



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

March 1, 2023

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 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 9:01a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog and Vice Chair Brad Alcorn.

Also present: County Counsel Ted Fitzgerald and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

Pastor Rory LeGuee said a prayer.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Fitzgerald - Pull Agenda Items 5B and 5C

Fitzgerald – Add approval of the Curry Public Transit Development Plan as Agenda Item 4I

Herzog – Add appointing a Commissioner to represent Curry County at the AOCC (Association of Oregon and California Counties) meetings after Agenda Item 5A.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to approve Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Mary Rowe spoke about the vacant Commissioner position and endorsed former Commissioner Paasch and Mary Pat Luetke-Stahlman. County Treasurer David Barnes, speaking as a private citizen, spoke about number of elected officials who have been appointed. Joy May spoke about selecting a new member for the Board and endorsed Bret Cecil. Elehue Freemon spoke about STR (Short Term Rental) ordinance concerns. Ed Schreiber spoke about his appointment as City of Brookings liaison to Curry County and a potential workforce housing development. Bonnie Paasch spoke about her husband, Christopher Paasch, and his work as a Commissioner on the courthouse. Thena Larteri-Lyons spoke about her heroes, Commissioner selection process, and endorsed former Commissioner Paasch. Gary Carter spoke about the Commissioner selection process and endorsed former Commissioner Paasch. Dällen Nedervelt endorsed former Commissioner Paasch for the vacant Commissioner position.

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4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting January 18, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes Special Meeting January 30, 2023
- C. Approve Minutes Business Meeting February 1, 2023
- D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
- E. Approval of IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between Curry County Emergency Management and Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office – CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) Update
- F. Travel Southern Oregon Coast (TSOC) Grant Award for Aquatic Safety - \$40,000.00
- G. CHN (Curry Health Network) Chemotherapy Treatment Project Letter of Support
- H. USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) 'US Forest Service' Forest Patrol Agreement Renewal

ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Curry Public Transit Development Plan (The plan was heard at the February 1, 2023, business meeting.)

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

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Commissioner Applicant Presentations (5 minutes per person), Interviews, and Selection – Ted Fitzgerald, County Counsel
The people who submitted Letters of Interest are (in alphabetical order) –
Bret Cecil, Val Early, Glenn Falls, David Gauntlett, Teri Hughes, Mary Pat Luetke-Stahlman, James MacDonald, David Mednansky, Christopher Paasch, Karl Popoff, Jay Trost, and David Womack.

Fitzgerald spoke about the process of appointing a Commissioner to fill the vacancy. The following people spoke (in chronological order) about their letter of interest in the Commissioner Position three (3) vacancy - -

- Christopher Paasch
- David Mednansky
- Teri Hughes
- James MacDonald
- Jay Trost
- David Gauntlett
- Val Early
- Glenn Falls
- Karl Popoff

After Karl Popoff spoke and before Bret Cecil spoke, Fitzgerald stated the Board will ask all applicants to come back and answer one (1) question once everybody has made their presentation. (The question is) What are the biggest problems facing Curry County and how will you solve them?

- Bret Cecil
- Mary Pat Luetke-Stahlman

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- David Womack

Using the same order, Fitzgerald, citing a three (3) minute per speaker time limit, asked: What are the biggest problems facing Curry County, and how do you propose to solve them?

- Christopher Paasch
- David Mednansky
- Teri Hughes
- Jay Trost
- David Gauntlett
- Val Early
- Glenn Falls
- Karl Popoff
- Bret Cecil
- Mary Kay Luetke-Stahlman
- David Womack

Of Note: James MacDonald was not present to answer the question.

A discussion with Alcorn and Herzog thanking the people who submitted a letter of interest, selecting a new Commissioner, and providing reasons for choosing a particular person for Commissioner ensued.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Alcorn, to appoint Jay Trost, to the fill the Commissioner Position number three (3) vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed so that Trost could be sworn in by the County Clerk in the Clerk's office.

AGENDA ITEMS 5B AND 5C WERE PULLED.

- ~~B. Roadmaster Signature Authority for \$119,180 Contract with Tidewater Contractors to Deliver 1,790 tons of Chip Rock for 2023 N. County Chip Seal Projects—Richard Christensen, Roadmaster~~
- ~~C. Roadmaster Signature Authority for \$231,790 Contract with Albina Asphalt for 242 tons of Emulsion Oil and 47 tons of Fog Oil for 2023 N. County Chip Seal Projects.~~

AGENDA ITEM 5B WAS ADDED

5B Appoint a Commissioner to AOCC (Association of Oregon and California Counties)

A discussion with Alcorn, Barnes, Fitzgerald, Herzog, and Trost about AOCC, PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) funds, timber receipts, property tax rates, and AOCC meeting schedules followed.

Motion by Alcorn, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Jay Trost as AOCC representative. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Herzog spoke about the --

- Commissioner selection process and
- Work done on the south side of the Sheriff's office

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B. Commissioner Alcorn spoke about

- County College;
- Brookings City Council meeting; and
- Fentanyl usage

C. Commissioner Trost did not have an update.

7. HIRE ORDERS

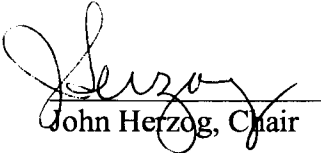
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8. **OTHER** (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

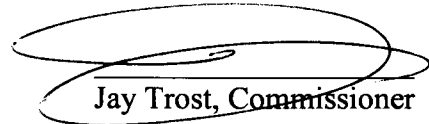
9. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2023


John Herzog, Chair


Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair


Jay Trost, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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