



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 23, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the Bonner County Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting with Commissioners Omodt, Bradshaw, and Williams present. Commissioner Omodt called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Jerry Favor and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

STANDING RULES - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Standing Rules

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to amend BOCC standing rules and add standing rule #12. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board and legal. Commissioner Williams requested that this goes to legal for review. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to amend the order of the agenda to strike BOCC items #1-21 as they are redundant and they are absolutely inappropriate for the business meeting, they have absolutely nothing to do with Bonner County business meeting, is more like activities and current affairs and that is not what this business meeting is for. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Williams gave reasons for disagreement. Commissioner Bradshaw asked if they are required by law in a BOCC Business Meeting to entertain public comment? Bill Wilson, legal, advised the business meeting is not a time when there is a legal obligation for the Board to accept public comment. Further discussion among the board.

Commissioner Omodt wanted it noted in the record that Mr. Rick Cramer was asked to leave.

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting at 9:36 a.m.
Reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes for January 16, 2024
- 2) Plats for Approval: MLD0045-23, Legend Estates
- 3) Invoice Over 5K: Road & Bridge

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 Claims Batch #8 \$781,490.89 & Demands in Batch #8 \$802,378.58, **Totaling \$1,583,869.47**

Claims Batch #8	
General Fund	\$ 28,279.67
Road & Bridge	\$ 457,488.89
Airport	\$ 43,841.70
Elections	\$ 826.05
Drug Court	\$ 153.93
District Court	\$ 13,513.69
911 Fund	\$ 15,979.55
Court Interlock	\$ 60.50
Indigent & Charity	\$ 725.00
Junior College Tuition	\$ 200.00
Solid Waste	\$ 46,777.77
Tort	\$ 72,644.49
Parks & Recreation	\$ 30.08
Justice Fund	\$ 83,170.37
Priest Lake Snowmobile	\$ 1,280.81
East Bonner Snowmobile	\$ 1,148.35
Waterways	\$ 404.45
Grants	\$ 7,435.59
Northside Fire	\$ 2,355.00
Spirit Lake Fire	\$ 5,175.00
Total	\$ 781,490.89
Demand Claims Batch #8	
Demands	\$ 802,378.58

Clerk Rosedale went over the large items in the batch. Commissioner Williams asked the Clerk about an Eide Bailly invoice. There was a discussion between the Board and the Clerk regarding this invoice and Demand payments.

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 Claims and Demands in Batch #8 minus the Eide Bailly bill of \$3,600.00 so that would be \$1,580,269.47. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – No. The motion dies.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 Claims and Demands in Batch #8 Totaling \$1,583,869.47. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 EMS Batch #8 \$30,864.45 Totaling \$30,864.45

EMS Claims Batch #8	
Ambulance District	\$ 30,864.45

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 EMS Claims and Demands in Batch #8 Totaling \$30,864.45. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Establishment of Commissioner Districts for the 2024 General Election Cycle; **Resolution**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve Resolution #24-11 establishing the Commissioner Districts, which will keep them as they are currently. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Establishment of Election Precincts; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #24-12 establishing the election precincts as described above. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Bob Howard *Presented by Cameron La Combe*

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding All-Hazards Mitigation Contract

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the contract with Integrated Solutions Consulting Inc. for the purpose of completing the Bonner County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan with the grant funding provided by Idaho Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$38,881.08. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Kevin Rothenberger

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Tuition Reimbursement Policy 2500 Changes

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to approve the change to Policy 2500, Tuition Reimbursement. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Discussion among the board. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

AIRPORT – Dave Schuck

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Lease Assignment, Priest River Airport

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve this lease assignment for Lot 7 at Priest River Airport and that the Chairman sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding DBT Maintenance Services Contract, Sandpoint Airport

Commissioner Williams made a motion that the County enter into this maintenance agreement and that the Chairman sign administratively. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FAA Grant Reductions Amendment, Priest River Airport

Commissioner Bradshaw and made a motion that the County request this changing the description of the grant and the requested grant amount and that the Chairman sign administratively. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

SHERIFF-MARINE – Doug McGeachy

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding IDPR WIF Grant Application and County Match

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the IDPR WIF grant application in the amount of \$37,000.00 with a County match of \$25,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Commitment. Commissioner

Bradshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Omodt asked if funds were available for the match. Lt. McGeachy answered it would be budgeted for next year. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS – Veronica Dixon

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Removal of Member from the Board of Community Guardians; **Resolution**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve Resolution #24-13 recognizing Tami Feyen’s dedication and service to the Bonner County Community and to accept her resignation from the Board of Community Guardian. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams - *These items were removed.*

- 1) Action Chat: Legal Opinion Review
- 2) Discussion Chat: Legal Opinion Review
- 3) Decision Chat: Legal Opinion Review
- 4) Action Chat: Commissioner Chat Guests
- 5) Discussion Chat: Commissioner Chat Guests
- 6) Decision Chat: Commissioner Chat Guests
- 7) Action Chat: Event review
- 8) Discussion Chat: Event review
- 9) Decision Chat: Event review
- 10) Action Chat: Community Issues/Discussion
- 11) Discussion Chat: Community Issues/Discussion
- 12) Decision Chat: Community Issues/Discussion
- 13) Action Chat: Projects
- 14) Discussion Chat: Projects
- 15) Decision Chat: Projects
- 16) Action Chat: Open Meeting, Rules, Ordinance
- 17) Discussion Chat: Open Meeting, Rules, Ordinance
- 18) Decision Chat: Open Meeting, Rules, Ordinance
- 19) Action Chat: Fair Investigative report
- 20) Discussion Chat: Fair Investigative report
- 21) Decision Chat: Fair Investigative report

PUBLIC COMMENT *

Brandon Cramer – First issue, oversights, and omissions to rule #12 that was adopted. Second issue there is some definition of business in the County code and there is nothing exclusionary, requested the definition of business be on a future agenda.

At 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Omodt called a recess until 11:00 a.m.
Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Brief discussion from Mr. Merlin Glass regarding fire districts in Bonner County.

Commissioner Omodt brought the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

11:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Facilities

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Public Defender
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Public Defender Equity

At 11:11 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams gave reasons for disagreement. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to proceed as discussed. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUATION*

Dan Welle – Discussed court cases regarding freedom of speech.

Wayne Martin – Spoke about the Natural Resources Committee Meeting that is upcoming, would like to talk about ITD plan during this meeting. Noted that during the meeting a couple of individuals did not state their names for the record.

Shari Dovale – Talking about rule 12 and if they will respond to the questions, how to file a complaint about an elected official, why D2 commissioner cannot make public comment, further comments on these items and reading from D2 report, including the restraining order and Commissioner Bradshaw being recused.

Jennifer Cramer – Defined “officially County business” and requested the 21 items removed be on next week’s agenda. Had questions on the rules.

Dimitri Borisov – Thank Chairman for clarification on public comment. Discussed what is and is not required to do by law, but in Idaho there are minimal laws (compared to other states). Please address issues from the public.

Paul McHugh- Found the community chat interesting, found it online as a meeting but no information. New to these meetings, feels that the public and elected officials need mutual respect, he believes that this meeting should be for actual business. Uncomfortable that other members of the public are videotaping the meetings and other members of the public have not agreed to being recorded by members of the public. He has not agreed to this and does not want to be recorded by members of the public and feels this

Jonna Plante – Feels announcements should continue. Discussed what she feels is and is not County business and that the public should not be interrupted in their comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 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 January 15, 2024 – January 22, 2024
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, a BOCC Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

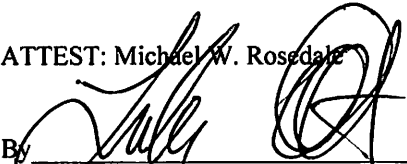
On Thursday, January 18, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(F) Litigation & 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

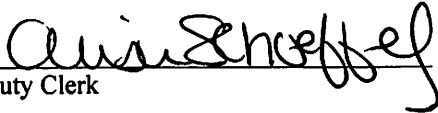
On Thursday, January 18, 2024, a BOCC Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Friday, January 19, 2024, a BOCC/Auditing Special Meeting and Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho

Codes § 74-204 (4), 74-206(1)(B) Personnel & 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt.

On Monday, January 22, 2024, a Quarterly Update with Panhandle Health District was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale
By 
Chairman Luke Omodt

By 
Deputy Clerk

2/6/24
Date