

**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING**

Approval Date:
May 8, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon
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**MINUTES
March 13, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gold moved Items L & M from the consent agenda to right before consent agenda. Boice concurs.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

David Barnes spoke out against negativity and recommends accentuating the positive such as Gold Beach Main St.; Connie Hunter encouraged citizens to participate and cited CCH (Curry Community Health) looking for volunteers to sit on Board; Gary Garman is in favor of the floras Lake land swap as the property is not developable, and its value is in natural beauty, not development; Zoe Bradford is pro land swap stating the main asset in County is maintaining the landscape; Bob Morrow recommended alternate 2 being approved citing the long history of dialogue on the land swap issue; Rich Folden stated the land swap is a win-win affair for the county; Tim Palmer encourages the Board to act on either of the land swap options; Jim Rogers stated he was on the committee assessing the land 10 years ago and recommends the Board go ahead with the land swap as the land is not developable due to the swamp; Mary Wahl asked the Board to make the land swap as conservation and recreation is what the community desires and the land swap will drive up property taxes; Ann Vileisis supports land swap, option 2, as win-win-win and pointed out no other options are economically feasible; Sue Sweet supports land swap; Chris Hawthorne worked on real property task force with Julie Schmelzer and encourages Board to adopt one of the swap proposals; George Cuffler (last name inaudible) favors the land swap and observed it has been under consideration for 10 years; Terry McDonald stated he has spent time on the Rogue River and encourages the Board to put the land swap into place for future generations.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Annual CCH (Curry Community Health) Update – Ken Dukek, CEO CCH

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Ken Dukek - -

- Spoke about the programs CCH runs, specifically, immunization, reproductive health, and WIC (Women Infants and Children)
- Introduced Erin Porter, Meredith Walker, and Ben Cannon who spoke about mental health issues, substance use disorders and environmental public health, respectively
- Discussed the CCH budget and funding as it relates to their impact on CCH operations
- Stated there is an increase in primary care as more people have health insurance
- Presented a \$10,000.00 check to the county for the Code Enforcement Officer's salary

B. CTR (Curry Transfer and Recycling) Roll-Card Recycling - Luke Pyke, Site Manager, CTR and Candie Wilk, Recycling Coordinator, CTR

Luke Pyke & Candie Wilk presented a proposal on cart recycling stating with a cart people will recycle 200 pounds more per year. CTR will deliver a 64 gallon cart to everyone and charge \$3.75 per month. The program will be rolled out in Brookings, Harbor, and Cape Ferrelo and be heavily advertised for several weeks prior.

C. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - Mona Chandler, Program Director

(Mona Chandler was not present and therefore the presentation will be postponed to another date.)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes January 9, 2019 General Meeting
- B. Minutes January 16, 2019 General Meeting
- C. Minutes February 27, 2019 Business Meeting
- D. Sheriff's Office Communications/Civil/ Records Manager Job Description
- E. Appoint Lynne Dewald to Planning Commission South County
- F. Change Ted Freeman Planning Commission Term from 2 Year to 4 Year
- G. Appoint Captain McDonald, Law Enforcement Member, to ASA (Ambulance Service Area) Advisory Committee
- H. Appoint Five (5) Members to LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council)
- I. Citizen Involvement Committee and Plan Commission Letter
- J. Change in Status of an Employee - District Attorney
- K. CCH Amendment #9 to Agreement #154108
- N. Hire Order Daniel McPherson Survey Tech

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve consent agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, H and N. Motion carried unanimously.

Items L and M:

- L. Credit Card Request for Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations) and John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant
- M. Credit Card Request for Wendy Lang Juvenile Director

Gold suggested putting expenses on personal card when traveling. Paasch agrees with Gold, feels credit card usage should be at a minimum, suggests deferring the issue until after the budget

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process is finished, and believes in transparency on everything that gets purchased. Boice agrees with Paasch on getting through the budget process and stated we had some trust issues with citizens at large. Cena Crook, Senior Accounting Clerk stated it is better to use a county credit card when making hotel reservations. She also stated she has not seen any abuse. Captain Phil McDonald stated department heads have a credit card and go over everyone's receipts. Schmelzer stated credit cards are used for registering for conferences and training sessions. She also added personal cards cannot be used due to ethics and policies. Paasch recommended the item be delayed until the county can develop a credit card policy. The Board concurred.

6. BREAK

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Curry County Land Swap with State Parks – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Chris Havel, Associate Director Oregon Parks and Recreation, discussed the merits of the proposal starting with the history and comparing appraised property values of each parcel. Havel:

- Observed the combination of Port Orford Cedar and huckleberry is rare in the state park system.
- Described
 - Alternative 1 – a 90 acre parcel to go to State ownership
 - Alternative 2 – the alternative 1 90 acres plus a conservation easement on an additional 70 acres (160 acres total) which would stay in county ownership
- Stated
 - 428 mbf (million board feet) of timber on the 33 acre parcel across from Pacific High School;
 - State Parks is trying to complete the land swap while they have staff capacity;
 - The next State Parks meeting dates are in June, September, and October;
 - In response to Gold's question about maintenance and liability responsibilities on the conservation easement described in alternative 2, there would be a burden on the County to comply with terms of the easement;
 - The master plan is being updated;
 - He feels this proposal is well within reach, and if done, it will show that the State and County can work together.

