



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
September 18, 2019

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES September 4, 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 Hutt, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Commissioner Boice gave the report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 6E for further discussion.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

David Barnes spoke about ransomware attacks and asked if Curry County has taken any steps to protect ourselves. Gene Clausen spoke about the history of County Fairs in Coos and Curry counties, encouraged commissioners to get horseshoes in the 2020 Fair, and suggested need for new members on the Fair Board to fill the three (3) positions expiring December 31, 2019.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition: 5 Year Service Award Summer Matteson – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer praised Matteson's job performance, time spent after hours helping the community, and concluded Matteson is a great example of Curry County employees. Matteson stated she has a most rewarding job and is really grateful for it.

B. Recognition: 20 Year Service Award Michael Lang – Sheriff Ward

Sheriff Ward praised Parole and Probation Deputy Lang stating he is a great employee and has a heavy workload. Lang stated he appreciates Ward's comments and concluded it is great to work in the county.

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C. Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Month – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer encouraged the Board to pass the proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention Month. Paasch read the proclamation which includes establishing a Curry County Suicide Prevention Council. Boice praised Gordon Clay's efforts, spoke of an event on September 14, 2019 giving information to help prevent veteran's suicide, and asked for donations. Clay read suicide statistics showing suicide is the leading cause of death in Oregon and parts of northern California for certain age groups. Clay also stated a newspaper insert about suicide warning signs is in the process of being distributed. Connie Hunter read a document asking for more support for veterans and their families, emphasized the need to look at where the holes in the safety net are, observed these are complex issues, and encouraged citizens to call the VA (Veterans Affairs).

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, proclaiming September 2019 Suicide Prevention Month and establishing a Suicide Council. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve: Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Job Description Community Development
- B. Approve: CCH (Curry Community Health) Amendment to Current Public Health IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) #159808
- C. Approve: Repealing Order No. 20470 Parks
- D. Order: Retaining Land Parcels for Future Evaluation as County Park and Recreation Facilities Parks
- E. IGA's (Intergovernmental Agreement) for Curry County Dispatch Services for FY 19-20 Sheriff

Boice spoke about agenda Item 6E and suggested considering 2 year IGA's for dispatch services. Ward explained an annual dispatch services contract will allow timelier rate calculation.

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Veteran's Loan Forgiveness – Commissioner Paasch
Paasch spoke about President Trump signing a memo and an article from August 22, 2019 impacting student loan debt specifically for veterans who are permanently disabled. Paasch encouraged disabled veterans in Curry County to apply for the program. Gold remarked it will relieve stress level.

B. Road Fund and Funding Community Projects – Commissioner Paasch
Christensen addressed the history of the road fund and its long term benefits, specifically, funds allocated to the Sheriff's Department, various other county departments, and maintaining county roads. Christensen also spoke about the consequences of the ongoing depletion of the road funds which, if unchecked, will leave the road fund with a \$0 balance in less than 10 years. Christensen recommends more restrictions for road funds. Paasch, citing the benefits to the County, also raised the possibility of lending road funds to hasten the start of the Brookings Emergency Room project as state funding for the project results in a very low risk loan for the County, the County will be earning a higher interest rate compared to what the County Treasury earns, and the Emergency Room will be open sooner, rather than later. Paasch emphasized the need for the

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Board to be very good stewards about the road fund, to make sure all i's are dotted and all t's are crossed, to not cut any corners on this, and to comply with the process. Paasch stated this discussion is still in the beginning stages, and he would like to look at it further, specifically, open a dialogue with the CEO of the Hospital, involve the Hospital Board, and check with the State as he is looking for highest rate of return and the best guarantee. Boice spoke about money going to the State and not coming to counties, stated we may see, down the road, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) working directly with Counties, observed the road fund lending guidelines are so restrictive it results in an unrealistic approach, and suggested Representative David Brock Smith's comments at the August 28, 2019 Business Meeting in Brookings about getting money back to the county may be a solution. Gold, referring to ordinance 18-07, strongly emphasized following all procedures and not fast tracking the loan process. Gold stressed the Board has a fiduciary responsibility. Citizen David Barnes stated he disagrees with Paasch as he sees a good chance for the State to change and urges extreme caution. Barnes also stated he does not believe the ordinance (18-07) is that onerous because there are a number of steps that should be taken, and the process is long for a reason. Schmelzer stated the process is not cumbersome and remarked the ordinance requires (1) an application fee of \$1,000 to get started and (2) a public hearing.

The Board consensus was to move forward, follow the process, and get more formalized details on the issue.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about the Strategic Plan update and workshop in October; Deputy Code Enforcement Officer hiring process; and the draft Credit Card Policy.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Gold spoke about SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) weekly seminar starting Thursday, September 5, 2019, on dog behaviors.
- B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about the situation with the VA's apparent problems and clinic in Brookings, and contact with Representative Peter DeFazio's office about getting the Rogue River cleaned out.
- C. Commissioner Boice spoke about a note from Gary Milliman, City Manager Emeritus City of Brookings; Emergency Management Plan for when an emergency occurs as he just wants to be ready; a report he will give at the September 18, 2019 meeting of the status of his 18 point plan, outlined in January, 2017; the Friday September 6, 2019, Brookings & Gold Beach High School football game; Housing summit technical difficulties; the huge cost of county cell phones stating his is hardly ever used and suggested getting a better plan; the Rogue River boat rides for veteran's being done without public funds and thanked participants for their donations; future meetings he will be attending; and getting money back to the counties.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORS 192.660(2)(f)&(h) information not subject to disclosure and likely litigation
ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. and exited at 11:57 a.m.

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Staff to proceed as directed.

11. HIRE ORDERS

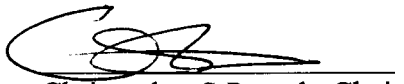
(None.)

12. 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.")

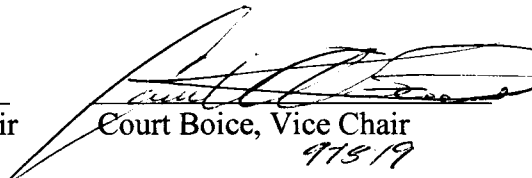
13. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 11:57a.m.

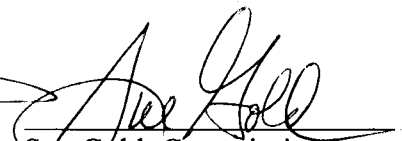
Dated this 18th day of September, 2019.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair


9/18/19

Court Boice, Vice Chair



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant