Bonner County
Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke Asia Williams Ron Korn

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 27, 2026 – 9:00 AM
Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Highway 2, Room 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners Williams and Korn were present. Commissioner Korn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Chris Bassett and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN
Commissioner Korn read a statement regarding Bonner County Code, Title 1: County Operations.

ADOPT THE ORDER OF AGENDA AS AMENDED
Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the order by moving the Sheriff items below the presentation of lifesaving commendations for Bonner County Sheriffs and Priest River. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.
Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and made a motion that we strike the District 1 Commissioner Report since Commissioner Domke is not available. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 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 stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

PRESENTATION OF LIFESAVING COMMENDATIONS FOR BCSO & PRPD
Sheriff Wheeler commended Priest River Officer Scott Kennedy and Bonner County Deputies Justin Penn and Keith Trout for their lifesaving actions on September 29, 2026. Priest River Police Chief Drew McLain also spoke on their actions.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item
1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes October 20, 2026
2) Plat(s) for Approval: SS0006-26, Baggs & Hamlin
3) Invoice(s) Over $5k: Technology (CONFIDENTIAL: **$60,668.80, $16,639.00, & $10,093.23**)
4) Liquor License(s): Settlement Kitchen & Craft Tavern, Priest River; The Tervan Tavern, Sandpoint; Cabin View Winery, Sandpoint; Hill's Resort, Priest Lake; Roxy's Lounge, Sandpoint; Priest Lake Golf Course, Priest Lake; Connie's Café & Lounge, Sandpoint; Travel America Plaza, Sagle; 113 Main, Sandpoint; Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant, Sandpoint

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

SHERIFF – Daryl Wheeler

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Jail Roof

There was a lengthy discussion among the board and sheriff. This will be placed on next week's agenda for further discussion and decision. *No motion was made.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Has a concern about water leaks and wood rot and mold, would like to have this examined
- Jim Leighty – Wonders if there had been any preventative maintenance/inspections done on a regular basis, is there paperwork to show any

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Overtime Budget

There was a lengthy discussion among the board, the sheriff, and auditing. This will also be placed on next week's agenda for further discussion and decision. *No motion was made.*

ROAD & BRIDGE – Jason Topp & Matt Mulder

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Add Unanticipated Funds to Restricted 002-3010, Future Road Projects; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution, number to be assigned, authorizing the Clerk to open the Budget and add $2,638,231.00 of Road and Bridge unanticipated revenues to the 002-3010-Restricted Future Road Projects line as detailed in the attached Resolution. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Railroad Quiet Zone Policy Update 2026 & PSA w/ JUB

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve this 2026 Policy for the establishment of railroad crossing quiet zones and approve this professional services agreement with JUB Engineers to act as our proponent engineer for the establishment of quiet zones. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Asked about the bond amount and he didn't hear Matt's last name
- Matt Loem – Discussed the process his community has gone through

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

AIRPORT – Dave Schuck

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Snow Removal Equipment Building Construction Notice to Proceed; Priest River

Commissioner Williams made a motion that Bonner County agree to this notice to proceed and that the chair sign administratively noting that the Chair is in disagreement with the project but a prior board vote has this item moving forward. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Jessica Stephany

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY26 Claims Batch #56; **Totaling $105,781.95**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY26 Claims Batch #56, totaling $105,781.95. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY27 Claims Batch #04; **Totaling $361,523.52**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY27 Claims Batch #04, totaling $361,523.52. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY27 Demands Batch #04; **Totaling $74,830.73**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of FY27 Demands Batch #04, totaling $74,830.73. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of Levies

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve what has been presented by the Clerk's office for the L1 which certifies all levy rates in Bonner County based on the review of the County Clerk. Commissioner Korn stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Wayne Martin – Asked about levies not in compliance and if those not in compliance are notified

There was a brief discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes. The motion carries.

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER UPDATE – *This item was removed.*

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
   - Amy Lunsford – Commented on an MLD fiasco costing the County $20k
   - Wayne Martin – Thanked the board for their work and noted the positive situation that the BCASD is in hopefully we continue to see forward movement after January

DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT* Opened at 10:38 a.m.

- Dan Welle – Commented on Commissioner Korn's announcement and that adherence to those policies cost the County; these ordinances are unconstitutional and need to be reviewed; this is not wise
- Jim Leighty – Commented on limiting speech during these hearings; suggested that the commissioners review his lawsuit against the sheriff and be very careful
- Theresa Hiesener – Also commented on Commissioner Korn's announcement and Zoom is important; if these are taken away the public loses trust
- Dave Bowman - Also commented on Commissioner Korn's announcement, he also read an email he sent to the board

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 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 October 20, 2026 – October 26, 2026. Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-204(4)

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(D)(F) Records Exempt & Litigation

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By _____
Commissioner Ron Korn, Chair

By _____
Deputy Clerk

11-3-26
Date