



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 19, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, September 19, 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 Pastor Scott Acklin and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Patty Omodt – Transparency in Idaho Public Record Act. Discuss use of personal devices during public business meeting, noted that this is part of public record, violation of Idaho Public Records Act.
- Dian Welle – Regarding when Mr. Hutchings be removed during the meeting two weeks prior, read transcript from this meeting.
- Darla Fletcher – Transparency and the necessity of this in government for public trust. Brought up cell phone use during public meeting and the public record request for these records that do not exist, this cell phone replaced with laptop. Want true transparency and wants to be able to trust all. If using personal devices, please share what is going on during the meetings.
- Diane Madoski – Issues during Zoom and YouTube not allowed to be part of recesses while online. Request that during recesses the public online not be muted and can see what is going on.
- Dimitri Borisov – Agenda items need to be posted in 48 hours, public comment limited to three minutes which does not allow time to summarize/rebut and only get partial answers
- Trisha Bowlin – Inquired about the packet being posted online. Brought up taking pictures with cell phone.
- Wayne Martin – Consider 5 minutes or up to 5 minutes for public comment. Noticed that a laptop has been present often. Transparency from all, not just regarding cell phone use during meetings.
- Susan Bowman – Attacks on freedom of speech by not allowing public comment during meetings and by calling too many recesses.
- Spencer Hutchings – Transparency thing suddenly so important, short notice meetings are not transparent, short notice/emergency meetings are bad for the public.

ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to add the confidential memorandum for critical infrastructure be added to the Agenda and the reason is because we are trying to get this done before the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to table to a time and date certain of December 19, 2023 Item 1 by Commissioner Williams and Item 4 by Commissioner Williams and the reason why is that we have already voted on both of these items, these questions have been asked and answered. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Bradshaw: Roberts Rules of Order when its laid on the table there is no defer to

action or discussion, it goes straight to vote. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.
 Commissioner Omodt made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as amended. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

DISTRICT 1 REPORT – Commissioner Bradshaw gave a report of issues and activities.

- Dian Welle – Asked why Commissioner Bradshaw never provides a report, does he have nothing to report.
- Wayne Martin – Asked Commissioner Bradshaw if he was going to have a Town Hall.

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

- Dian Welle – Thank you to Commissioner Williams
- George Gehrig – How often has it occurred in Idaho when two commissioners have been rebuked by their party. Encourages all to attend the central committee meeting this evening, requested that Commissioner Bradshaw and Omodt resign.
- Spencer Hutchings – Pointed out that the laptop Commissioner Williams uses is now in direct line of sight of camera.
- Darla Fletcher – Finds it disingenuous that the cell phone is blank after it has been used and now the public can see the laptop when the records request was for the cell phone.
- Steve Wasylo – Commented on the records request for the phone.
- Spencer Hutchings – He runs telegram for the central committee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners’ Minutes for September 12, 2023
- 2) Liquor License: Peppered, LLC, Sandpoint, ID
- 3) Catering Permit: The Falls Inn, Priest River, ID
- 4) Plats for Approval: MLD0145-21, Cayton Springs; MLD0146-21, Cayton Springs 1st Addition
- 5) Invoices over \$5k: Technology (4 Confidential); Sheriff; Risk; EMS

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 – Abstain, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

CLERK – Michael Rosedale

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY23 Claims Batch #25 \$1,820,283.63 & Demands in Batch #25 \$1,719,944.21; **Totaling \$3,540,227.84**

Claims Batch #25	
General Fund	\$ 397,543.38
Road & Bridge	\$ 268,519.63
Airport	\$ 1,050.84
Elections	\$ 2,244.77
Drug Court	\$ 24.90
District Court	\$ 15,565.77
911 Fund	\$ 28,205.94
Indigent & Charity	\$ 725.00
Revaluation	\$ 511.86

Solid Waste	\$	783,617.43
Tort	\$	40,737.70
Weeds	\$	196.91
Parks & Recreation	\$	691.80
Justice Fund	\$	248,492.14
Waterways	\$	1,764.50
Grants	\$	2,392.11
Self-Insured Medical	\$	105.00
Northside Fire	\$	6,280.00
Spirit Lake Fire	\$	20,700.00
Auditors Trust	\$	913.95
Total	\$	1,820,283.63
Claims Batch #25		
Demands	\$	1,719,944.21

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve payment of the FY23 Claims and Demands in Batch #25 Totaling \$3,540,227.84. 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 Batch #25 \$151,429.25 & Demands in Batch #25 \$14,611.23; **Totaling \$166,040.48**

EMS Claims Batch #25		
Ambulance District	\$	151,429.25
EMS Claims Batch #25		
Demands	\$	14,611.23

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY23 EMS Claims and Demands in Batch #25 Totaling \$166,040.48. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion.

Public Comment

- Doug Paterson – EMS demands unusual. Clerk Rosedale went over demands.
- John Dupree – Requested clarification of a batch brought before the board. Clerk Rosedale explained the demands and regular batches.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE – Tom Klopman

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Trestle Creek FLAP Grant Match Agreement #69056719K500021 – Amendment 01

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve this agreement Amendment 01 with Western Federal Lands for the Trestle Creek FLAP project. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Public Comment

- Doug Paterson – Not clear on where the matching funds are coming from

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

SOLID WASTE – Bob Howard

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-70 Solid Waste Budget revision and authorize the Clerk to open the budget line item 023-7320 in the amount of \$45,196.50 from unanticipated revenues. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

RISK – Christian Jostlein

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Purchase of SIR Liability and Contract with Redman and Company; **\$503,255**

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to approve the contract for Redman & Company Insurance to purchase the SIR liability insurance for Bonner County for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for \$503,255. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Public Comment

- Dave Bowman -clarification on SIR, requested no acronyms on agenda.

- Spencer Hutchings – How many insurance companies bid on this? What is Redman’s involvement?

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

BOCC – Asia Williams

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Human Resources Being Placed Under the Prosecutor's Office

Item tabled until December 19, 2023

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sergeant at Arms

Commissioner Williams made a motion to discontinue utilizing a county employee as a Sergeant at Arms until we have clearance from risk and legal that the identified individual will meet the risk assessment. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. Commissioner Omodt asked to call the question so that we can vote and to move onto Commissioner Williams’ next item. Further discussion followed. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – No

Commissioner Bradshaw called a recess for 5 minutes at 10:36 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

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

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Use of Recess During Meetings

Commissioner Omodt moved to table to a date and time certain of December 19, 2023 any discussion, decision, action item regarding the use of recess during meetings.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion and public comment. Commissioner Omodt would immediately call for the previous question

Public Comment

- Dan Welle – If you want a recess it should be on the agenda. Address the liabilities on prior item, Sergeant at Arms.

- Susan Bowman – Using a recess is silencing the people and take away freedom of speech.

- Spencer Hutchings – Using the recess to control what is said, totalitarian. Should step down from position.

- Sheryl Messer – Read from Commissioner Omodt’s website. Spoke as a citizen and representative (employee) of the Sheriff’s Office.

- Trisha Bowlin – Recesses cause the meetings to go longer and requested they go on the agenda for those who travel to attend meetings.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the motion to take an

automatic recess at 10:30 during the business meeting. No second. Motion dies. Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Memorandum Regarding Agenda Items Reviewed by the Board 09-12-2023

Item tabled until December 19, 2023. Commissioner Williams was recognized by the Chair to ask a question regarding this item. Discussion followed.

5) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Code of Conduct Policy

Commissioner Williams said there is no need for me to discuss the Code of Conduct as an agenda item.

Commissioner Bradshaw recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 11:03 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Risk Management

1) Executive Session under Idaho Code §74-204 (2) and Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Claims

At 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Omodt made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (D) Records Exempt. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Bradshaw/Omodt reconvened the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner/Omodt made a motion to proceed as discussed regarding a solid waste vehicle allowance with the guidance of our Risk Manager to coordinate with our auditors to make certain it is within budget and notify the board via email. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Bradshaw/Omodt adjourned the meeting at 11:51 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 September 12, 2023 – September 25, 2023
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, a USFS Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, a Panhandle Health District Quarterly Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

On Monday, September 18, 2023, a Planning Hearing was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Commissioner Omodt made a motion to continue this appeal to October 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 

Chairman Steve Bradshaw

By 

Deputy Clerk

10/03/2023
Date