



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

August 28, 2019

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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 Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmelzer - Add IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for Law Enforcement Services and Funding. Add appoint Boice to Advanced Health CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee). Put both items after Item 6G.

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Sheriff Ward introduced Brad Alcorn as K-9 training deputy. Alcorn introduced the deputies and their dogs – Deputy Josh Teter and Axel, a Belgian Malinois, and Deputy David Vershal and Stryker, a Labrador. Alcorn also described the dog's certifications. Stryker, who was recently certified, is a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) dog meaning he can search for human beings and is also certified for narcotics detection. Axel is certified for protection, is a Sheriff's Department dog, and is still in training. Gold asked about how long will the Odogs will be functional. Paasch asked about the relationship between dog & deputy. Boice thanked Alcorn for volunteering. Ward spoke about donations the Department has received, which are about \$25,000.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe read a statement in support of declaring the housing emergency, specifically, the impact of housing on homeless people, the effect on retaining jobs, the problems effecting law enforcement and decreasing local safety nets. Connie Hunter congratulated and praised Paasch and Boice for their work on veterans and housing, respectively, and spoke about the OVA (Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs) 5 year strategic plan. David Barnes spoke about the Emergency Housing Resolution urging caution as he feels declaring a housing emergency will be more detrimental than beneficial to the county. Barnes, citing statistics supporting his point of view, suggested not taking any action today on the issue. Tim Palmer spoke about the last two (2) lines of the resolution and the impact on zoning changes in unincorporated areas stating the zoning is there to discourage unlimited

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development, intended to avoid urban sprawl, and has served the citizens well. Joy Wolf asked if there was a way to protect zoning in rural areas and recommended focus on more urban areas. Mike Burns spoke about chronic homeless veterans who cannot be helped due to background investigations. He also spoke about the need to increase wages so rents can be more affordable.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - Business Meeting August 7, 2019
- B. Order: Revised Job Description – Code Enforcement Officer
- C. Renew CCH (Curry Community Health) Grant for the Juvenile Department

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution: Rogue Siskiyou Regional Fire & Emergency Training Center – Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management and Tyson Krieger, Chief Gold Beach Fire Department

Jeremy Dumire displayed pictures and spoke about the history of this project. Dumire also spoke about the need for a fire training facility, the advantages of the proposed location at the Champion Mill Site on Jerry's Flat Road (helicopters can land there), the benefits the proposed facility will bring to the region, and possible funding sources for the project. Tyson Krieger stated they are not asking the Board for funding, but they are asking for a nod of support from the Board. Krieger also stated the initial training proposal is concentrating on training for certain jobs that now involve travel to Salem or Redmond or Sisters adding he believes in hands on training.

Boice said the State may have funding to purchase this property.

The Board also discussed Cape Blanco airport and a big event emergency.

Paasch stated we do need to add 400 ft for taxi approach. Gold spoke about the possibility of getting state and federal funds to do necessary upgrades on airport. Dumire observed there was a gas tax on aviation fuel which helped Grant County build their airport.

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

- B. Support for Our Military and Veteran Caregivers Resolution – Commissioner Paasch
Paasch stated he is proud to be part of NACo (National Association of Counties) as they are interested in veterans. Paasch also spent time with Yazmin Alfonso, Manager of City and Community Initiatives, Elizabeth Dole Foundation and showed the video put produced by the Dole Foundation. He concluded asking the Board to support the resolution as it will strengthen the Dole Foundation's voice in Washington.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to support our military and veteran caregivers. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. BOC Meetings Schedule for 2019 – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer offered two (2) calendars – a calendar showing meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month and another calendar showing meetings on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Gold stated she is OK with either calendar, but the calendar showing 1st & 3rd meetings of the month would be more efficient for the staff. Boice likes where it is right now and prefers the calendar showing 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Paasch stated we could get to two (2) meetings per month,

