



North Idaho Way, Inc. Meeting Minutes

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Location: Farmhouse BBQ
Date: 7/21/2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Facilitator: Dan McDonald, Chairman

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

Bob Howard gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dan McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Programs and /or Special Guest

Bonner County Commissioner, Dan McDonald, see attached Powerpoint.

5. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:

Present at the meeting and constituting a quorum were NIW, Inc. members: Dan McDonald, Kathy McDonald, Jodi Giddings, Jessi Webster, Patrick Reinbold, Anna Largen, Bill Largen, Marianne Ochs, Glen Mercurio & Thomas Leo.

6. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jodi Giddings and seconded by Anna Largen, minutes of the 6/9/21 meeting were approved by those in attendance.

7. Treasurer's Report

Marianne Ochs reported that the only expense was a \$25 payment for the independence day parade.

8. Committee Reports

Events - Kathy McDonald presented the events lined up for NIW, Inc.

- Independence Day Parade - Kathy McDonald reported that the 4th of July parade was a huge success. Thomas requested photos for the website.
- County Fair - Will share a booth with Sage Dixon, mostly looking for time during the day. Email Veronica and let her know your availability and she will sign you up for a time slot.

- Fundraiser Dinner - Kathy confirmed fundraiser committee, first committee meeting will be August 9, time TBA. Two venues up for discussion. Jessi will call on the Pend Oreille Events Center to get a price quote. Fundraiser will consist of a dinner and auction (live and silent).

Search - Anna Largen reported that there has been no meeting to discuss searches.

Anna presented two applications for membership: Jay Jones & Linda Caton

Thomas Leo made a motion to approve membership for Jay Jones, Bill Largen seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Kathy McDonald made a motion to approve Linda Caton, Patrick Reinbold seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

9. Unfinished Business

Website - Thomas Leo stated that the website is up to date and complete.

Rack Cards - Jodi Giddings reported on estimates for rack cards. Glen Mercurio made a motion to approve the purchase of the rack cards from Vista Print for \$67.50 (give or take). Bill Largen seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 10. New Business** - Kathy suggested that we hold a social at the Bonner County Fair in lieu of a monthly meeting, everyone agreed. We will invite Tom Albertson, LPOSD Superintendent, to speak at the September meeting. The October meeting will be potentially focused on elections. Thomas inquired on trainings for treasurers and secretaries for campaigns. Patrick discussed maybe having t-shirts or other clothing made to wear to events.

11. Announcements

12. Next Meeting

The will not be a regular meeting in August, there will be a social hour hosted by NIW at the fair.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessi Webster for Secretary Veronica Dixon
Public Information Officer, NIW

Action Items	Assigned to	Deadline	Status
Rack card printing	Jodi	8/10/21	Complete
Finalize fundraiser details	Events Committee	8/31/21	Complete
Fundraiser Auction Items	All members	10/1/21	In Process
Website	Thomas	N/A	Complete
Precinct Captain Search	Search Committee	N/A	On Going



What Does A County Commissioner Do?

- ▶ Commissioner Dan McDonald, District #3
- ▶ Chairman, Bonner County Board of County Commissioners

What Some Folks Think We Do.





Steve Bradshaw
District 1



Jeff Connolly
District 2



Dan McDonald
District 3

Bonner County Commissioners

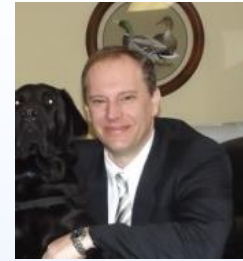
The Bonner County Board of Commissioners is responsible for providing administrative services to Bonner County. The purpose of this Board is to identify and clarify the needs of the people, and ensure the County responds to those needs. The BOCC executes all legislative power as authorized by state code. These powers include, but are not limited to, adopting and enacting the budget, appropriation of expenditures and setting policy. Other powers include establishing fees and comprehensive use plans, and conducting public hearings and meetings.

Other County Elected Officials:



Assessor

Donna Gow



Prosecutor

Louis Marshall



Clerk of Court

Michael W. Rosedale



Sheriff

Daryl Wheeler



Treasurer

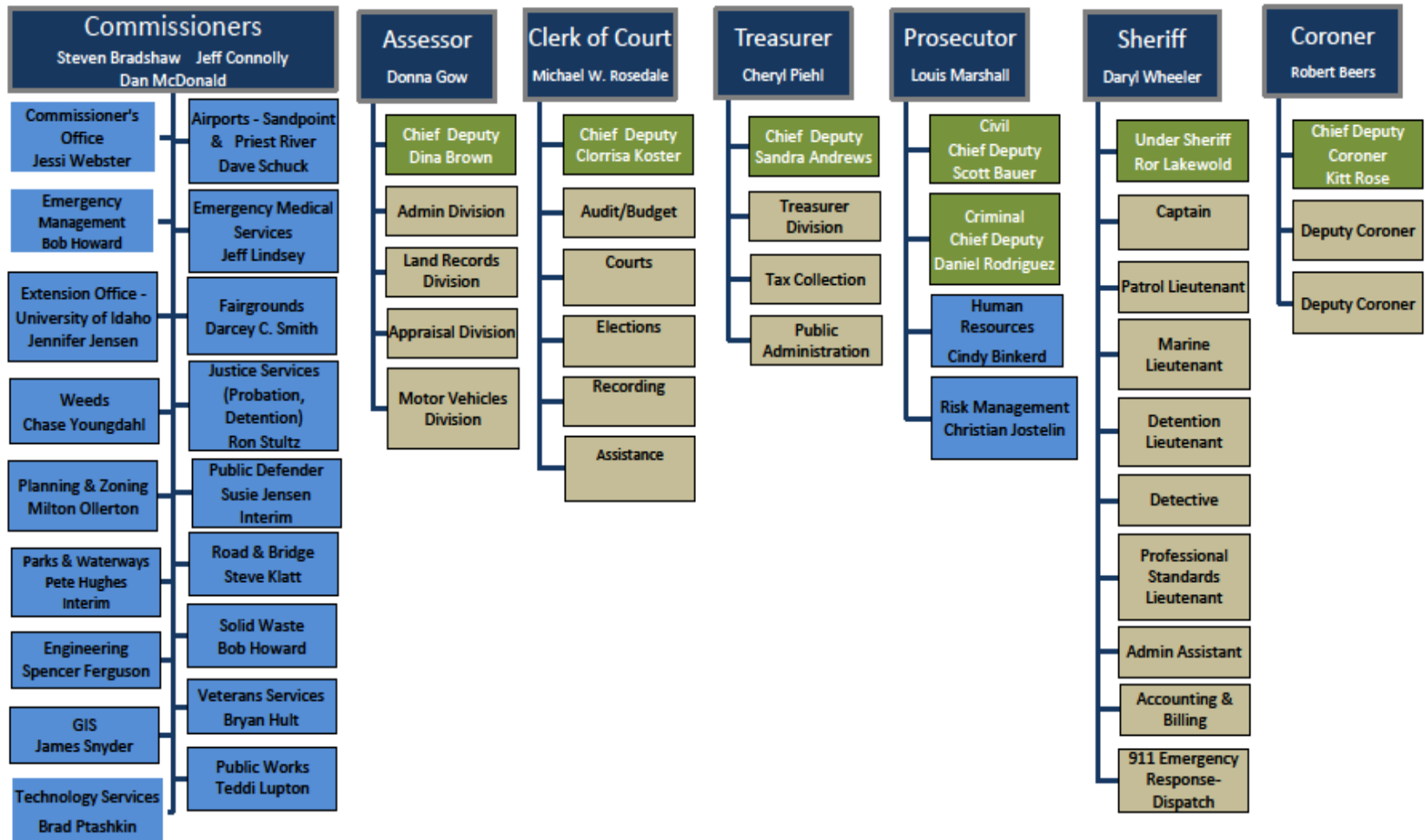
Cheryl Piehl



Coroner

Robert Beers

BONNER COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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A County Commissioners position is one of the most important elected positions of all elected positions.

The decisions a County Commissioner makes on a daily basis, has a very direct affect on all the residents in the County.





County Commissioners are unique to government

- ▶ Unlike our Federal or State governments, there is no separation of Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches.
- ▶ County Commissioners are Executive, Legislative and Quasi-Judicial in their duties.



Legislative

- ▶ The Board of County Commissioners in its Legislative capacity has the power to pass ordinances, adopt a budget, fix tax rates and oversee the county administration.
- ▶ The Commissioners have the authority to sue, be sued, to purchase and hold lands and the power to make contracts.



