



**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**2nd QUARTERLY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday January 30, 2019 – 9:00 AM

Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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**MINUTES**

Present: **Chair Ostrowski, Vice Chair Brand, Committee Member King, Commissioner Boice, Commissioner Gold, Commissioner Paasch, Director of County Operations Schmelzer, County Counsel Huttl, Minute Clerk Jezuit**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 9:00AM Paasch**

**B. ADOPTION/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

**Ostrowski** Propose change -- add budget process under agenda Item E

Motion by **Gold**, seconded by **Paasch**, to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Sheriff Ward** stated Day Wireless replaced microwave at Black Mound.

**D. APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Budget Committee Quarterly October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Motion by **Gold**, seconded by **King** to approve agenda minutes. Motion carried unanimously

2. Budget Committee Special Meeting December 19, 2018

Motion by **Gold**, seconded by **King**, to approve agenda minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously

**E. DISCUSSION**

3. Budget Committee Question Review

**Ostrowski** read the hand of Budget Process Recommendations.

4. Statements

**King** looked at the December 18, 2018 numbers and most are in line.

**Assessor Jim Kolen** stated with current staffing level they are on pace to complete the re-appraisal cycle about once every 17 years. He noted our appraisers receive about 15% less in compensation than other counties.

**Ward** stated the department has spent about \$215,000 out of \$481,000 of road funds, they have 3 open positions, and department deputies are paid about 10% less than other like size and population counties.

**King** observed planning fees revenue seem low and asked what is the projected permit fee revenue.

**Ostrowski** asked how do you expect staff to prepare a budget without a strategic plan.

**Paasch** wants to move forward on a strategic plan, has directed **Schmelzer** to work on attaining a strategic plan, and feels a strategic plan will be in place within a year.

**Brand** stated some ground rules are needed for guidance in developing the strategic plan.

For detailed information on any agenda item, refer to Audio/Video.

**King**, responding to the guidance topic, asked if the strategic plan will be for people here now in the county or people you'd like to bring in to replace them?

**Gold** stated we need a workable plan and must find the person to do that.

**Brand** observed plans developed in the past were shelved because no one could see a way to raise the money.

**Ostrowski** stated his concern is the difficulty in preparing a budget without knowing the goals of the county.

**Huttl** advised discussing a strategic plan is important but not part of the budget committee's specific role.

The Budget Committee, with **Kallstrom** responding in detail, proceeded to discuss the following topics - - -

- Allocated interest.
- SAR (Search And Rescue) unassigned funds.
- The General Liability account over budget.
- Elections department over budget due to recall election
- Assessor's office grant.
- Surveyor's office over budget and the cornerstone preservation fund.
- Jail dealing with inmate health expenses not covered by insurance; the impact on the loss of Medicare and Medicaid coverage upon incarceration; and the need to lobby state legislature to change the law.
- Revenues and expenditures.
- Road funds and communication tower resolution funding.
- Carry over
- Auditors reaction to funding when an emergency occurs.

5. ADDED Upcoming Budget Process

*This item was not addressed*

F. ACTION

6. Commissioner Salary Review: Request for Salary Restoration and Request for Commissioner Boice Salary Restoration to be Retroactive to July 1, 2018.

**Ostrowski** stated the Commissioners have requested a salary increase to \$66,469 and is not sure there is enough money in the budget to cover the request. He observed Curry County is in a financial crisis, and he has not seen any action on how to increase revenue.

**Boice** spoke about the commissioner salary disparity compared to other elected officials and stated with the problems facing the county due to the mega fires, being a commissioner is a full time job. He also stated if we work hard toward economic development, salaries in general can go up. In response to **Ostrowski's** inquiry about which organization Boice is a member of can help the County most financially, Boice responded CCD (Coos Curry Douglas).

**Paasch** stated the salary reduction of Board does not set a historic standard and the public voted twice not to have a County Administrator.

**King** stated his responsibilities are to the taxpayers of the county. He observed about 70 of the about 100 county employees work for an elected official, most county employees work without

supervision, the cost of the Board and Director of County Operations to supervise the remaining employees is too high, and therefore, he cannot vote for this.

Public Comments

**David Barnes** stated **Paasch** should not be held to **Commissioner Huxley's** voluntary pay cut. **Nancy Sue Rose** stated neither Gold nor Huxley worked part time.

**Bryan Grummon** urged the Board to be careful on how taxpayer money is spent, asked does it take 4 people to the job one person can do, and stated the Board has responsibility to minimize costs.

**Kallstrom** stated at the budget meeting last year the budget committee said commissioner salary will remain at \$10,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2018-2019 FY (fiscal year). She also an incoming commissioner did not make same \$10,000 annual salary promise as the outgoing commissioner.

**Brand** stated our revenues do not match our expenses and will vote to maintain the current system here.

**Schmelzer** stated we can look at selling county properties and anticipates some increase in revenues by this summer.

**Huttl** stated we are here to consider the commissioners' salary until June 30, 2019.

Motion by **Ostrowski**, seconded by **Paasch**, to request base salary of each commissioner to increase to \$66,649 effective 1/7/ 19. Motion carried 4-2 (**Ostrowski**, Yes; **King**, No; **Brand**, No; **Gold**, Yes; **Paasch** Yes; **Boice** Yes.

Motion by **Ostrowski**, seconded by **Paasch**, to replenish retroactively **Boice** salary by \$9, 930 July 1, 2018 to January 7, 2019 Motion failed 2-4 (**Brand** No, **Boice** Yes, **Paasch** Yes, **Gold** No, **King** No; **Ostrowski** No)

G. ADJOURN

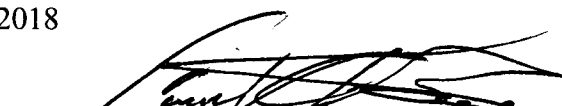
Chair Ostrowski adjourned the meeting at 12:09 P.M.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2019.

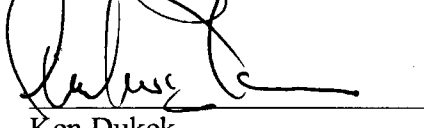
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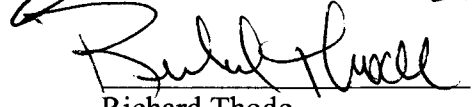
  
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