



# Bonner County

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## Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

### MINUTES FOR THE BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 14, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

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

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 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 9:00 a.m. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Mark Hammer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Amy Lunsford – Addressed the ICCO and what it is and discussed PRR's in reference to such group. A PRR was submitted, and all records were denied due to attorney client privileges, curious about the double standards in records releases.

Dian Welle – Commented on the war against the people and discussed an ES last week. Addressed motions that were made last week. Directed several questions to Commissioner Omodt. Stated that Commissioner Omodt is tying Commissioner Williams' hands in many ways. Discussed emails and mail tampering. Addressed concerns regarding Commissioner Bradshaw. Submitted statement for the record.

Daniel Welle – Stated that he wonders why the Board fails to heed the advice of legal counsel. Asked why the Commissioners continually puts the county at risk and consistently spends taxpayer dollars needlessly.

Kristina L. Nicholas Anderson – Recent PRR's have been denied, discussed the address confidentiality program and its purpose. Stated that one of the Commissioners have applied to this program to hide from record's request. Stated it seems like a wonderful program, not one to be abused. Stated that one commissioner submitted PRR for another Commissioners property valuation prior to an accusation.

Steve Wasylo – Asked all the Commissioners if they were current on paying taxes. Asked if any commissioners have ever had an order of protection placed against them.

Darla Fletcher – Started off by saying that she is grieved that she has to say the things she has to say today. Read a statement from a Commissioners Facebook page. Discussed tax liens and results from a PRR by the state tax commission. Discussed a PRR placed with Washington state and its results. Both submitted into to the record.

Patty Omodt – Discussed the Sheriff's job description and other activities that she believes has happened and has been happening. Asked if the other Commissioners were afforded a paralegal as she stated that Commissioner Williams has been assigned Scott Bauer as a paralegal. Discussed job descriptions and who is working outside of their job descriptions.

Susan Bowman – In June of 2022 the Zoning Commission approved an RV park and it was appealed to the BOCC, which was upheld. The people appealed it to the courts and the judge remanded it back to the Board. Stated that Commissioner Omodt has known about the hearing for over six weeks but scheduled himself to be in Boise. The hearing was then continued to two days later, not allowing ample time for people to get there. Stated that Commissioner Omodt gave the same reason for approval as former Commissioner Dan McDonald. Addressed zoning rights.

Jodi McPhee – Stated that she is a domestic violence survivor, addressed the Sheriff's presence in the meetings. Asked several questions regarding the deputy's presence. As a victim of domestic violence, she is wondering if she would have been afforded the same taxpayer funded protection. Commissioner Williams responded to Ms. McPhee.

Spencer Hutchings – Discussed the individuals making public comments. Commented on the Sheriff's presence in the room. Asked Commissioner Bradshaw about his part in the TRO. Asked Commissioner Bradshaw if the voicemail left Prosecutor Marshall was him.

Wayne Martin – Stated that there is inconsistent application of the Chairman's rules, including time speaking. Addressed a previous remark by stating that the BOCC appoints the Fairboard. Stated he is confused about the water supply for the RV park in Blanchard and potential emergencies.

Rick Kramer – Addressed Commissioner Williams and thanked her for having the courage to stand up to bullies day after day. Stated that he feels that the majority of Bonner County is behind her.

Kristine Logue (Noella) – Appreciates Commissioner William's hard work. Hopes she can keep her head up. Stated that she feels there is no reason for someone to have their address out there, considering the ugly comments on social media.

Jonna Plante – Stated that she is trying to figure out who is being honest and that she is surprised that Commissioner Bradshaw continues to say that judges are wrong. Apologized to Commissioner Williams.

Suzanne Glasoe – Discussed her PRR's and lack of attention to them. Asked that the board keep everything on the record. Commissioner Omodt addressed this speaker. Commissioner Williams responded to Commissioner Omodt's comment.

Jim Leighty – Stated that he feels like there is a lot of shady stuff going on in Bonner County. Addressed a history of that. Discussed the Prosecutor and the Sheriff.

Kevin Moore- Reminded the audience about praying, and that we should be coming together for the well being of the people. Discussed an event in Sandpoint today and other events happening in the world. Has problem with Elected Officials taking too much power. Discussed religion and politics and ended with scripture.

Dave Bowman – Discussed the Special Meeting at 2:30 today and stated that everyone should attend. Addressed the posting of the notice.

Susan Drumheller – Stated that she is on the Board of Project 7B and thanked the Board for reading their letter on the record last week. Stated that the Board has differing opinions than the court. Asked that the Board revisit the MLD code. Discussed the numbers of land divisions in the county and the public's interest.

Sheryl Messer – Discussed the Public Meeting scheduled for today and asked for clarification.

George Gehrig – Is pleased that Commissioner Omodt is acknowledging First Amendment Rights today and reminded the public that the BCRCC rebuked Commissioner Omodt and Commissioner Bradshaw twice.

Thomas Fletcher – Stated that over the last 10 months there have been mean spirited comments toward Commissioner's Omodt and Bradshaw consistently.

#### **ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adopt the order of agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance for discussion.

Commissioner Williams inquired about the Litigation ES placed on the agenda for today. Also asked why the Special Meeting for today was not added to the agenda for today. Commissioner Omodt responded.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the agenda by removing Executive Session – BOCC – Litigation. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Williams moved that the amended agenda be approved. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

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

**DISTRICT 2 REPORT** – Commissioner Williams addressed multiple public comments. Commissioner Williams gave an extensive report of issues and activities. Invited public questions and comments.

