



# Bonner County

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## Board of Commissioners

Luke Omodt

Steve Bradshaw

Asia Williams

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

March 12, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Bonner County Administration Building  
1500 Hwy 2, First Floor Conference Room, Sandpoint, ID

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 Sharlyn Wright, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### STANDING RULES

#### ADOPT ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to adopt the order of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### CONSENT AGENDA – Action Item

- 1) Bonner County Commissioners' Minutes for March 5, 2024
- 2) Liquor Licenses: The Forge Artisan Pizza, Sandpoint
- 3) Catering Permit: 113 Main, Sandpoint
- 4) Invoice Over 5K: Sheriff (2)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

#### PLANNING – Travis Haller

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Final Plat, SS0008-22, Replat of Reynolds Estates (Lots 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 3A)

Commissioner Omodt called a recess at 9:07 a.m. to check in with Technology

Reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve this Project File SS0008-22: Replat of Reynolds Estates and authorize the chair to sign the final plat as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

**JUSTICE SERVICES – Ron Stultz**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Budget Adjustment, Detention Contracts Unanticipated Revenues; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve **Resolution #24-25** ordering the Clerk to schedule revenue in the Juvenile Detention FY23-24 budget, Revenue Account No. 03475-4990 – Juvenile Detention Billing for use as additional funding for Juvenile Detention FY23-24 Budget, Account No. 03475-6060 – SALARIES- FULL TIME in the amount of \$12,184.00 and for use as additional funding for Probation Services FY23-24 Budget, Account No. 00661-6060 – SALARIES- FULL TIME in the amount of \$24,366.00. This adjustment is due to the receipt of unanticipated revenue received from contracts for housing juvenile offenders in the Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding ACI Semi-Annual Heating/Cooling Maintenance Agreement FY24-25

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the ACI Agreement for FY24-25 for the term of one (1) year to perform maintenance services in the Justice Services building at a cost of \$875.00 semi-annually. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

**ROAD & BRIDGE – Matt Mulder**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Advertisement for Procurement of Magnesium Chloride  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve this Notice of Advertisement for the 2024 Magnesium Chloride Bid. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Advertisement for Bids for the Bonner County Asphalt Projects 2024

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve this Notice of Advertisements for the Bonner County Asphalt Projects 2024. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/BONFIRE – Nick Zahler**

- 1) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Contract for Hazardous Fuels Treatment; 3 C’s Excavation  
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve and sign the Contract for Hazardous Fuels Treatment between Bonner County and 3 C’s Excavation for project work on the BONFire program funded by an Idaho Department of Lands Grant with no County match. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

- 2) Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Contract for Hazardous Fuels Treatment; Coppersmith Enterprises LLC

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve and sign the Contract for Hazardous Fuels Treatment between Bonner County and Coppersmith Enterprises LLC for project work on the BONFire program funded by an Idaho Department of Lands Grant with no County match. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

**BOCC – Commissioner Asia Williams**

- 1) Discussion regarding using AI/Drone technology to assist in planning activities such as building location permits.

Bill Wilson, Legal, provided input that the Planning Department has not and does not use drones.

Dimitri Borisov – Discussed his neighbor receiving a fine from the County for a remodel on their property that was received a few days after a drone was flying over properties.

Dennis Englehardt, Assessor, addressed the concerns and confirmed that the Assessor’s office has not and does not use drones. The department sends out notices to property owners prior to going out to assess properties as required

under Idaho Code. Explained the way Assessors obtain assessment information. The department does not need drones.

Kevin Moore – Many people have drones, could the drones have flown over properties by a disgruntled neighbor.

Dennis Englehardt – Reiterated that the Assessor's Office does not utilize drones.

Commissioner Omodt requested that Director Mike Bolling be allowed the opportunity to speak on this topic.

Mike Bolling explained that GIS uses aerial photography, they do not use drones or AI technology.

