



# 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 28, 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 Scott Acklin and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### ***LHTAC Road Scholar-Road Master Presentation***

***Presented by Laila Kral – Deputy Administrator for the Local Highway Technical Assistance Counsel***

Sean Smiley earned the Road Master

Jeremy Keilman earned the Road Scholar

Travis Hurst earned the Road Scholar

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Dan Rose – Requested a workshop to lay out public comment process and discussed previous decisions. Requested a future business meeting agenda regarding Bonner County employee compensation, discussed the three BOCC employees who received bonuses and the previously discussed VSO bonus. Submitted comment for the record.

Amy Lunsford – Stated that she feels that there is an elected official that she feels is overstepping his boundaries, discussed further. Submitted comment for the record.

Dian Welle – Discussed pieces of the armor, specifically the helmet and explained the rationale.

Rick Kramer – Stated God Bless Daryl Wheeler. Asked if the County was paying for any of Commissioner Bradshaw's legal fees regarding the restraining order.

Jennifer Kramer – Asked for clarification regarding the over 5k resolution and why that is.

Spencer Hutchings – Asked how the Fair does their banking, asked the Board to request their bank records. Stated that the Sheriff is being attacked for trying to keep the property set aside for a future justice center. Addressed the Craig Johnson issue and police encounters.

Kevin Moore – Discussed several issues, including the Fair accounting, Road and Bridge and LHTAC presentation, and his own personal property issue.

Brandon Cramer – Thanked Commissioner Williams for adding his items to the agenda. Asked about the costs for a picnic table on the agenda. Commissioner Omodt explained why there were expenditures on picnic tables.

Public comment ended at 9:39 a.m.

#### **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 for discussion. Commissioner Williams expressed concerns over Commissioner Omodt's agenda item, questioned the legality of it and suggested that it be postponed.

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

**DISTRICT 1 REPORT** – Commissioner Bradshaw did not provide an update at this time, reminded all to be safe.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item**

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners’ Minutes for November 21, 2023
- 2) Liquor Licenses: Hayden Beverage Co, Sagle; Utara Brewing Co & Curry House, Sandpoint (2); Chimney Rock Café, Priest Lake; Millie’s, Priest River; Hope Marine Services, Hope; Lou’s Place, Priest River; Laclede Store, Laclede; Vickie Rae’s Pizza, Priest River; Popeye’s Lounge, Priest River; Barrel 33, Sandpoint; I Saw Something Shiny, Sandpoint; Talus Rock Retreat, Sandpoint
- 3) Invoices Over 5K: Risk Management

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to advance the motion for discussion.

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

**CLERK – Mike Rosedale**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 Claims Batch #4 \$1,202,572.79 & Demands in Batch #4 \$1,654,571.47, **Totaling \$2,857,144.26**

Claims Batch #4	
General Fund	\$ 30,279.88
Road & Bridge	\$ 934,243.96
Airport	\$ 119.95
Elections	\$ 2,444.39
Drug Court	\$ 2,491.38
District Court	\$ 20,698.03
911 Fund	\$ 1,486.35
Court Interlock	\$ 372.33
Indigent & Charity	\$ 83.99
Revaluation	\$ 1,246.65
Solid Waste	\$ 87,186.76
Tort	\$ 2,301.74
Parks & Recreation	\$ 264.19
Justice Fund	\$ 61,394.76
East Bonner Snowmobile	\$ 58.94
Waterways	\$ 213.98
Grants	\$ 57,685.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,572.79</b>
Claims Batch #4	
Demands	\$ 1,654,571.47

Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the Chair and made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 Claims and Demands in Batch #4, with the exception of the Invoice to Joe Sullivan, Totaling \$2,857,144.26. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, pointed out that there has not been previous billing for this attorney and that is why she pointed it out, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – No. The motion carries.

**2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding FY24 EMS Batch #4 \$256,403.32, Totaling \$256,403.32**

EMS Claims Batch #4	
Ambulance District	\$ 256,403.32

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the FY24 EMS Claims in Batch #4 Totaling \$256,403.32. 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.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Bob Howard**

**1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Termination or Resolution #2023-64, Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency; Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve **Resolution #23-94** and to revoke resolution 23-64 as there is no longer a threat to life and property in Bonner County regarding wildfire. 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 State Homeland Security Program Grant; Resolution**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve **Resolution #2023-95** to accept the State Homeland Security Program Grant #23SHSP056 in the amount of \$75,121.77 and allow the chairman to sign. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding State Homeland Security Program Grant, Grant Administrator. Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve **Resolution #2023-96** designating the Director of Emergency Management as the designated single point contact for this grant for Bonner County. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**4) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Emergency Management Performance Grant; Resolution**

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve **Resolution #2023-97** to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant #EMS-2023-EP-00003/97.042 in the amount of \$33,113.48 with a match of \$33,113.48 for the total award of \$66,226.96 and allow the chairman to sign. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**5) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Emergency Management Performance Grant, Grant Administrator; Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-98 designating the Director of Emergency Management as the designated single point contact for this grant for Bonner County. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**BOCC – Commissioner Luke Omodt**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding the BOCC Drafting and Issuing a Statement in Response to August 9, 2023 Hayden Ross Communication

Communication Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the chair and made a motion to draft and issue a statement correcting the Bonner County Sheriff's Office public release as it relates to the inclusion of the Fairgrounds financial activity in the FY2022 audited financial statements. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – continued**

Commissioner Omodt amended his motion to include that the External Auditor not have communication with anyone in Bonner County except for the Prosecutor, the Auditor/Clerk, the BOCC, and the Treasurer. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

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

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

**BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams**

1) Action Item: Discussion/Review/Decision Regarding Holding a Quarterly Budget Review Open to the Public  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold quarterly budget reviews, open to the public. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

2) Action Item: Discussion/Review/Decision Regarding Quarterly Project Recap Open to the Public  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold quarterly project recaps open to the public. Commissioner Omodt seconded the motion for discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Changing the Order of Commissioners' Reports Every Meeting  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to alternate the order by which commissioner reports are given. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

4) Action Item: Discussion/ Decision Regarding as People Request Public Records, Archiving Them on the County Website for All to See

Commissioner Williams made a motion to archive all public record requests online as they are answered. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the Chair and amended the motion to table until legal weighs in. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the amended motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Commissioner Omodt recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.  
Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Commissioner’s Omodt and Bradshaw stated that they did not feel it was appropriate that the Officer stays in ES. Commissioner Williams stated she disagreed and exited the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources**

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Planning, Planner Promotion
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sheriff, LT Promotion
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sheriff, SGT Promotion
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Sheriff, Jail Compensation

At 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw 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 – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

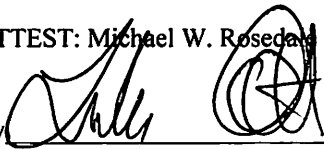
Commissioner Omodt reconvened the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

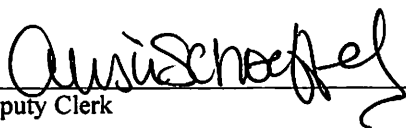
Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to proceed as directed, pending approval of Auditing. Commissioner Omodt stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 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 November 21, 2023 – November 27, 2023  
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

No meetings and no decisions took place.

ATTEST: Michael W. Roseday  
  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Luke Omodt

By   
Deputy Clerk

12-5-23  
Date