Executive



- ▶ County Commissioners are responsible for making all the executive decisions in the County.
- ▶ Some of those include, hiring and termination of employees, seeing that ordinances and resolutions are complied with and executed, executing all contracts and conveyances in the name of and on behalf of the County, in general, the Board of County Commissioners are the CEO's of the County.



Quasi-Judicial

- ▶ The County Commissioners during Board of Equalization (BOE) hearings, function as a Quasi-Judicial body and not as County Commissioners.
- ▶ BOE hearings are conducted like a court hearing with sworn testimony and the Commissioners function as a judge.
- ▶ Commissioners also preside over Planning Hearings in the same manner.



Commissioners Areas of Authority

- Agriculture Extensions
- Fairs
- Herd Districts
- Irrigation, Drainage and Reclamation Projects
- Livestock and Animal Diseases
- Predators and Pests
- Soil Conservation Districts
- Appointments, Salaries and other Personnel Matters
- Bonds
- Filling vacancies in other elected positions within County Government.



Areas of Authority, Continued

- ▶ Employment of Prisoners
- ▶ Leave of Absences for other County Elected.
- ▶ Salaries of all county officers
- ▶ Supervision of conduct for all county officers, appointed boards or commissions
- ▶ Appropriations – Budgets
- ▶ Buildings and property of the county
- ▶ Negotiating insurance, both Liability and Health Coverage.
- ▶ Emergency Management
- ▶ Canvassing Elections

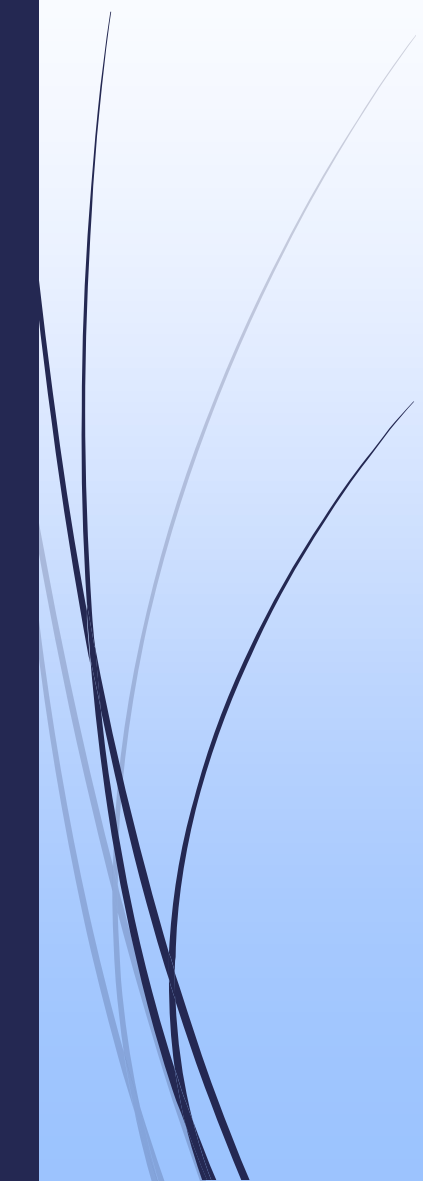


Areas of Authority, Continued

- Election Precincts, Supplies and polling places.
- Fire Protection Districts – Establishment
- EMS Services
- Road and Bridge
- Jails and Corrections
- Licensing and Regulation of Business – Liquor license, Liquor Catering Permits, Fireworks...
- Parks, Recreation and Waterways
- Planning and Subdivision Controls
- Public Defense
- Solid Waste, Sewer and Water Services
- Weed Control
- Indigent Care



The Politics of the Job

- ▶ A Commissioners job is 5% political and 95% about running the business of the county.
 - ▶ It's more important to find a qualified person that can run an organization of this size than to focus on their political leanings.
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Budget and Taxes



- ▶ Percentage of Property taxes that support the budget – 43%, down from 65% in 2016/2017. The balance of the budget is funded by fees and grants.
- ▶ Budget reduced by \$20 million, roughly a third of the budget in my first two years in office. Taxes have been flat for the past 3 years.
- ▶ The budget amount is a flat rate. New inventory (houses) or increased assessments do not increase the amount of property tax money the county receives.
- ▶ Commercial property vs Residential property.
- ▶ Forest and Agriculture exemptions (reduce assessed value/tax shift)



Questions?