



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 9, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, May 9, 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 Dan York and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Allowance of 60 minutes.

Jim Pound – Spoke regarding construction at Bottle Bay/Lake Pend Oreille, asked for a Resolution from the Board
Wayne Martin - spoke regarding the Fairgrounds campground issue (submitted statement)

Brian Domke – Spoke regarding the importance of the solid waste improvement projects and requested a better understanding of an overall scope of work and that the project is adhering to federal requirements. Also discussed bringing the sub area committees into assist with the comprehensive plan.

Jessica Fry – Read a letter submitted by Dana Sanchez, sister of late fairgrounds Director Darcey Smith, advocating to finish the campground at the fairgrounds

David Mann – Spoke regarding MLDs (submitted attachment).

Dan Rose – Spoke regarding the solid waste improvement projects (submitted attachments). Spoke also regarding the Fairgrounds Property.

Doug Patterson – Spoke regarding the sub area committees and asked that they be included in the comp plan meetings.

Brian Domke - spoke again regarding sub area plans.

Debby Trinen – Spoke regarding the Planning Commission, stated that there is one realtor on the Board. Spoke regarding accusations leveled at the Planning Commission. Suggested looking at agendas and emails, as they are public. Gave her support to Luke and Steve.

Theresa Hiesener – Spoke regarding illegal immigrants and with them comes crime and disease, wanted to let everyone know immigrants are here

Jeremy Grimm – Spoke regarding entitled right and discretionary rights within planning decisions. Also spoke regarding the previous speakers comments regarding immigrants spreading disease, stated it was inaccurate and offensive.

Wayne Martin – Spoke again regarding the Planning commission, meetings, and public speaking.

Trisha Bowlin – Asked if Commissioner Omodt was being paid to be a poll worker.

Maureen Patterson – Spoke regarding public comment at various meetings.

David Mann – Spoke again regarding public notice for planning.

Commissioner Bradshaw recessed the meeting for five minutes at 9:48 a.m.
Commissioner Bradshaw reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to remove Public Defender Item #1 Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY2024 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Proposal and Application and also Prosecutor Item #1 Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Contract with Robert Kirtley. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Absent, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed. All in favor. The motion passed.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as amended. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Absent, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes for May 2, 2023
- 2) Invoices Over \$5K: Recreation, Sheriff (2)
- 3) Catering Permit: Eichardt's Pub Grill and Coffee House

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

REMOVED - PUBLIC DEFENDER – Luke Hagelberg

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY2024 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Proposal and Application

RECREATION – Pete Hughes

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Priest Lake Snowmobile Budget Adjustment, Unanticipated Revenue; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-33 authorizing the Clerk to open the Priest Lake Snowmobile budget and increase line item 036-7040, Vehicle Repair/Maintenance, in the amount of \$10,336.74. The motion passed.

SHERIFF – Daryl Wheeler

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Idaho State Department of Agriculture MOU, Watercraft Inspection Stations

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the agreement with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and Bonner County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services. The ISDA will reimburse Law Enforcement up to \$159,631.88, with the agreement being effective from April 28, 2023, and it can be terminated by ISDA if the Legislature fails, neglects, or refuses to appropriate sufficient funds. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

WEEDS – Chase Youngdahl

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area MOU
- Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area, valid for a period of five years. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

SOLID WASTE – Bob Howard, Spencer Ferguson Presented

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Construction Contract, Solid Waste Facilities Improvement Project

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the agreement with S&L Underground for construction of the Colburn Facilities Improvements Project in the amount of \$6,285,393.00. I further move to authorize the chairman to sign the notice of award administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Cindy Binkerd

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Recreation of Vacated Scanner Position to Court Clerk II
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve commencing with approval of a recreate the position for recreating the vacated Scanner position to a Court Clerk II effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Market Adjustment, One Position; **\$7,365.76**
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve commencing with approval of a mid-year market adjustment, for the amount of \$7,365.76 for the remainder of the fiscal year for the Court Security Officer effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding COVID Paid Leave Policy 2451
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Bonner County sunset the COVID Paid Leave of Absence Policy 2451 effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Grievance Procedure Policy 900
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the requested revision to the Grievance Procedure Policy 900 effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 5) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Rules of Employee Conduct Policy 400
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the revisions to the Rules of Employee Conduct Policy 400 effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 6) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Discriminatory Workplace Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure 1001

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the requested revision to the Discriminatory Workplace Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure 1001 effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 7) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Employee Discipline Policy
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the revised policy, Employee Discipline effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 8) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Whistleblower Policy 2525
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the adoption of Whistleblower Policy 2525 effective May 9, 2023. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

REMOVED - PROSECUTOR – Louis Marshall

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Contract with Robert Kirtley

BOCC – Jessi Reinbold

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Northside Fire District Annexation, Two Parcels
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the Order of Annexation of 2 parcels of property, located in Bonner County, Idaho into the Northside Fire District. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.
- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sagle Fire District Annexation, Three Parcels
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Order of Annexation of three (3) parcels of property, located in Bonner County, Idaho into the Sagle Fire District. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.
- 3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Westside Fire District Annexation, Nine Parcels
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the Order of Annexation of 9 parcels of property located in Bonner County, Idaho into the Westside Fire District. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.
- 4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Letter of Support for Fiber Optic Network Grant Application, Ziplify Fiber
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Letter of support requested by Ziplify, to accompany grant application for fiber in various areas of Bonner County. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

BOCC – Commissioner Williams

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Review, Streaming All Meetings via YouTube and/or Rumble
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve streaming all meetings via Youtube or Rumble. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – No, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – No. All in favor. The motion failed.
- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Review, Posting Commissioner Packet on County Website when Agenda is Posted
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the posting of the Commissioner packet on the county website when the agenda is posted. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 11:06 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel, Tuition Reimbursement Request
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel, Solid Waste
At 11:14 a.m. Commissioner Omodt made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the tuition reimbursement as discussed. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to proceed as directed. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes. Commissioner Williams – Yes. Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Prosecutor

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

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Personnel, Prosecutor

At 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Technology

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

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Critical Infrastructure Purchase; \$356,411.73

At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Omodt made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:54 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the purchase of \$356,411.73 and to authorize the Chairman to sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.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 May 2, 2023 – May 8, 2023
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Multiple Parcels.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, a Special Meeting for Property Tax Exemptions was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the tax exemption applications for 2023 with the changes notated. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

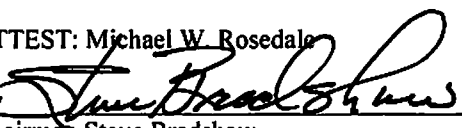
On Thursday, May 4, 2023, a Bid Opening for Road & Bridge was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Commissioner Omodt made a motion to turn these bids over to Road and Bridge for analysis and recommendation. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

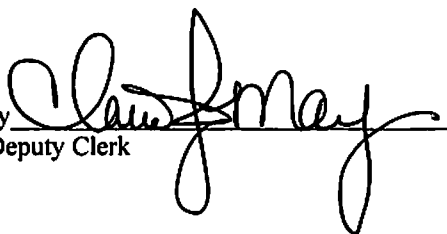
On Thursday, May 4, 2023 a Workshop regarding Solid Waste/Emergency Management Reorganization was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Monday, May 8, 2023 an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (F) Litigation and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Monday, May 8, 2023 an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Chairman Steve Bradshaw

By 
Deputy Clerk

5/16/23
Date