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting for 5 minutes at 10:40

Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item**

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners’ Minutes for November 7, 2023
  - 2) Liquor Licenses: EZ Stop, Blanchard; Mac’s Gas & Grocery, Blanchard; Settlement Kitchen & Craft Tavern, Priest River; Samuels Store, Sandpoint; The Bernklau, Sandpoint; Sandpoint Gas n Go, Sandpoint; Pend Oreille Winery (2), Sandpoint; Monarch Market, Clark Fork; S&S Petroleum, INC, Oldtown; Captn’s Table, Sagle; Ice House Pizzeria, Hope; Hays Chevron, Clark Fork; Sandbar, Sandpoint; Nordman Resort, Priest River
  - 3) Invoices Over 5K: Risk Management, Courts (2), Technology
- Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

**CLERK – Mike Rosedale**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 Claims Batch #3 \$1,827,690.41 & Demands in Batch #3 \$264,978.63, Totaling **\$2,092,669.04**

Claims Batch #3	
General Fund	\$ 649,299.93
Road & Bridge	\$ 73,999.80
Airport	\$ 3,816.17
Elections	\$ 4,249.93
911 Fund	\$ 19,111.84
Indigent & Charity	\$ 1,900.00
Revaluation	\$ 968.91
Solid Waste	\$ 774,954.88
Tort	\$ 6,104.69
Weeds	\$ 178.39
Parks & Recreation	\$ 761.17
Justice Fund	\$ 197,343.52
Waterways	\$ 877.60
Grants	\$ 74,268.95
Self-Insured Medical	\$ 108.75
Northside Fire	\$ 4,710.00
Spirit Lake Fire	\$ 13,868.42
Auditors Trust	\$ 1,167.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,827,690.41</b>
Claims Batch #3	
Demands	\$ 264,978.63

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 Claims and Demands in Batch #3 Totaling \$2,092,669.04. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. There was a question regarding the bills paid in the claim’s batches.

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 EMS Batch #3 \$43,889.62 & Demands in Batch #3 \$8,048.37, Totaling \$51,937.99

EMS Claims Batch #3	
Ambulance District	\$ 43,889.62
EMS Claims Batch #3	
Demands	\$ 8,048.37

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 EMS Claims and Demands in Batch #3 Totaling \$51,937.99 Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

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

**FACILITIES– Teddi Lupton**

1) Action item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Transfer, Maintenance to Sheriff’s Office; **Resolution** Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-91 and authorize the transfer of \$50,000.00 from Justice Fund Facilities 03410/7530 to the Justice Fund Sheriff’s Building Maintenance budget 036450/7430 and 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.

**SHERIFF – MARINE – Doug McGeachy**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Carryover Funds, Marine Division Account; **Resolution** Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-92 authorizing the transfer of funds from the Marine Division’s FY2023 miscellaneous revenue line item (03479/5670) to the FY2024 equipment line item (03479/8590) in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Reauthorization for Purchase of Changeable Message Sign; **\$15,000**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to renew the approval to purchase a Changeable Message Sign for the Marine Division from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

**SOLID WASTE – Melissa Gault**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Intent to Renew, Municipal Lease Purchase, Umpqua Bank, Backhoe; **\$24,888.75 Annually**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve that the County approve the Letter of Intent to renew the backhoe lease purchase agreement with Umpqua Bank and the Chairman to sign administratively. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

**BOCC – Commissioner Luke Omodt**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding National Apprenticeship Week, November 13-19, 2023; **Proclamation**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the Bonner County Proclamation acknowledging National Apprenticeship Week, November 13-19, 2023. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

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

**BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams**

**1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Utilization of a Central Email Address for the Board**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to remove the individual commissioner email addresses and to utilize a central email address for all three Commissioners. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion.

Clerk Rosedale stated that among his concerns are serial meetings. Commissioner Williams stated that she spoke with legal and stated that this would bring issues into the light as issues need to be brought to a meeting and before the public. Other public comments were made regarding this item.

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting for 5 minutes at 11:49 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Public comments continued on this item. Commissioner Omodt ended public comment at 11:58 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt asked to clarify the motion. Commissioner Omodt inquired about legal review.

Commissioner Omodt made a motion to amend the agenda to table this item until legal review is provided to the entire board. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – No, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

**2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Addition of a Full Time Employee specifically for Public Record's Requests**

Commissioner Omodt asked Commissioner Williams to clarify her item.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to add a full-time employee specifically for public records requests.

There was not a second. The motion died.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding the Audit Committee Formed, Delegating the Powers of the Board**

Commissioner Omodt read an email regarding the audit committee and presented the audited financial statements of Bonner County. Explained the process for Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications. Commissioner Williams responded to Commissioner Omodt, also stating that the Board needed to follow the direction of legal.

Clerk Rosedale spoke regarding his concerns regarding the current external auditor and the discussions surrounding that firm, also his concerns moving forward. Commissioner Williams responded. Clerk Rosedale spoke again regarding the process of obtaining an external auditor. Also discussed claims made against the Auditor's Office and asked why Commissioner Williams why she has remained silent throughout all of the discussions surrounding this.

Commissioner Williams responded to Clerk Rosedale. Commissioner Omodt responded to multiple comments.

Commissioner Williams stated again that the audit is needed. Commissioner Bradshaw stated that county commissioners are not allowed to solicit quotes from vendors. Commissioner Omodt read from county code. Clerk Rosedale stated that his main concerns are the retention of external auditors and is ok with not having an audit committee.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to disband the audit committee. No second. The motion dies.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Commissioner Omodt stated that he is in disagreement with Officer Riffle being in the room during ES

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Commissioner Williams stated she would make it easy and leave the room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources**

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

At 12:56 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Williams/Bradshaw/Omodt stepped down from the chair and seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOCC THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED**

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (F) Litigation  
Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Litigation

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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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 November 7, 2023 – November 13, 2023  
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

No meetings and no decisions took place.

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Luke Omodt

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

11-21-23  
Date