



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 25, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, April 25, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Allowance of 60 minutes.*

David Mann – Discussed suburban districts as defined by title 12 (See attached submitted document)

Amy Lunsford – Discussed ADU's and the way they can be used and asked about the notices that Commissioner Bradshaw mentioned last week, violation notices.

Wayne Martin – requested five minutes instead of three minutes of speaking time.

Dimitry Borisov – Wanted to make people aware of an issue that has not been addressed in what he says has been 20 years, discussed funding for the suburban ambulance districts. (See Attached).

George Gehrig – Provided follow up comments to the planning workshop put on by Commissioner Williams, the Planning Commission pointed out Commissioner Omodt's presence then proceeded to state that he hides behind the code and stated that by not changing the code Commissioner Omodt is cowardly and autocratic. Believes the BOCC has mangled the term workshop and it needs to be thrown out. Discussed agency letters and other agencies that should be routed.

Spencer Hutchings – Asked if the county is cooperating with federal agencies to disclose information about Bonner County residents. Stated that the ATF has been requesting information on individuals that own firearms.

Sheryl Messer – Discussed the BCNRC code regarding business meetings, asked what the Executive Sessions were regarding, specific to the Sheriff's Office. Inquired where the BOCC stood on zoning, stating we are bringing too many people in too fast to this community, seems as if the Board is granting too many files that promote growth.

George Gehrig spoke again and thanked Sheryl for her question and inquired about how this first hour of the business meeting will be spent. Asked about how people are appointed to the various commissions, particularly P & Z Boards. Asked Commissioner Omodt specifically if the Planning Director should have the power to approve MLDs.

Spencer Hutchings asked if the people who apply to volunteer for specific boards names are put out to the public, stated it might be good to know who applied and who was picked and who was not picked.

Shari Dovale stated that when it comes to appointments for volunteer positions and stated that she believes everything should be transparent. Commissioner Omodt stated that these are largely guided by policies.

Trisha Bowlin – Reiterated that the process lacks transparency for the appointment of state and BOCC boards

Wayne Martin – Spoke again regarding trips to the five areas served by the subcommittee, asked what type of meeting they would be, offered the Edgemere Grange.

Brian Domke – Spoke to Commissioner Omodt regarding his statement about people moving into Bonner County and thoughtfully managed growth and what the comprehensive should consider from potentially creating harm.

Striking a balance is a necessity.

Commissioner Bradshaw recessed the meeting for five minutes at 10:00 a.m.
Commissioner Bradshaw reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, 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 April 18, 2023
- 2) Invoices Over \$5K: Technology

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

PLANNING – Jake Gabell

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Text Amendment, Bonner County Revised Code Title 14
Director Gabell read the memo and answered questions from the BOCC.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve an Ordinance of Bonner County, Idaho, the number to be assigned providing for the amendment Bonner County Revised Code Title 14 as presented. These changes will become effective upon publication. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Planning staff answered multiple questions regarding the changes in this ordinance. Director Gabell explained why this Ordinance can be adopted today.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

TREASURER – Clorrisa Koster

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Request for Petty Cash Funds, Noxious Weeds Department
Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$200.00 from the Treasurer's Account to the Noxious Weed Department's petty cash drawer. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

ENGINEERING – Spencer Ferguson (Teddi Lupton presented)

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Approval of Contract, Shared Parking between Bonner County and Panhandle Area Council, LLC

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to ratify the shared parking agreement between Bonner County and the Panhandle Area Council, LLC. Commissioner Williams 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

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Award of Contract, 2023 Solid Waste Colburn Facilities Improvement Project

Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize the Notice of Award to S&L Underground for the construction of the 2023 Colburn Facilities Improvements Project for the amount of \$6,285,393.00. I further move to authorize

the Chairman to sign the notice of award administratively. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Bob Howard answered various questions from the public.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

ASSISTANCE – Kevin Rothenberger (Veronica Dixon presented)

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding 2022 Board of Community Guardian Annual Report
Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the Board of Community Guardian FY2022 Annual Report. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

BOCC – Commissioner Bradshaw

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Appointment of Members, Fairboard; **Resolution**
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-30 appointing Ben Wood, Tawnya Johnson and Tim Mahan to a four-year term on the Bonner County Fairboard ending January 18, 2027, per Idaho Code 22-202. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. The BOCC answered questions from the public.
Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Appointment of Members, Natural Resources Committee; **Resolution**

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve Resolution #2023 -31 appointing and reappointing members to Bonner County Natural Resources Committee as described in this Resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams spoke in regard to process and procedure regarding the process of appointment/reappointment. Commissioner Omodt spoke in regard to this process. Members of the public spoke regarding this topic.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. All in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 11:17 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources

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

At 11:26 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 – Aye, Commissioner Williams – Aye, Commissioner Bradshaw – Aye. The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Risk Management

1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (F) Litigation
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Litigation, Tort Auto Claim and Settlement Authority Request

At 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Omodt made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (F) Litigation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Aye, Commissioner Williams – Aye, Commissioner Bradshaw – Aye. The motion passed.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to proceed as directed during the course of this Executive Session. Commissioner Bradshaw stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. All in favor. The

The meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:48 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 April 18, 2023 – April 24, 2023
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Multiple parcels.

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, a Workshop with the Clark Fork/Hope Senior Center was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, a HR Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (F) Litigation.

On Monday, April 24, 2023 a Fairboard Interviews were held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring.

On Monday, April 24, 2023 a BCNRC Interviews were held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring.

On Monday, April 24, 2023 an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 
Chairman Steve Bradshaw

05/02
04-25-23
Date

By 
Deputy Clerk