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suggested three (3) meetings a month for a couple more months, and then re-address this in the Fall.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to accept the calendar showing meetings on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays of the month and re-visit in the Fall. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution: Emergency Housing Declaration – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated the housing issues affect every part of our culture here, is hoping for approval today, noted we need middle income housing, and observed we are lucky to have Schmelzer who has a lot of background in this. Gold stated she has received several calls from people in unincorporated areas, is not sure if an emergency resolution is the way to go, would like to look at the whole thing further, and is in favor of putting it off today. Schmelzer stated the resolution would put DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) on alert to Curry County proposing some things which are generally not allowed in Oregon. For example, allowing ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Unit) outside of urban growth boundaries. Schmelzer also stated there will be a housing workshop on August 28, 2019, where staff will present some of these ideas. Huttel gave his legal analysis of the resolution stating the resolution requests Governor Brown to make a declaration and provide assistance to help with all of these things. Paasch went over parts of the resolution line by line, stated there is a shortage of clean healthy habitable housing in this County, observed the County has a lot of safety codes not followed, and commented how the housing issues impact the economic growth and well-being of the county.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve the resolution declaring a housing emergency in Curry County. Motion carried 2 to 1. (Paasch, Yes; Boice, Yes; Gold, No)

E. Forensic Audit – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch praised Barnes and stated he had asked Barnes, who is a certified internal auditor, to do some work for the county. Paasch stated he met with Barnes, reviewed the results, and concluded there is no need, at this time, to move forward with a forensic audit.

F. Wage Study – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated the County has not looked at job descriptions and wages in some time. Sharlyn Harvey, Finance Director, stated we need to show we're competitive, noted wages here are lower, and stated a wage study would allow a market competitive wage at a regionally appropriate level. She added since the last study was done in 2002, a professional wage study allows us to put our best foot forward. Paasch asked who would do study and what is the cost. Gold asked if there are grants available for this process. Harvey acknowledged there are, but there is a cost.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to proceed with a wage study if cost is under \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Appoint Tourism Promotion Committee Member to North County Position

Schmelzer introduced Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant, who will work closely with the Tourism Promotions Committee. Schmelzer also asked the Board to appoint Dianne Schofield.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold to appoint Diane Schofield to the Tourism Promotions Committee, north county position. Motion carried unanimously.

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H. IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with SCINT (South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team) Law Enforcement Services and Funding.

Schmelzer described the history of the Sheriff's Department and SCINT.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve SCINT order. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Appoint Boice to Advanced Health CAC

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to appoint Boice to the Advanced Health CAC. Motion carried unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

The OVA (Oregon Department of Aviation) meeting he attended yesterday;

A conference call with Merv George, Forest Supervisor on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest;

Going to Washington DC, subject to Board approval. He will pay for own airfare, will come to the Board with lodging, maybe some meals, at the next meeting, and will have full report;

The forest collaborative program and hazardous fuel reduction;

Fire training center presentation;

Meeting with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) rep on Monday August 19, 2019; and

His concern with SWOCC (Southwest Oregon Community College) advisory committee.

B. Commissioner Gold spoke about SWOCC

The ad hoc committee which is not an advisory committee, stated no one was appointed, and noted the Committee's work on coming up with seminars and

She feels SWOCC is trying to move in the right direction.

C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

His meeting with Dr. Bunn, Executive Dean of Curry Campus, SWOCC;

The lack of response from the SWOCC Board to the Curry County Board of Commissioners letter request to plan a meeting;

Not looking forward to a continuing action against the SWOCC;

Asking SWOCC to contact the Curry County Board of Commissioners us;

His concern about how much from money earmarked for Curry County stayed in Curry County and how much went to Coos County.

Congressman Peter DeFazio end of August town hall meeting schedule.

His contact with Kris Pratt, Legislative Director, Congressman DeFazio office.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ORS 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

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Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. and exited at 12:20 p.m.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to direct staff to approve all hire orders with completed background checks, as discussed. Motion carried unanimously

Paasch asked Huttel to proceed as directed.

10. HIRE ORDERS


- A. New Hire: Road Department – Maintenance and Construction Worker I (2 hires)
- B. New Hire: District Attorney’s Office - Department Specialist
- C. Transfer: Economic Development - Economic Development Assistant
- D. Transfer: Community Development - Community Development Assistant


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.”)

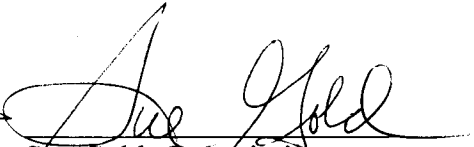
12. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Dated this day 28th of August , 2019.


Christopher S Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice Chair 9/1/19


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant