

# CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved**

February 1, 2023

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

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**January 4, 2023**

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herzog at 9:03 a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog, Commissioner Brad Alcorn, and Commissioner Court Boice (*via GoToMeeting*).

Also Present: Legal Counsel Ted Fitzgerald and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

### 2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Herzog - add Agenda Item Commissioner Comments between Agenda Items 7 and 8

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried 2-0 (Alcorn – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Boice – did not vote due to technical difficulties).

### 3. ELECTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OFFICERS FOR 2023

Boice nominated Herzog for Chair and Alcorn for Vice Chair.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Alcorn to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Barnes welcomed Alcorn to the Board.

Brent Thompson spoke about changing BOPTA (Board of Property Tax Appeals) appointments from one (1) year to four (4) years.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Business Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022
- B. Approve Employee Credit Card Limit Increase
- C. Adoption of Curry County Local Contract Review Board Rules
- D. Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA)
- E. County Assessor and County Clerk Retirement
- F. Adoption of Board of Commissioners Agenda Procedures
- G. No-Charge Retainer Agreement with American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)
- H. Approval of Task Order 2 with Portland State University (PSU) for Salary Study
- I. Teamsters 206 Employers Plan AAVR Agreement
- J. Teamsters 206 Oregon Teamsters Employees Trust (OTET) Agreement

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- K. Pay Increase – A. Rhodes
- L. Accepting HAF + WRCF Grant to Fund a New Emergency Manager
- M. Order – Interim Planning Director Authority
- N. Supplemental Budget - Building department

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

- A. Rescinding Ordinance 20-03 and Disbanding Failed Housing Committee – David Barnes, Treasurer

A discussion with Alcorn, Barnes, Boice, and Herzog about the history of the Housing Committee established by Ordinance 20-03 followed.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to rescind ordinance 20-03. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Accepting Curry Health Foundation Grant for the Aquatic Safety Program – Luke Martinez, Aquatic Safety Officer

In addition to being thankful, Martinez spoke about the history of grants, equipment, and lifesaving programs.

No motion made.

- C. Mandatory Notification of Emergency Management Department upon Discovering a Disaster or Emergency – Monica Ward, Emergency Management Director

A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, Herzog, and Ward about the request ensued.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to approve the new ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Declaring a Local Emergency in Curry County for the December 2022 Storms - Monica Ward, Emergency Management Director

A discussion with Alcorn, Fitzgerald, and Ward about the accumulated impact of the December 2022 storms, the potential impact of a storm forecasted for January 4, 2023, and the need to declare a local Emergency Declaration followed.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Boice, declaring a local emergency in Curry County for the December, 2022, storms. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approve Roadmaster Signature Authority for \$31,200 Peterson Cat Quote Purchase and Install Rebuilt Motor for Road Dept 924 Front Loader – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
- Christensen spoke the County crew responding to a downed tree and the equipment breakdown. A detailed lengthy discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Christensen, Fitzgerald, and Herzog about costs, whether to repair or replace, the cause of the problem, and timelines ensued. A determination was made to gather more information and come back on January 18, 2023.

No motion was made.

- F. Approve Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase \$29,580.33 Rapid View Ready Trailer from SWS Equipment for New Storm Drain TV Camera System – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

A lengthy discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Christensen, Fitzgerald, and Herzog about costs, policy change, the history of road department inspection activities, the road fund, and potential litigation ensued. Boice stated he will abstain only because he wants to spend a little more time with County Counsel; he (Boice) thinks he is tuned in to County Counsel's approach; and he (Boice) is just a little uncomfortable to make a vote today until he learns more.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to return the camera and try to recover our cost. Motion carried 2-0 (Alcorn - Yes; Herzog – Yes; Boice – Abstain).

AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6F AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6G, HERZOG RECOGNIZED -

- Jim Kolen, County Assessor, and Renee Kolen, County Clerk, who had announced their retirement. Both spoke fondly of their work with the County.
- John T. Jezuit, Administrative Assistant, for five (5) years of service.

- G. 2023 Commissioner Liaison List – Ted Fitzgerald, County Counsel

Fitzgerald spoke about the list of liaison positions. A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, and Herzog followed.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to appoint these liaison positions. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. After-Action Report on Vehicle Purchases – Ted Fitzgerald, County Counsel

A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, and Herzog about county vehicles, auctioning county vehicles, and surplus equipment ensued. A determination was made to continue the discussion on January 18, 2023.

- I. Discussion – Update – Addition(s) Recommended to the 2020 Curry County Strategic Plan - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about amending the Curry County Strategic Plan. A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, and Herzog followed.

AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6I, THE AGENDA ITEM 6H DISCUSSION CONTINUED.

Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, Herzog, and R. Kolen spoke about department head involvement, public entities, and procedures.

- J. Discussion – Curry County Consider Requesting the Governor and 2023 Legislature Repeal

Ballot Measure 110 – Ask for 110 and Treatment Alternatives - Commissioner Boice

Boice stated he is looking for direction from the Board. A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Fitzgerald, and Herzog about the impact of Measure 110, especially on underaged populations; homeless encampments; OHA (Oregon Health Authority); costs, addiction; risks; and historical trends ensued.

- K. Roles of County Commissioners – Brad Alcorn, Commissioner

Alcorn spoke about communication; three (3) principles – (a) follow the law, (b) follow county policy, (c) be ethical and transparent; bringing consistency to our leadership; and responsibility.

- L. Approve Brad Alcorn to Attend AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) County College – Brad Alcorn, Commissioner

Motion by to approve Alcorn to attend the AOC county college, seconded by Herzog. Motion carried 2 – 0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; and Alcorn – Abstain).

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AT 11AM**

AGENDA ITEM 7A WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

A. Updates to County Fees

B. Public Hearing Regarding Amendments to Article Six, Division Six of County Code Fitzgerald read the titles of Agenda Items 7B and 7C Ordinances and stated 7C is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

No motion was made on Agenda Item 7B.

C. Public Hearing Regarding Changes to County Code

AGENDA ITEM 8 ADDED.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

A. Commissioner Alcorn spoke about - -

- His office location and schedule and
- Security threat assessment.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about - -

- Rogue River issues;
- Cole Rivers fish hatchery repairs;
- New District Ranger in Gold Beach;
- South Coast Lumber; and
- An article about law enforcement suicide.

C. Commissioner Herzog spoke about the entry doors on the annex.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

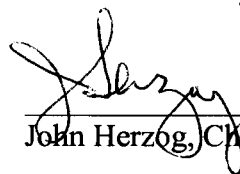
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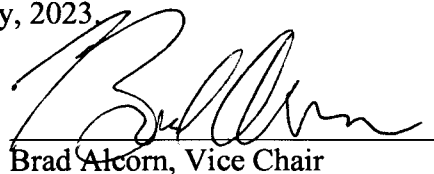
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**10. ADJOURN**

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2023.

  
John Herzog, Chair

  
Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair

  
Court Boice Commissioner  
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Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant