

Greg Rast, Chief Operating Officer

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.

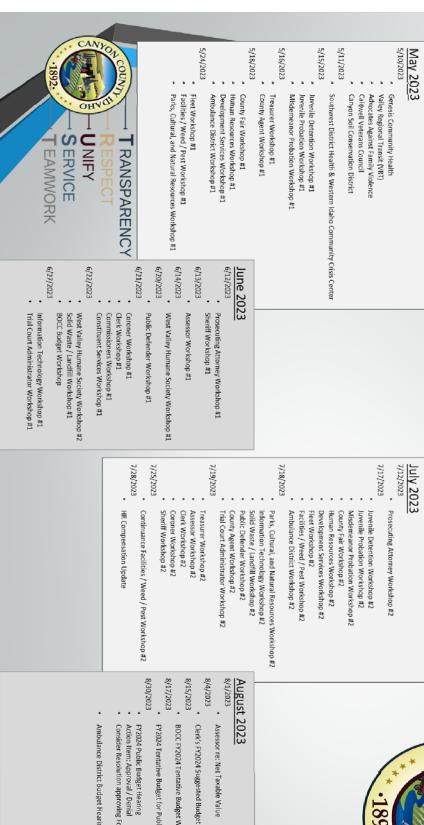
Although it's been alleged that deliberations were conducted at a meeting violative of the Open Meetings Act, no firm or final decision was rendered upon the questions then discussed, so any alleged impropriety of those meetings did not taint the final actions subsequently taken upon questions conscientiously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





FY2024 Tentative Budget for Publication

BOCC FY2024 Tentative Budget Workshop

Ambulance District Budget Hearing Action Item: Approval / Denial Consider Resolution approving Foregone FY2024 Public Budget Hearing