Commissioner Bradshaw provided FAA regulations for drone use and Idaho Code regarding drone use. Provided that the only drones owned by the County are in the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Williams added that Risk Management also has a drone.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT \***

Commissioner Omodt called at recess at 9:39 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

There was a discussion among the board regarding public comments.

Sheryl Messer – Discussed government being to protect unalienable rights.

At 9:54 a.m. Commissioner Omodt called a recess due to the fire alarm

Reconvened at 9:57 a.m. after the fire alarm test

Sheryl Messer – Concluded her comments regarding rights, including freedom of speech.

Commissioner Williams called a point of order regarding speaking as a member of the public while sitting on the board during the meeting. Brief discussion among the board followed.

Kevin Moore – Discussed that we all need to pay attention to separation of church and state and that we are in the campaign season. Touched on the Fair and the Vrbeta bridge lawsuit; and willful disregard (of his culvert).

Amy Lunsford – Noted these meetings are crazy. Regarding the drones, an article in the BCDB regarding Planning Dept coming up with new ways to assess property values. Questions are being asked due to lack of trust in government.

Jonna Plante – Discussed freedom of speech and what is County business.

Jennifer Cramer – Requested an agenda item to reconsider comment on agenda items. Discussed political engagement at the meeting as an employee.

Susan Bowman – Discussed the first amendment.

Dian Welle – Discussed insurance meeting yesterday.

Dan Welle – Read from Apostles. Provided information on future commissioner chats.

Dimitri Borisov – Concerns about litigation brought against the County, taxpayers deserve transparency, how much will it cost.

Shari Dovale – Would like the timer moved, questioned data mining online, questioned the Ordinance on public comment, insurance savings not adding up, and wants to know about pending litigation

Jennifer Arn – Discussed the few remaining public access points to public lands

Rick Cramer – Requested the result of the IAC meeting in Boise be on the agenda and to have the BOCC explain what County business is.

Brandon Kramer – Questioned what County business is and referenced the Ordinance, thought that the insurance proposal from Farm Bureau is good for the County

Kristina Nicholas Anderson – Appreciative of the public comment

Dave Bowman – Commented on prior commenters, commented on first amendment, and requested Bill Wilson be on the agenda to say if Commissioner Williams can speak as public comment

At 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Omodt called for a recess until the scheduled Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**11:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Human Resources**

- 1) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Public Defender
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Prosecutor
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Auditing

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (B) Personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to proceed as discussed regarding the Public Defender, Prosecutor, and Auditing. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

- 2) Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Fairgrounds
  - Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Auditing

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to go into Executive Session under Idaho Code § 74-206 (1) (A) Hiring. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to proceed as discussed regarding the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Sheriff**

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

At 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Bradshaw 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 Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes. The motion carries.

Reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept and approve the contract, I further move for the Chairman and Commissioners sign the Agreement Administratively as discussed in Records Exempt. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes, Commissioner Omodt – Yes, Commissioner Bradshaw – Yes.

The meeting was adjourned 11:42 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 March 5, 2024 – March 11, 2024  
Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available upon request.

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, an Executive Session was held pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-204 (4), 74-206(1)(B) Personnel, 74-206(1)(D) Records Exempt, & 74-206 (1) F Litigation.

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Tax Cancellations were held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2). Approved: MH00359003004A, MH003590030040, RP059650030030

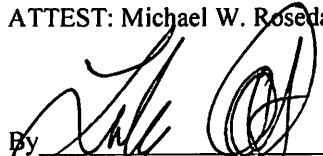
On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, an HR Workshop was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

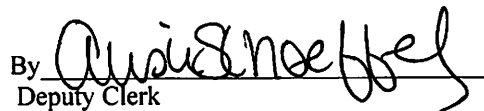
On Thursday, March 7, 2024, a Special Meeting for the BOCC was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (4).

On Monday, March 11, 2024, a Special Meeting with Farm Bureau Insurance was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (4).

On Monday, March 11, 2024, a Road & Bridge Update was held pursuant to Idaho Code §74-204 (2).

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By   
Chairman Luke Omodi

By   
Deputy Clerk

By 3/19/24  
Date