



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
March 20, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, January 23, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttli, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

B. ADOPTION/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA {2:48 to 3:37}

Paasch added Executive Session 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to amend the agenda to add Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS {3:40 to 16:57}

Public comment was offered by Mary Rowe regarding allowing citizen input at workshops, placing business meeting information in libraries, and hiring an Animal Control Officer. David Barnes spoke about updating the 2008 fire plan. Dale Hodges also commented on the fire plan citing the Lobster Creek fire as an example.

D. PRESENTATIONS {17:03 to 1:53:39}

Law Enforcement Stability Act – Josephine County Commissioner DeYoung
Daniel DeYoung talked about HB 2382, the Law Enforcement Stability Act, and local efforts to get it passed. HB2382 allows certain counties (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Lane, and Jackson) to adopt an ordinance to impose tax on medical and recreational marijuana production.

Rogue River Fish Loss - Steve Beyerlin

Steve Beyerlin spoke about the damage being done but not seen to Rouge River Spring Chinook Salmon due to the lack of fiduciary duty of the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) and the USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers). Specifically,

- During the last 14 years Hatchery Spring Chinook shortfall average 63% and wild or natural spawning runs of Spring Chinook are now 60% below expected levels.

- The USACE and ODFW inaction has resulted in higher sport license fees and severely restricted sport harvest regulations.
- He recommended pursuing a No Confidence Declaration naming the USACE and ODFW for lack of commitment and proper management of Rogue River Spring Chinook Salmon.

TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Presentation – Ron Crook

Ron Crook and Rob Chibante of the Fair Board spoke about the implementing, need, and benefits of the TLT, specifically,

- The timeline to get the proposal on the May, 2019 ballot;
- The tax is a percentage of lodging charges incurred by the guest;
- The broad community support; and
- If passed, how the revenue generated will be allocated.
- They concluded by emphasizing the TLT is not only for the Fair but for the Event Center.

E. CONSENT AGENDA {1:53:44 to 2:05:22}

4. Historic Bagnell Ferry Boat Launch

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. REGULAR AGENDA {3:07:05 to 3:40:57}

5. Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 17-01 Creating County Administrator 2nd Reading – John Huttli
County Counsel

Huttli 2nd Reading Continued from 1/9/19 meeting

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve the Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 17-01. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch – Yes, Boice - Yes, Gold – No).

6. Delegating Administrator Functions to Director of Operations

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch to approve order Delegating Administrator Functions to the Director of Operations. Motion carried unanimously.

Items F7 and F8 were moved to after Item G

7. Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Imposing – John Huttli County Counsel

8. TLT Implementing – John Huttli County Counsel

9. BOC Minutes No Longer Require Typed Transcript – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated he believes we have plenty documentation with video and recommended typed minutes should be as simple as the law allows.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to do video and audio, not typed minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Annual Strategic Plan Discussion – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated he has never seen a county that did not have a strategic plan and would like to move quickly to form a strategic plan for the county.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to direct staff to work on a strategic plan. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Request for Salary Restoration – John HuttI County Counsel

HuttI stated,

- Salaries were reduced in the last couple of budget sessions; however, the composition of BOC is different now.
- This is a written request to put salary restoration on the budget committee agenda.
- We are looking for BOC to specify what annual salary is requested for the time period of January 7, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

After discussion, with input from Kallstrom, the amount requested is \$66, 469.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve an annual requested salary of \$66,469. Motion carried unanimously.

Boice requested the Budget Committee also consider his salary to be retroactive to July 1, 2018. Gold declined to join Boice in the request for retroactive salary stating she will honor her campaign promise of a \$10,000 salary when the County had a County Administrator.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Boice’s request for retroactive pay. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch – Yes, Boice – Yes, Gold – No).

G. MANAGER’S REPORT

12. Positive Determination for Enterprise Zone Designation – John HuttI Counsel

HuttI indicated there was a report from Art Fish, Business Incentives Coordinator, to Ms Chris Cummings, Assistant Director, Economic Development, Oregon Business Development Department approving the Enterprise Zone.

H. CITIZENS REVENUE TASK FORCE PRESENTATION {3:41:07 to 4:01:38}

Carl King, Chair of the CRTF, spoke about the work of the task force, specifically,

- Explained the decision making process on the TLT proposal;
- The communications need to get the TLT passed;
- Working on the amount of annual revenue needed, without using Road Funds, to make the County financially stable and possible sources of that revenue
 - Considering a marijuana related tax
 - Restaurant tax

He is asking the Board for direction. Boice favors a consumption tax. Paasch stated he will not support anything that burdens the county taxpayers and only the county taxpayers. Gold concurred with Paasch.

7. Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Imposing – John HuttI, County Counsel {4:01:50 to 4:18:42}

8. TLT Implementing – John HuttI, County Counsel

Josh Hopkins, Parks Director stated the majority of people feel the money generated by the TLT will be spent in Gold Beach. One solution he offered was designating 10% or 15% of the 70% to the Parks Department.

Barnes feels the TLT should be the only tax on the ballot. A marijuana advisory on the ballot will muddy the waters. Leave TLT as standalone.

Huttl second reading of Imposing TLT.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve the second reading of imposing TLT. Motion carried unanimously.

Huttl second reading of Implementing TLT.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve second reading of implementing TLT. Motion carried unanimously.

I. COMMISSIONER UPDATES {4:18:45 to 4:31:45}

Commissioner Paasch highlighted what is happening now and its impact on the future of the County.

Commissioner Boice spoke of Roger Meader's retirement from Coos-Curry Electric Coop; the long range effects of forest fires; and communications with Senator Merkley.

Commissioner Gold summarized a recent Department Head meeting.

Regarding the Budget Committee meeting of January 30, 2019: Paasch requested all department heads to be there at 9AM for an overview.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION {4:34:37 to 4:58:55}

192.660 (2) (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 2:33p.m. and exited at 2:57p.m.

Paasch stated the Board will proceed as discussed in Executive Session. No motion was made.

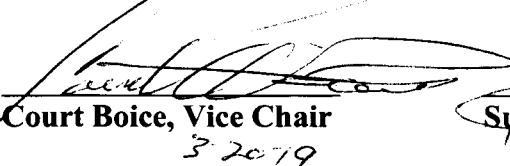
K. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:58p.m.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2019.



Christopher Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair
3/20/19



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant