



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 17, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Domke, Williams, and Korn were present. Commissioner Domke called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Charlyn Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS AMENDED

Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the order by placing the items for the Sheriff's Items and DMV item up and to place them after Fire Annexation. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes March 10, 2026
- 2) Invoice(s) Over \$5k: Risk (Freightliner NW-Spokane, \$44,061.7; NW Autobody, \$15,620.90; WM Winkler Concrete, \$28,400)

Commissioner Korn made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Commented on the repair of the fuel station islands

There was a brief discussion regarding Commissioner Korn's questions regarding the sales tax on the WM Winkler Invoice. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

FIRE DISTRICT ANNEXATION – Presented by Commissioner Domke

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sagle Fire District Annexation
- Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Order of Annexation of parcel RP56N01E088240A into the Sagle Fire District, based on the recommendation of the fire commissioners as presented. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

SHERIFF – Ror Lakewold & Craig Ross

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sheriff's Office / Jail Roof Repair; **\$6,500**
- Undersheriff Lakewold removed this item and will submit it for an Executive Session next week.*

2) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding IDPR Recreational Boating Safety Grant Agreement; \$54,678**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve and sign the Recreational Boating Safety grant agreement in the amount of \$109,356.00 and approve the county's match of \$54,678.00, which will be drawn from the Marine Vessel account. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion among the board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

DMV – Joleen Bass

1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest River Canon Lease**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, that allows the Motor Vehicles director to enter into and sign the 60-month lease with Canon as presented. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

PLANNING – Alex Feyen

1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Private Easement Vacation for a portion of Burley Drive, Planning Department File #VS0002-25**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, vacating a portion of Burley Drive, located in Section 03, Township 56 North, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho. contingent upon confirmation that the adjoining property does have means for access. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding S0001-23 Crystal View II, Release of Surety**

Commissioner Williams made a motion that the item to release the surety amount of \$2,388,636.04 for the completion of improvements for project S0001-23 be delayed pending legal and risk review of the engineer's report and authorize planning to bring it back once legal has reviewed it and engineering has completed a full inspection. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Thanked Commissioner Korn for the request of a full inspection
- Spencer Ferguson, Engineer – The remaining portion of the surety was approximately \$100k, included was \$50k for asphalt repair; this did not pass inspection and had to be redone. The other portion was for utilities, power specifically, during inspection they were able to see parts of the road and in order to verify they did have to rely on the third-party inspector. If the power is underground, there is no way to verify that it was installed, they can only take the engineer of record's word for this. A full inspection would be able to be done in June. A brief discussion followed regarding what a full inspection entails.
- Lance Badger, Developer – This was brought before the board a year ago, during that meeting it was determined that there was unfinished work and the utilities, and the warranty. They have gone a full year on the warranty, and the work has been completed; they have already waited a year it is not fair to make them continue to wait.

There was a discussion with the board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

3) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Kootenai Area of Impact (AOI) Ordinance, Planning File AM0008-25**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve an Ordinance of Bonner County, Idaho, the number to be assigned, citing its authority, and providing for the adoption the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai as amended at the November 13, 2025 hearing, and providing for an effective date. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

ROAD & BRIDGE – Matt Mulder

1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Advertisement for Procurement of Magnesium Chloride**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve this Notice of Advertisement for the 2026 Magnesium Chloride Bid. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

JUSTICE SERVICES – Ron Stultz

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment, Cigarette Tax Unanticipated Revenues; **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, ordering the Clerk to schedule revenue totaling \$13,833.00 in the Probation Services FY24-25 budget, in FY25-26 budget Account No. 00661 9390–Capital - Vehicles. This adjustment is due to the receipt of unanticipated Cigarette Tax revenue received from the State of Idaho. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment, Detention Contracts Unanticipated Revenues; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, ordering the Clerk to schedule revenue currently held in the Juvenile Detention FY24-25 budget, Revenue Account No. 03475-4990 – Juvenile Detention Billing for use as additional funding for Juvenile Detention FY25-26 Budget, Account No. 03475-6720 – SMALL ASSETS AND EQUIPMENT in the amount of \$10,000.00 and 03475-6110 OVERTIME in the amount of \$16,248.35. This adjustment is due to the receipt of unanticipated revenue received from contracts for housing juvenile offenders in the Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding overtime. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

- 3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment, Lottery Tax Unanticipated Revenues; **Resolution**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, ordering the Clerk to schedule revenue in the Probation Services FY25-26 budget, in Account No. 00661-9390 – CAPITAL - VEHICLES. This adjustment is due to the receipt of unanticipated Lottery Tax revenue received from the State of Idaho. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

- 4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment, Drug Testing Supplies Unanticipated Revenues; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, ordering the Clerk to schedule revenue currently held in the Probation Services FY24-25 budget Account No. 00661-4810 DRUG TEST REVENUE, to be used in the FY25-26 budget as follows: Account No. 00661-9390 CAPITAL – VEHICLES in the amount of \$6,110.79, Account No. 00661-8830 ADULT AL/DRUG MISD PROB SVCS in the amount of \$5,000.00, Account No. 00661-6460 TRAVEL MEALS/PER DIEM in the amount of \$3,000.00, and Account No. 00661-7430 REPAIRS/MAINT-BLDGS/FIXTRS in the amount of \$1,000.00. This adjustment is due to the receipt of unanticipated drug testing supplies revenue received from adult probationers. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Claims Batch #24; **Totaling \$741,539.19**

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Claims Batch #24, totaling \$741,539.19. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Demands Batch #24; **Totaling \$42,248.39**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Demands Batch #24, totaling \$42,248.39. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Domke called a recess until 10:35 a.m. at 10:27 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

SOLID WASTE – Bob Howard

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Closure of Lakeview Collection Site

Commissioner Korn made a motion to approve that the County approve the closure of the Lakeview collection site. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Colby Stevenson – Discussed problems and costs that occur after a dump site is closed, this is a management issue not a use issue
- Wayne Marting – Asked when the photos were taken, dumping will take place whether there is a collection site or not
- Elaine M. – The trash abusers are going to abuse the trash; taxpayers still pay taxes; this is a management issue
- Fred Arn – Asked if there had been thought for game cams and enforcement
- Anne Wilder – When dump sites are closed then residents have to drive a lot further to dump trash and then the prices get raised; commented on site hours
- Noah Grand – This is a vital service for Schweitzer residents; it would be a shame if taxpayers have to pay for this and then have to drive a great distance to dump their trash
- Theresa Hiesener – Closing the dump on Hwy 57 has created issues, there should be no more closures of refuse sites

There was a lengthy discussion among the board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – No; Commissioner Williams – No. The motion fails.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Closure of Schweitzer Mountain Collection Site Highway Commissioner for Schweitzer area:

- Mel Bailey – The photo shown was at Christmas, there are not enough pickups at that time. This area has 1,000 housing units and the area is maintained on the \$1,200 from the County as well as \$1,200 from the HOA (to the fire dept). He discussed the bear problem; there was a fence and the roll off containers stopped the issues. There is a people problem up there, there are not regular contractors who are dumping here. They are looking at installing a camera and providing more on-site services, to check the site daily. Looking at the future, Schweitzer can put more housing units up there and most of these homes are second homes, yet they bring in more tax revenue than elsewhere in the County. A lengthy discussion with the board followed.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that Solid Waste work with Schweitzer on the best solution for this particular site and then bring it back to the board to review if we accept this plan or do we close it. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Colby Stevenson – Wanted to clarify things regarding taxes, it is not correct that there is a flat fee for Solid Waste; residents at Schweitzer pay more taxes for Solid Waste than the rest of the county; the photo that was shown was misleading; discussed the site plan for Schweitzer being necessary per PHD; read statutes and information from WM website
- George Moore – Reinforced that the photo shown was annoying and this is not the normal for up there, something does need to be done to make sure the dumpsters are emptied; there are unique aspects to this site, can place cameras at the fire station; how much enforcement action is taken against those who abuse the system
- Doug W. – Agrees with the other comments, this is a management issue, the photo was misleading and it does not look like that year round
- Ron G. – Echoes what has been said, this can be fixed
- Dave P. – The photo that was shown is misleading, he has worked with the fire department and the game department, placing a camera did not work; the biggest issues are construction debris, bears, and people not following the rules; putting in a compacter would help; if this site is gone then there will be major issues; maybe fence the site and then man it in the summer, it is manageable
- Mike B. - The county is open doors for contractors and everyone, just do it and then ask for forgiveness later, just ask for a variance so this issue is not surprising; commented on yesterday's

Planning Hearing; Commissioner Korn is grasping for variances, where is he for the citizens, he is like BLM in Seattle

- Jim H. – Noted that he is a part time resident and without waste management he would have to drive additional miles to dump his trash
- Wayne Martin – Asked about the price difference in a bear receptacle versus a regular receptacle, asked about paying the fire department to do something that they are not doing; commented on living rural and planning trips to the dump based on when he goes to town; Schweitzer needs to work with Waste Management, words matter; compacters come with a high liability
- Chris Bell, President of the Spires HOA – Applauds the commissioners for having a debate and bringing this to the attention of the residents; Schweitzer is a large financial contributor to the County, the stakeholders needs to address this issue; having to make a trip down the hill for trash is scary; supports the motion and hopes to find a solution and needs the opportunity to present one
- Noah Grand – Agrees that this has been a good debate, he appreciates it; the photos chosen were cherry picked; understands that there is a sticker cost, but their tax dollars still contribute, the county needs to be giving the fire station more money to properly maintain the trash site
- Brandon Cramer – Echoes everything that the residents of Schweitzer have stated; the information presented today is anecdotal not factual, how often does WM empty these dumpsters, increase this if it is only once a week; questions the motivation about why close this site; commented on how this would negatively impact the value of Schweitzer homes and this would negatively affect the entire county; the board needs to deny Director Howard's proposal, no facts have been presented
- Doug W. – Appreciates the motion to work with the community, they can fix this, it is easy and there is a solution other than shutting down the site
- Mel Bailey – Wanted to clarify that he has looked into installing a camera that will tie into the highway commission's camera system, this camera will read license plates; in the past they had been able to call WM directly and this seems to have been lost over the years

There was a lengthy discussion among the board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

Commissioner Domke called a 5-minute recess at 12:28 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

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

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 12:45 p.m.

- Wayne Martin – Commented on the LEPC meeting about the Fentanyl presentation, mentioned developers and property and to look at where development is occurring versus where it should occur

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 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 March 10, 2026 – March 16, 2026. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(D)(F) Records Exempt & Litigation

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, a Special Meeting with Emergency Management was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Monday, March 16, 2026, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Commissioner Brian Domke, Chair

By 
Deputy Clerk


Date