



CANYON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Recently, there have been public and social media comments that the Board of County Commissioners allegedly violated the Open Meetings Act in the process leading up to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 tentative budget on August 17th and the final budget on August 30th. Although we as a Board do not agree with the allegations, in order to move forward, the Board acknowledges the alleged violations. With that acknowledgement, we believe that completes the cure of any violation. Prior to any final decision related to the tentative or final budget, the following occurred:

- As presented in the public meeting for adoption of the budget on August 30, the Board had meetings related to the budget that were open to the public on 21 different dates including 54 budget workshops.
- And each commissioner had informal discussions with the Chief Operating Officer during this time period that were not in an open meeting, but the substance of those discussions were ultimately put on the record at a budget workshop or at the tentative budget meetings on August 15th or 17th.

Therefore, the Board's final action of adopting the tentative budget on August 17th and the final budget on August 30th were based solely on information in the public record with disclosure of all relevant information to the public so that the public had the full opportunity to comment at the final budget hearing on August 30th.

Although it's been alleged that deliberations were conducted at a meeting violative of the Open Meetings Act, no firm or final decision was rendered upon the questions then discussed, so any alleged impropriety of those meetings did not taint the final actions subsequently taken upon questions conscientiously considered at subsequent meetings because those subsequent meetings did comply with the provisions of the Act.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Board will consider ratifying our August 17th and August 30th decisions related to the budget at a public meeting on Thursday, September 7th, at 4:00 p.m. We believe this cure is in good faith and in the best interest of Canyon County.

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

FISCAL YEAR 2024 WORKSHOP DATES & DISCUSSIONS

[HTTPS://AGENDA.CANYONCOUNTY.ID.GOV](https://agenda.canyoncounty.id.gov)

May 2023

- 5/10/2023
 - Genesis Community Health
 - Valley Regional Transit (VRT)
 - Advocates Against Family Violence
 - Caldwell Veterans Council
 - Canyon Soil Conservation District
- 5/11/2023
 - Southwest District Health & Western Idaho Community Crisis Center
- 5/15/2023
 - Juvenile Detention Workshop #1
 - Juvenile Probation Workshop #1
 - Misdemeanor Probation Workshop #1
- 5/16/2023
 - Treasurer Workshop #1
 - County Agent Workshop #1
- 5/18/2023
 - County Fair Workshop #1
 - Human Resources Workshop #1
 - Development Services Workshop #1
 - Ambulance District Workshop #1
- 5/24/2023
 - Fleet Workshop #1
 - Facilities / Weed / Pest Workshop #1
 - Parks, Cultural, and Natural Resources Workshop #1

July 2023

- 7/12/2023
 - Prosecuting Attorney Workshop #2
- 7/17/2023
 - Juvenile Detention Workshop #2
 - Juvenile Probation Workshop #2
 - Misdemeanor Probation Workshop #2
 - County Fair Workshop #2
 - Human Resources Workshop #2
 - Development Services Workshop #2
 - Fleet Workshop #2
 - Facilities / Weed / Pest Workshop #2
 - Ambulance District Workshop #2
- 7/18/2023
 - Parks, Cultural, and Natural Resources Workshop #2
 - Information Technology Workshop #2
 - Solid Waste / Landfill Workshop #2
 - Public Defender Workshop #2
 - County Agent Workshop #2
 - Trial Court Administrator Workshop #2
- 7/19/2023
 - Treasurer Workshop #2
 - Assessor Workshop #2
 - Clerk Workshop #2
 - Coroner Workshop #2
 - Sheriff Workshop #2
- 7/25/2023
 - Continuance Facilities / Weed / Pest Workshop #2
- 7/28/2023
 - HR Compensation Update

August 2023

- 8/1/2023
 - Assessor re: Net Taxable Value
- 8/4/2023
 - Clerk's FY2024 Suggested Budget
- 8/15/2023
 - BOCC FY2024 Tentative Budget Workshop
- 8/17/2023
 - FY2024 Tentative Budget for Publication
- 8/30/2023
 - FY2024 Public Budget Hearing
 - Action Item: Approval / Denial
 - Consider Resolution approving Foregone
 - Ambulance District Budget Hearing



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