



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 21, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting with Commissioners Bradshaw, Omodt and Williams present. Commissioner Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Jim Kubiak and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Williams asked to amend the agenda by voting to hold the Executive Session requested by the Sheriff's Office, last week the Board denied the request and multiple attendees were present. Commissioner Williams stated that by this vote it will guarantee that the Executive Session occurs. Commissioner Omodt responded by reading open meeting law.

Commissioner Williams also requested that more information be brought forward regarding the ES under personnel stated that there is not enough information to go into ES.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to approve going into the Executive Session requested by the Sheriff's Office in the open meeting, moving it to BOCC, Commissioner Williams, item #5. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt- Aye, Commissioner Williams – Nay, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion fails.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to move ES personnel into an open meeting. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Nay, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – nay. Motion fails.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – No. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Commissioner Williams gave an extensive report of issues and activities.

DISTRICT 3 REPORT – Commissioner Omodt gave an extensive report of issues and activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

George Gehrig spoke regarding emails he has sent to the BOCC, submitted the emails for the record. Elaborated on his emails regarding his request for planning and natural resources committee information.

Dan Rose spoke regarding various meeting issues regarding the fairgrounds and legal bills and what departments have spent on legal counsel.

Dodi Glass spoke regarding derogatory remarks and stated that respect and professionalism go both ways.

Vicky Johnson thanked the Chair for bringing back the Zoom meetings and asked about Commissioner Williams items that were overlooked last week.

Spencer Hutchings spoke regarding the recall process.

Reg Crawford thanked the Board for the improvements to Zoom. Spoke against appointing Jake Weimer to the Zoning Commission.

Public Comment closed at 9:40 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners’ Minutes for March 14, 2023
 - 2) Plats for Approval: Ironwood Addition File #MLD0004-23, Settlement Ranch North File #MLD0098-22
- Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Aye, Commissioner Williams – Nay, Commissioner Bradshaw – Aye. All in favor. The motion passed.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY23 Claims Batch #12 \$824,752.59 & Demands in Batch #12 \$553,843.01; **Totaling \$1,378,595.60**

Claims Batch #12	
General Fund	\$ 79,882.26
Road & Bridge	\$ 56,863.06
Airport	\$ 9,039.06
Elections	\$ 456.26
Drug Court	\$ 198.76
District Court	\$ 2,759.97
911 Fund	\$ 25,545.16
Indigent and Charity	\$ 1,026.08
Revaluation	\$ 1,006.32
Solid Waste	\$ 448,359.76
Tort	\$ 29,464.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 252.70
Justice Fund	\$ 128,863.55
Priest Lake Snowmobile	\$ 3,396.22
East Bonner Snowmobile	\$ 200.93
Waterways	\$ 255.00
Grants	\$ 24,417.90
Northside Fire	\$ 4,138.40
Spirit Lake Fire	\$ 8,627.20
Total	\$ 824,752.59

Claims Batch #12	
Demands	\$ 553,843.01

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve payment of the FY23 Claims and Demands in Batch #12 Totaling \$1,378,595.60. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

- 2) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY23 EMS Claims Batch #12 \$86,271.66 & Demands in Batch #12 \$5,793.49; Totaling \$92,065.15**

EMS Claims Batch #12	
Ambulance District	\$ 86,271.66

EMS Claims Batch #12	
Demands	\$ 5,793.49

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY23 EMS Claims & Demands in Batch #12 Totaling \$92,065.15. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

FACILITIES – Teddi Lupton

- 1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Bi-Annual Energy Maintenance Agreement, Sheriff’s Office and Jail; \$3,900.00**

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to accept the Bi-Annual Energy Maintenance Agreement with Legacy Heating & Cooling for the Jail and Sheriff’s Office for the cost of \$3,900.00 annually. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

TREASURER – Clorrisa Koster

- 1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Request for Petty Cash Funds, Solid Waste**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$100.00 from the Treasurer’s Account to the Solid Waste Eastside Assistant Manager’s petty cash drawer to assist with supplying change to other Solid Waste Sites. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

RECREATION – Pete Hughes

- 1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Bid Award, Lakeview Breakwater Repairs**
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to accept the quote in the amount of \$122,700.00 and sign the contract with C.E. Kramer Crane & Contracting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

EMS – Jeff Lindsey – REMOVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- 1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Transfer of Surplus Vehicle to Motor Pool; Resolution**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to remove this item per Chief Lindsey’s request. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Aye, Commissioner Williams – Aye, Commissioner Bradshaw – Aye. Motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Cindy Binkerd

- 1) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Request to Recruit, Three Positions**
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve commencing with approval of the following vacated positions: Court Clerk II, Courts; CAD Tech, GIS; Heavy Equipment Operator, Road and Bridge. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.
- 2) **Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Policy Revision, Pre-Hire and Onboarding Practices 200**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the revision of Policy 200, Pre-Hire and Onboarding Practices

effective March 21, 2023. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Cameron LaCombe

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Vendor for Background Checks, Emergency Management Volunteers

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the use of services provided by SHADOW TRACKERS, for background checks of Bonner County Emergency Management Volunteers. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

PLANNING – Jake Gabell

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Planning Commission, Member Appointment; Resolution
Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #23-21 appointing Randall Stoltz to the Planning Commission per BCRC 12-122 filling the vacated Position E. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Zoning Commission, Member Appointment; Resolution
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to adopt Resolution #23-22 appointing Jake Weimer to the Zoning Commission per BCRC 12-123 filling the vacated Position E. Commissioner Williams voiced her concern and stated that she felt there was information brought forward by the public that the community has a conflict. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – No. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

BOCC – Commissioner Bradshaw

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Upcoming Auction of Endowment Land, 2023 Priest Lake
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the letter to the Idaho Department of Lands State Board of Land Commissioners informing them that the BOCC has no objections to the upcoming 2023 auction of endowment land at Priest Lake. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

BOCC – Commissioner Williams

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Placing an Advisory Item on the Ballot Regarding the Use of Land Next to the Sheriff's Complex and the Fairgrounds
Commissioner Williams made a motion to place an advisory vote on the ballot regarding the property at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – No. Commissioner Omodt spoke regarding why he was voting no. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding public comment on agenda items and asked if the Chair was going to allow comment regarding specific items. There were several public comments regarding the vote and the property. Commissioner Omodt called the question so that we can move forward with the business meeting. Commissioner Bradshaw commented on following Robert's Rules of Order. Commissioner Omodt read from an AG's opinion. Commissioner Williams made comments regarding the County procedure. George Gehrig stated that he is going to work to make sure both Commissioner Omodt and Commissioner Bradshaw are recalled. Sheriff Wheeler stated he will never violate someone's first amendment rights. and is offended by being asked to do so, commented on the open meeting law violation regarding the ice rink and the process in which the contract was voided, stated that documents are available in his office.

The meeting was recessed at 10:09 a.m.
The meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

Commissioner Williams – Yes.

Commissioner Bradshaw gave some pros and cons regarding this vote and spoke in regard to the fairground's revenue and the lack of a plan for a justice facility.

Commissioner Bradshaw – yes. The motion passed.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding HR Policies Held in Abeyance Indefinitely

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve these policies.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion amend Commissioner Williams motion to instead hold a workshop with the Department Heads. Commissioner Williams asked which policies that Commissioner Omodt had an issue with and inquired as to why he needs a workshop, as the policies have been approved by legal.

Commissioner Omodt stated he stands by his amended motion.

Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – No. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The amended motion passed.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Tuesday 0900 AM Business Meeting Using a Maximum of One Hour for Public Comment and Response from the Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow a maximum of one-hour of public comment at the BOCC Business Meeting. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding the Engagement of Sewell Engineering to Review the Platting/Boundary Line Adjustment, \$25,000.00

Commissioner Williams made a motion to disengage from the verbal agreement with Sewell Engineering for their work at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bradshaw stated that he was under the impression that the property needs to be platted to acquire a building permit. Commissioner Williams stated that that was not accurate and asked Planning Director Gabell to weigh in, Jacob stated that platting was not necessary at this point. Sheriff Wheeler read a letter from Jeff Jensen and inquired as if there was a contract signed. Commissioner Williams stated that there was not a contract.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – No (and stated the reasoning why), Commissioner Williams – Yes (and stated the reasoning why), Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

The meeting recessed at 11:12 a.m.
The meeting reconvened at 11:23 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOCC

1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel

At 11:23 a.m. Commissioner Omodt made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Commissioner Omodt – Aye, Commissioner Williams – Nay, Commissioner Bradshaw – aye. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened 11:31 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Sheriff THIS ES WAS NOT HEARD

1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel & (1) (D) Records Exempt

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel & Records Exempt, Technology Staffing

Commissioner Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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 14, 2023 – March 20, 2023
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, Assistance was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). The Following Files were Discussed: No cases.

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, a USFS Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, a Planning Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) & (1) (F) Litigation.

On Monday, March 20, 2023 an HR Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Monday, March 20, 2023, an Election Canvass was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Bonner County election canvass from the March 14, 2023 Election. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Chairman Steve Bradshaw

Date



By 
Deputy Clerk