



Bonner County

Commissioners

BOCC
Standing Rules

January 23, 2024

Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Re: Standing Rules

The Bonner County Board of Commissioners adopted Robert's Rules of Order Newly revised as a framework for all Bonner County public meetings on July 18, 2023. The attached rules are intended to provide a uniform process for agendaing and conduct during Bonner County public meetings. The original 10 standing rules were adopted on December 19, 2023. An amendment to standing rule #5 and the addition of standing rule #11 were adopted on January 16, 2024.

Recent events have led to the need for the original rules and language to be updated to conduct the business of Bonner County.

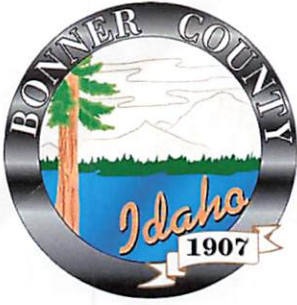
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A suggested motion would be: **Mr. Chairman, based on the information before us I move to amend BOCC standing rules and add standing rule #12**

Recommendation Acceptance: yes no


Commissioner Luke Omodt, Chairman

Date: 1/23/24



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Standing Rules for meetings of the Bonner County Board of Commissioners

1. All items to be agendized for the regularly scheduled business meeting will follow the BOCC Meeting Agenda Submission Procedure (attached). Action items without an attached memorandum with a written motion will not be considered. (12/19/23)
2. The chair presides over the meeting and will conduct meetings in accordance with state statute, county ordinance, and the standing rules. The chair is responsible for enforcing the rules and designating who is to speak at any given time. The Sergeant at arms will assist with enforcing the rules. (12/19/23)
3. All remarks will be addressed through the chair to include the BOCC, elected officials and their deputies, employees, and members of the public. (12/19/23)
4. There will be no debate on discussion items or motions without a second.
5. Debate on all motions will be limited to twice per speaker and five minutes per turn; debate can be extended or limited by a majority vote of the BOCC. (12/19/23)
6. Remarks will be confined to the merits of the pending question (motion); remarks must be germane to the motion on the floor. (12/19/23)
7. When a question (motion) is pending, the proposed motion, not the member is the subject of debate. Personal or ad hominem attacks will be considered out of order. Under no circumstances will attacks against a member or their motivation be. (12/19/23) considered appropriate. Debate against or for the question/motion must be confined to the merits of the motion. (12/19/23)
8. Any ruling of the chair can be appealed and overturned with a majority vote.
9. The National Association of Counties "The Right Way to Run a Meeting Guide" is the reference for meeting norms. (12/19/23)
10. These rules are not and cannot be the totality of all BOCC activity. Federal law, state law and relevant County ordinances may also be applicable to BOCC matters. (12/19/23)
11. After a motion has been made and seconded voting will be confined to those in favor-yeah/yes, those opposed-nay/no, or those who are neutral-abstain. The Chair may direct the clerk to proceed with the vote with all motions requiring 2/3 to pass. Attempts to filibuster a vote will be ruled out of order; those who do not vote agree with the decision of the majority. (1/16/24)

12. All members of the public wanting to give public comment in the regular business meeting must sign up prior to the meeting being called to order. Members of the public wishing to give public comment via zoom must submit a completed form prior to the call to order.

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Recommendation Acceptance: yes no  Date: 1-23-24
Commissioner Luke Omodt, Chairman