Paasch stated he would not agree with the easement part, asked about parcel values, would like to see a little more give from State Parks, and hopes everyone knows the county is looking to make the right deal for everyone involved. Schmelzer stated because the county is looking to decrease the amount of owned properties it has, this proposal doesn't help, and asked about the previous proposal from 3 years ago which involved the county getting more valuable property. Gold observed eco-tourism would be great in Curry County and sees the land swap as a real plus. She likes the idea of trails. Boice stated he is very interested in trail development, is interested in alternative 2 as it has overwhelming public support, asked about long term plans to develop trails, and suggested having a meeting June 5, 2019 to refine what the county needs to add to the negotiations. Penny Reagan, former county commissioner, stated Floras Lake has been discussed since the 90's and encouraged the Board to let this proposal go through.

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Motion by Boice , seconded by Gold, to direct staff to work with State Parks on the proposal, see if there are other options, and set up a meeting for June 5 with the matter scheduled as an action item. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Program to Help Farmers & Ranchers Get Compensation for Wolf Damage – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated Curry County has had its first wolf killing of sheep in over 100 years, and local ranchers can get compensation if the county forms a Wolf Advisory Committee. Schmelzer stated ranchers will be compensated whether kill is confirmed or not. Barnes feels something needs to be done when it comes time to compensate people; however, he questions if this is a true emergency because the killing has not been confirmed yet. He also feels Boice's prejudice on the issue should disqualify from him being on the committee. Paasch stated he doesn't know if this is an emergency, but he would rather be proactive than reactive. Gold agrees with being proactive and is not looking at this as an emergency.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to send a letter to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to determine if Curry County can have a joint advisory council with Coos County. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Proposed Real Property Sales Program – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer is proposing transferring county owned properties to the Parks Department, then, if the property is sold, the money goes into the Parks budget. She explained it's a 3 step process -

1. Identify the properties;
2. An order to release the property to the Park Departments is issued;
3. Sheriff to sell the properties.

Paasch stated he will have Huttel look at this and asked to defer this to the next meeting.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, we move ahead with the program Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer has put forth. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Initiate Proceedings to Vacate Alley in Pacific City – John Huttel, County Counsel
Kudlac stated this is the first step in the process.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to move forward with the resolution in the packet and have the Roadmaster, Richard Christensen, make a report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated:

- We are looking to appoint members to the Compensation Board.
- The travel policy is being acted on.
- An ad is running for a building official who may be shared with another County, but, preferably, be here 5 days a week.
- She is asking the Board to do liaison reports.
- Merv George, Forest Supervisor Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest, recommended bringing more people into fire program. Economic Development is working on a program to get people interested in participating.

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- Code Enforcement has 51 active open cases. 43 cases have been closed.
- DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) is requiring the Building Department to send a notice about restrictions prohibiting large solar farms on farmland.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- Commissioner Boice spoke on the judicial ruling on the Catherine Wiley lawsuit, and the issues he has been working on and the effect of carbon reduction legislation on Curry county.
- Commissioner Gold spoke on the terrific job the Code Enforcement Officer is doing, and its impact on the general public and her work with fire departments.
- Commissioner Paasch spoke on downloading an app, Test IT, for measuring broadband speed as the county needs high speed internet access. He also spoke on the highlights of his trip to Washington DC, specifically the meetings with Senator Ron Wyden; Senator Jeff Merkley; Representative Peter DeFazio's representative; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson; Title I money; and his appointment by President Trump to the National Veterans and Military Services Committee.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORS 192.660(2) (f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection per ORS 192.345 (23) Records or information that would reveal or otherwise identify security measures, or weaknesses or potential weaknesses in security measures, taken or recommended to be taken to protect: (b) Buildings or other property

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 1:56p.m. and exited at 2:10 p.m.

The Board advised staff to proceed as directed in executive session.


11. **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.")

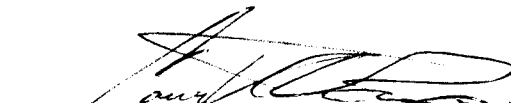
Boice spoke about his involvement with the Oregon Wildfire Response Council, being asked to be the Southwest Oregon representative to this council, and requested a letter of support signed by all 3 commissioners. There was consensus to sign a letter of support for Commissioner Boice to be the Southwest Oregon representative to the Oregon Wildfire Council.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2019.


Christopher Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice Chair
5-8-19


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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