



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 24, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex  
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon  
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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2019

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:00 a.m. Administrative Assistant Jezuit took roll call. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Interim Legal Counsel Shala Kudlac-McKenzie, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### 2. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA {2:42 to 5:13}

Gold asked to move 4B ahead of Public Comments. Boice asked to change Item 6F from Jackson County Resolution to Commissioner Boice Resolution.

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Public comment was offered by:

Mary Rowe read a letter about Curry County Public Transit. Rob Taylor who stated he is part of the committee traveling Oregon supporting and speaking about the SASO (Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance). Tom Kurkin, a colleague of Rob Taylor's, also supports the SASO and encourages the Board of Commissioners to support as well. Sheriff Ward is concerned with some wording in the SASO which could cause the county to lose State and Federal funding. Lyn Boniface requested SASO be put on the ballot. Tim Palmer questioned why the BOC is spending time on the matter. Connie Hunter stated veteran suicide is higher than the national suicide average and the majority of suicides are committed with guns. Hassie Taylor will attend the workshop. Paul Goodell supports SASO. Paasch suggested a workshop on this issue and several speakers agreed.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Cena Crook Service Award Presentation – Louise Kallstrom, County Accountant Kallstrom and Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, presented the award.

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- B. CPTSD (Curry Public Transit Service District) Grant Plans for 2019-2021, Kathryn Bernhardt, General Manager, CPTSD {5:51 to 14:36}

Kathy Bernhardt prefaced her biannual budget presentation with a brief description of CPTSD operations, specifically they are a pass through vendor of the County, have 12 vehicles, run the Coastal express 3 times a day, 5 days a week between Smith River and North Bend; do Dial A Ride in Gold Beach and Brookings; and do medical transportation. The Federal Grants and State programs were discussed and the effects of those on the services provided to the community.

Paasch asked about Dial A Ride in Port Orford. Bernhardt responded the decision is up to the Advisory Committee, but with more advertising, CPTSD may be able to attract more than 3 riders a day.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Hire Order - Kaylee Strain
- B. Commissioner Liaison Assignments
- C. Appoint Member to Transit Advisory Committee
- D. CPSTD 2 Year Extension
- E. Job Description Chief Deputy
- F. Job Description Parole & Probation Officer/Administrative Assistant
- G. Job Description and Hire Order for Economic Development Coordinator

Schmelzer re: Agenda Item 5G stated she had heard from LGPI (Local Government Personnel Institute) - -

- There were changes made to the job description
- Asked for those changes to be incorporated in the hire order

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

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) No Confidence Letter – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Steve Mazur, District Fisheries Biologist for ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), Gold Beach commented on Beyerlin's presentation of January 23, 2019 stating ODFW had, in Spring 2007, developed a spring chinook conservation plan and while hatchery returns were definitely down, wild spring chinook have been increasing. Mazur also stated there were a lot of numbers left out of Beyerlin's presentation; the Fall chinook run had a lot of anglers; and the Rogue River is doing really well.

Paasch stated Curry County has lost millions and millions of dollars due to the dam issue. A letter of no confidence will get everyone to the table as it is a history of everything that has happened here. Due to the damage some type of compensatory action should be considered.

Boice stated we have had a couple of good Fall steelhead runs, reminded everyone the Rogue River is famous for steelhead fishing, and wants southwestern rural Oregon Counties to join together in this action.

Gold felt Beyerlin's presentation left a lot of things out, stated there is funding for renovation of the hatch house, believes we must work with governmental agencies, and is hesitant to vote on this.

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Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve USACE No Confidence letter as written.  
Motion carried 2-1: (Paasch – Aye, Boice – Aye, Gold –No.)

B. Order Referring Ordinance No 19-01 Huttli TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Imposing Ordinance to the Voters for May 21, 2019 Ballot – John Huttli (County Counsel)

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve referring Ordinance 19-01 to the voters. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Security Cameras for Annex – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated we are exposed unnecessarily. Paasch stated it's time for security here and volunteered to hang the cameras which cost about \$350 each.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Save Oregon Forest Letter – Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the economic impact on Curry County of the Biscuit, Chetco, and Klondike fires; and is asking the Board to consider this letter which has 9 levels. Paasch stated he is in support but would like more time to read the letter and suggested a workshop on this issue. Gold stated she agrees with many of the proposed solutions, but feels the last paragraph of 1<sup>st</sup> page seems vindictive. Schmelzer suggested turning the letter into a resolution.

