Bonner County
Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke Asia Williams Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
August 4, 2026 – 9:00 AM
Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Highway 2, Room 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, August 4, 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 9:01 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Janine Shepard and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED
Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt the Order of the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Domke 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 July 28, 2026
2) Plat(s) for Approval: MLD0073-25, Highwood Estates
3) Invoice(s) Over $5k: Solid Waste (Lippert, **$6,375**); Fair (Todd Williams, **$10,000**)
4) Justice Services Policy Update: 7.3 Security & Control
5) Liquor License(s): TC Stacks, LLC, Sandpoint

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

TREASURER – Clorrisa Koster
1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Bonner County Treasurer/Auditor Joint Quarterly Report – FY2026 3rd Quarter ending 6/30/2026

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Bonner County Treasurer/Auditor Joint Quarterly Report for FY2026 3rd Quarter ending 6/30/2026. The ending balance for Bonner County is $53,754,346.81. Commissioner Domke 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 #44; **Totaling $292,935.17**
Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Claims Batch #44, totaling $292,935.17. 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 #44; **Totaling $65,939.10**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Demands Batch #44, totaling $65,939.10. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Yes. The motion carries.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioners Brian Domke & Asia Williams

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Renewal of Audit Agreement with Zwygart John & Associates for FY2025-26; **$70,000**

Commissioner Domke made a motion that Bonner County renew the Audit Agreement with Zwygart John & Associates, PLLC to complete the 2026 external audit for the total amount of $70,000.
Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, noting that the audit that was reviewed was 2025.
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Was there discussion about what other organizations would cost to do the audit

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Meeting/Hearing Hard Stop Time for Planning Commission & Zoning Commission

Commissioner Domke made a motion to set a hard stop time of no later than 9:00 PM for Planning Commission and Zoning Commission meetings and hearings. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Zooms into these meetings and does think there should be a limit, but you do need to allow public comment, but does see the need for a stop
- Dave Bowman – Both commissions are capable of figuring out when to end things, this issue is with the Planning Department not paying attention to how they schedule – they should know what files are going to be contentious
- Michelle Johnson – Understands both sides of this, agrees with some of what Dave B. said regarding public comment; she did know when she volunteered that there would be some long nights and some short nights
- Kendra Smith, Director of Planning – Wants to thank the board for bringing this up and she appreciates them and the public; the Planning Department is trying to be fair to the applicants and it is rare when they put three files on a meeting, a lot of planning these hearings is guesswork as they never know how the files will go

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

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Appointments to the Bonner County Fair Board; **Resolution**

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, appointing Audra Savage to the Bonner County Fair Board for the remainder of the current 4-year term beginning on August 4, 2026 and ending on May 6, 2028. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes; Commissioner Williams – Abstain. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Hiring Emergency Communications Officer(s)

Sheriff Wheeler presented this item and discussed the need for 911 dispatchers and proposed a bonus for dispatchers as well as a sign on bonus. At this time, they just lost their 9th dispatcher so they will be down to only 8, which is not sufficient. He would like from August to January (6 months) that dispatchers get a $1,200/month bonus and that those who are covering other shifts are paid double time as they should be rewarded; he would also like to reinstate the $3,000 sign on bonus upon hire. He also noted that they need 5 more positions; 8 positions are the minimum requirement for coverage. There was a lengthy discussion. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a $3,000 stipend until staffing levels reach the number of thirteen (13) at the payout described by Sheriff of the $1,000, $1,000 and the final $1,000 at 24-months; I move that current staff be paid double time through January 31, 2027; I move that Sheriff's Office, the Auditor, and HR evaluate the pay scale and bring forward a recommendation to address the pay scale of staffing; and then I move that Sheriff Wheeler bring back the request for the six-months of $1,200 a month stipend to current staff at the amount of $57,600 to the board after reviewing the policy and going through Auditing to bring back the confirmation that that is within budget for review by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Domke clarified that it was a $3,000 sign on bonus, not stipend. Commissioner Domke seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Discussed mental health of dispatchers being extremely important to everyone; opening EOC takes too much time; discussed minimum staff, especially in relation to fires; discussed the stress on dispatchers
- Dian Welle – Discussed signing a retention contract after training and if this was feasible
- Jim Leighty – Apologized to public school teachers for Sheriff Wheeler's disparaging remarks; it is past time to pay the workers a livable wage
- Theresa Hiesener – Supports a significant increase to dispatchers' pay so do not compare them to groundworker's
- Amy Lunsford – Would like more information on sing on bonus' and retention, they should need to make a commitment to get tax dollars investment back; how will current employees feel if they get double time but no bonus like brand new employees; does not think he should get more money but agrees if it is in his budget already; she does not understand the board's discussion regarding 911 employees getting extra money especially compared to other departments

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn –No; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE

1) Citizen Concerns and Suggestions
2) Current High Priority Tasks
3) Questions from the Public on District 1 Commissioner Update
   - Fred Arn – Asked Commissioner Domke to send him the time/dates of the workshops
   - Dave Bowman – Asked that he restate the workshop dates
   - Anne Wilder – Asked if the workshops were the same (topic)

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
   - Mike Rosedale, Clerk – Commented on the health fair downstairs

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 10:56 a.m.

- Wayne Martin – Mentioned Stop the Bleed on August 29 in Sagle; discussed fire service/needs; discussed planning/zoning working with developers to assist in these costs (emergency services); asked about the SW cards and how they will work

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Executive Session Under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(A)(B) Hiring & Personnel
   Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Emergency Communications Officer(s)

This Executive Session was not necessary; this item was resolved with the BOCC Item #4.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.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 July 28, 2026 – August 3, 2026. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

Budget Workshops were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4) on July 28, July 29, July 30, and August 3,2026.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2026, an Annual Update & Budget Meeting with the BCHSM held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Tuesday, July 28, 2026, a Fair Board Interview was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-204(4) & 74-206(1)(A) Hiring.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2026, a Planning Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

On Thursday, July 30, 2026, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By Ron Korn
Commissioner Ron Korn, Chair

8-11-26
Date

By ______________
Deputy Clerk