



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

May 8, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Wednesday March 20, 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: Legal Counsel John Huttli, Director of County Operations (DOC) Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gold asked about moving the Executive Session to the end of meeting; Huttli suggested prior to the Abel Insurance presentation. Boice asked for the Board's approval for a SASO (Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance) evening workshop at 5:30PM on April 10, 2019. Paasch stated the Board had decided to forgo any evening meetings until Hwy 101 was two lanes and asked for the SASO workshop time and place decision to be delayed to next week.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were offered by: Mary Rowe concerned about the large number of homeless in the County – 137 as of January. Carl King stated Curry County Voices is holding a town hall at the Library on April 20, 2019 covering all three ballot measures and is concerned the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) could eliminate the 5% franchise fee. Huttli cautioned all public officials on participating in the town hall.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOVED TO AFTER #8

192.660(2) (f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

192.660 (2) (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. and exited at 1:04p.m.

The Board advised staff to proceed as directed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes of January 23, 2019 Special Meeting

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appoint Marcella Waetermans, Kevin McHugh, or Teresa Lawson to the Compensation Board

Motion by Gold to appoint Kevin McHugh & Teresa Lawson. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to appoint Kevin McHugh to Position 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch to appoint Marcella Waetermans to Position 3. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch – Aye; Boice – Aye; Gold – Nay)

B. Procedure to Pay Claims Not Covered by Insurance – John Huttli, County Counsel

Huttli the Board has delegated \$10,000 for contracting authority to the DOC and department heads without Board approval. This ordinance would allow DOC to handle claims up to \$10,000 without Board approval. This is the 1st reading of the Ordinance.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve an ordinance amending the codified ordinances adding Article One, Division Twenty, procedure for paying claims. Motion carried unanimously

B. Day Wireless Presentation and Decision – Sheriff Ward and Sgt Hensley

Ward stated Day Wireless is a great partner and would like a decision made on this as soon as possible so that the work could be done by the end of summer as crews cannot climb the towers in high winds. Ward also said the goal is to try to reimburse road fund reserve. Gold asked about no interest loans, how long the system will last, and stated the entities using the towers pay the county. Paasch asked about sharing services with other counties, stated this will be a digital system (not analog), asked about the details on the equipment, the possibility of getting a lower cost bid and proposed delaying the final decision until the March 27, 2019 meeting. Boice asked about the completion date. Calvin Amigh, Day Wireless, stated the cost is as low as it can go, answered questions on details of the system, stated right now there is no inoperability per county; however, there is progress between Jackson and Josephine Counties, stated the issue is not how long will the system last, but how long will the manufacturer support the system. Cameron Lougee, Account Manager, offered financing suggestions.

D. Courthouse Reconstruction – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch has had several conversations with people about the state of the courthouse structure which, per AOC (Association of Oregon Counties), is a definite replace rather than repair status. He stated the cost to replace, with additional security for judges and parking areas, is about \$2,100,000, and we will get on the list for AOC funding in Spring, 2020. Gold stated to put this in the strategic plan and also look for ways to find matching funds.

C. Motor Pool Update and Sales Discussion – Commissioner Paasch

Roadmaster Richard Christensen, after reviewing county owned vehicle usage, recommends

- Transferring 4 vehicles to motor pool;

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- Using governmental pricing and funds from the motor pool budget and the Assessor's Department; and
- Purchasing 2 Ford Escape 4 WD vehicles and 2 Dodge long bed quad cab 4x4 pickups to keep for 3 years.

Paasch stated

- By selling new vehicles in 2 to 3 years, the cost of the motor pool will decrease over the years;
- Some departments will have to share vehicles;
- Assessors vehicle will have a radio in it; and
- Anything auctioned through the county must be offered to general public.

Motion by Paasch seconded Boice by to purchase the vehicles and authorize Christensen to sell the vehicles discussed previously. Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment

Doctor Williams, a 20 year physician in Gold Beach, commented on Gold's letter to the Governor which was published in newspaper about an ER (Emergency Room) in Brookings proposed by CHN (Curry Health Network), stating he does not support Gold's position on this issue. Gold stated the ER being proposed will have no observation beds and is advocating for a satellite office. She suggested a feasibility study. Paasch supports opening an ER because we do not have specialized services in rural Oregon and having another facility in this county. Boice stated there have been people who have died without that facility. He also stated a feasibility study is bureaucracy.

D. Grant Writer/Professional Services Discussion – Julie Schmelzer, Director of County Operation (DOC)

Schmelzer stated we could use a profession services designation in the budget to contract with a grant writer; and based on the courthouse replacement discussion, the county does not have the staff to go after a \$1,000,000 in grants. Paasch stated we have Summer Matteson as an administrator over the grants with Kallstrom's oversight. If they are managed properly, it is well worth money and effort for this county. Huttel asked about a line item in budget for professional services and observed some of the grant awarding agencies require a particular qualified person to apply for a grant. Gold, because the county does not have funds, recommended going forward with a grant writer who will get a fee when grant is issued. Kallstrom stated a line item can be put in the budget for professional services. She also advised the Board during past audits, we've had very bad comments on how we handled our grants, and she was named grant administrator to make sure they're done correctly. Citizen David Barnes stated he knows local people who write grants and perhaps may do it voluntarily.

There was further discussion on the professional services part of Agenda Item F, specifically Steve Beyerlin.

Paasch stated ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) has agreed with every facet of Beyerlin's investigation and proposed hiring him for \$55 per hour plus travel expenses. Boice agrees with Paasch on Beyerlin's work, feels we need more time on this, stated he is not ready to vote, and advised maybe other counties will join in splitting this cost.

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Gold stated she understood Beyerlin did this work on his own, would rather not pay someone not contracted, and is okay with paying Beyerlin going forward.

Motion by Paasch to add a line item for professional services for Steve Beyerlin to receive \$3,000.00 for compensation of his services. After discussion, Paasch recommended tabling this topic until next week.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer gave an update on the Planning Department and recommended it would be better to have a full time planner versus two part time planners.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Gold

Gold spoke about meetings with Janelle Howard and also with Ginny Razo about healthcare issues.

B. Commissioner Paasch

Paasch about work on road to Agness, the Harbor Sanitary District letter praising the new Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Fortman, and the National prescription drug take back on Saturday April 27, 2019.

C. Commissioner Boice

Boice showed slides of a veteran's tour and spoke about possibility of county re-considering introducing wild horses to eat ground fuel.

9. PRESENTATIONS

A. Abel Insurance Presentation

Huttl stated Abel insurance is our agent of record. Wendy Abel discussed the merits of their proposal, stated premiums will be lower with higher deductibles, and covered the jail's impact on liability premiums. The Commissioners discussed options to reduce the jail's impact on liability premiums.

B. 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Presentation – Louise Kallstrom County Accountant

Kallstrom explained the budget process, handed out spreadsheets designed to help the departments make decisions on what they need for next year, and stated the numbers come from department heads.

10. 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.")


(None.)

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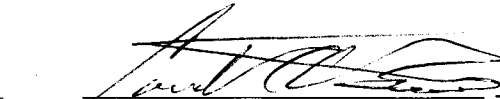
11. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:14 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