The BOC consensus was to put the letter into resolution format.

Tim Palmer critiqued the proposed solutions and recommended alternative strategies.

E. Wildlands Act Jackson County Resolution – Commissioner Boice

Palmer, citing a report, requested the BOC not act on the Wildlands Act Resolution. Ann Schmierer encouraged the Board to drop opposition to Oregon Wildlife Act. Linda Tarr asked the Board to not vote for this. Jim Rogers spoke about his experiences as a forester based in Port Orford and observed climate is becoming hotter and dryer. Dave Lacey urged the Board not to write a letter. Paasch appreciates the input at these meetings and strongly feels Curry County should be have a seat at the table when these issues are discussed.

F. Wildfire Threat Jackson County Resolution – Commissioner Boice

Gold stated she cannot support as written and would like to see a Curry County resolution. No action.

G. Public Land Natural Caused Fires Jackson County – Commissioner Boice

Paasch observed a lot of the wildfire items were added to the agenda in the last few days and suggested moving them to the next meeting. No action.

H. Strategic Planning Proposal – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director Of County Operations)  
Paasch stated he feels strongly about a strategic plan for the entire county.

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Gold asked for a RFP (Request for Proposal) on this stating we need to get someone who is experienced in this area.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to move forward with an RFP for a Strategic Plan.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### I. Law Enforcement Stability Act Support Letter – Commissioner Boice

Boice is concerned with marijuana issues in Humboldt County CA and their impact on Curry County. He feels we need to support legal growers and also support Josephine County's efforts on this issue as these are critical issues.

Schmezler reminded the Board the bill is a law enforcement bill. The money comes from the marijuana industry, and it's going to law enforcement. If this goes through as written, it will give us one more law enforcement person. Schmelzer also added the State marijuana numbers are from a 2012 report. An updated report will be out shortly.

Gold stated she is in support of this; and if it goes on the ballot, whatever is put before the voters must be factual.

Paasch stated the amount of growers in Curry County is minimal. Our job is to look at everyone in the county and to ensure growers are registered.

David Barnes strongly disagrees with Commissioner DeYoung's position, urged the Board to not support this matter, does not agree with taxing growers, and suggested taxing opioid consumption.

Jo Lang stated DeYoung's information is not accurate and feels Curry County does not need to support Josephine County and Jackson County.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to support Josephine County. Motion carried unanimously.

#### K. Placing an Advisory Question on the May Ballot: Marijuana Taxation (HB 2382) – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated Commissioner DeYoung proposed asking voters if they would support taxing marijuana to support law enforcement.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to place a marijuana advisory question on the May ballot reflecting whatever the amended bill reads. Motion carried unanimously.

#### L. Committee Orders – Julie Schmelzer, DOC Schmezler

- Stated she has looked at sixteen (16) committees so far;
- Briefly discussed her analysis;
- Commented the Fair Board members need to be bonded;
- ASA (Ambulance Service Advisory) Committee has a vacancy for a law enforcement position;
- Concluded by recommending dissolving five (5) committees.

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Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to dissolve the Brookings Airport Advisory Committee, Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, County Real Estate Task Force, Early Learning and Youth Education Prevention, and PEG Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

The discussion continued on to dissolving the Budget Committee.

Gold stated she is having a problem with that due to the learning curve and asked what are the lines designating North, Central, and South county.

Boice stated he appreciates their work and observed school district boundaries are the official north, central, and south boundary lines.

Paasch

- Stated it is the history of this county for north, central, and south county to have a voice in the process;
- Arizona Beach is the north/central line;
- Thanked everyone on the committee and hopes all re-apply;
- Feels the county will not have a problem filling the vacancies.

Nancy Sue Rose asked what if you do not have enough people from North county?

Kallstrom has the same concern as Nancy Sue Rose.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve dissolving budget committee and ask interested citizens to make an application. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch – Aye, Boice – Aye, Gold –No).

## 7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Paasch Highlighted was newspaper inaccuracies over the years.
- B. Commissioner Boice Highlighted were issues with the building department
- C. Commissioner Gold Highlighted was report about SWOCC's (Southwestern Oregon Community College) impact on Curry County.


## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. **OTHER** (ORS.192.640( 1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

## 10. ADJOURN 1:41PM

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2019.

  
Christopher Paasch, Chair

  
Court Boice, Vice Chair

  
Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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