennifer Jensen, Christian Jostlein, Cory Gabel, * *, Ron Stultz, Ror Lakewold, Veronica Dixon, Dennis Engelhardt, Dave Schuck, Mark Sauter

Purpose/Topic Summary: Adoption of the FY26 Bonner County Budget and the FY26 Bonner County Budget

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Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Commissioner Williams gave a brief overview of the budget process this year and the changes implemented. There was a lot more discussion than prior years and the workshops began earlier. She discussed the growth in the County and how this affects County services, including roads and emergency services, and the cost of living in Bonner County. Commissioner Williams discussed the revenues, supplemental requests, 3% increase, and foregone.
Commissioner Williams went into detail the changes in the budget workshop process this year and the requirement of increased documentation for justification of open positions.

There was a slight technical issue with YouTube, however the meeting is being recorded and will be available if requested.

Commissioner Korn and Domke both appreciated the input from department heads and the overall process, including the notes entered into the department's budgets.

Clerk Michael Rosedale: (See Attached)
Clerk Rosedale briefly discussed the changes to the process this year and he appreciates the work of the department heads. He thanked Comptroller Stephany for her work on the budget.
Clerk Rosedale presented the proposed budget and overview of the prior and current year's budgets.

Clerk Rosedale discussed the judgement for Avista due to a State Tax calculation error. He noted that there will be more of these judgements issued. He then provided the total for the overall budget.

Comptroller Stephany went over the provided handout and gave a brief overview of the FY26 budget. She discussed employee compensation, employees who have been in their position 1 year or longer will receive a step increase and all employees will receive a $1/hour COLA. Commissioner Williams noted that a flat rate was fairer and more equitable. There was a brief discussion about the justification for increases and employee compensation.
Comptroller Stephany provided a visual representation of the increases and decreases by department.

Clerk Rosedale went over the Source of Funds for the current FY and FY26 as well as the Expenditures.

Commissioner Domke asked if Clerk Rosedale could go into more detail regarding the revenues, including levies. Clerk Rosedale provided more details and noted the difference between levies, grants, and unanticipated revenues, as well as fee-based revenues.

Commissioner Williams briefly noted that the BCASD will likely be taking a TAN again and the work involved in the budget process over this year. She discussed the statutory obligations in the budget, including the Bonner County Historical Society and the increase in contingency fund reserves to address future issues and the increase in personnel costs. She briefly discussed future budget requests and impacts and the next budget review.

Commissioner Domke discussed the importance of future planning and budgeting. He would like to see the change in the budget process to continue in the future.

Public Comment opened at 10:43 a.m.
There was no public comment

Commissioner Williams recessed the meeting at 10:43 a.m. until 6:00 PM

Deputy Clerk: *Alisa Schoeffel*

COMMISSIONERS:	Domke – Present Williams – Present Korn – Zoom
OTHERS PRESENT:	Michael Rosedale, Jessica Stephany, Tom Lindley, Jonathan Holmgren, Jason Topp, Teddi Lupton, Melissa Gault, Jacob Gabell, Alex Feyen, Spencer Ferguson, Clorrisa Koster, Chase Youngdahl, Veronica Dixon, Dave Schuck, Christian Jostlein, Jacob Storms, Mike Bolling

Reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Adoption of the FY26 Bonner County Budget and the FY26 Bonner County Budget; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams discussed the budget process timeline for the year. The county started a few weeks earlier this year because they wanted more detail in their budget. She discussed the increase in the population of the county and how that affects the county's infrastructure. One of the biggest budget changes is the cost of staffing. She discussed the county's "pain points." Ongoing supplemental requests are still above allocations. This board of commissioners did not vote to give money to organizations that they were not statutorily required to. Commissioner Williams discussed what this board did differently than boards in the past.

Commissioner Domke appreciates everyone's participation in this process. He hopes to build greater transparency in the budget. He hopes to plan for items they can anticipate and not treat them all like emergencies in the future.

Clerk Michael Rosedale: (See Attached)
*Mike talked about the requirements for posting in the paper. They must publish the last two years as well as the proposed budget for this upcoming year. Rather than rounding numbers, they have instead made them as precise as possible. Property tax levy is roughly $37 million. He discussed the judgement levy of roughly $284,500. The county had to pay this to refund their own bank account. It is not to spend, it is to make the county whole. The cash balance forward is roughly $10 million. There are roughly $2.9 million in grants and other revenue of $28 million. This comes from various fees from the county departments. The overall spending revenue is $78,332,573.

Commissioner Williams thanked Jessica Stephany for jumping right in and working hard to make this budget as good as possible.

Comptroller Jessica Stephany
*An increase of roughly $530,000 in the budget was from new construction. She appreciated all the departments working well with her to ensure all their needs were met. All employees who have been in their position one year or longer will receive a one step increase. All positions will receive a $1 Cost of Living Adjustment as well, regardless of how long they have been with the county. She discussed a chart that showed funds with decreases and increases. There were some reallocations in the budget as well.

Commissioner Williams talked about the BCASD budget. They will likely do another TAN. It is likely they will end with roughly $800,000, which is around what they started with. She discussed the money given to the Historical Society, highlighting topics from their meeting with the board a few months ago. The contingency fund reserve was increased. She also discussed the increase in wages for staff. Future budget requests and impacts were talked about. As soon as this budget is completed, the county will immediately begin to focus on next year's budget so they can plan as well as possible.

Public Comment opened at 6:31 p.m.
*Suzanne Glasoe – Thanked everyone for enduring the long process. Said the budget is a great success this year. Thanked Jessica, Veronica, and Mike.

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-52** adopting the Bonner County Budget for FY2026 in the amount of **$78,332,573**.
Commissioner Williams stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Deputy Clerk: *Lauren Reichenbach*