



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**June 12, 2019**

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

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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**April 24, 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. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Schmelzer - Change Agenda Item 6D Emergency Services liaison from Gold to Boice. Add Agenda Item 6E BCRAA (Border Coast Regional Airport Authority) Gold as liaison.

Boice – Add John Hitt contract discussion to Agenda Item 10.

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Youth Pathways Partnership – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Matteson spoke about Gene Merrill's, IVHS (Illinois Valley High School) College & Careers Coordinator, Ford Family Foundation IVHS Career Center CPP (Community Partnership Program) Grant Administrator, qualifications.

Merrill gave presentation stating the basic idea is common sense: "Cost effective. Community based approach to workforce development and bridge to post-secondary success." Merrill's presentation covered the program specifics - History, Costs, Results, Expectations, Results, and Implementation.

Gold asked about funds availability for Curry County, FTE (Full Time Equivalent) credit, and graduation rates.

Paasch stated he supports the program.

Tim Wilson, Superintendent Central Curry School District 1 (Gold Beach), stated he wants to know more and supports the program as well.

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

B. Introduce new Roseburg VA (Veteran's Administration) Director - Commissioner Boice

Connie Hunter spoke about the VA Health Summit, home health, and introduced:

- Sherry Baum, Seeds to Supper Coordinator, who spoke about teaching people how to do low income gardening.
- Jessica Lloyd Rodgers, Chair Roseburg Mental Health Advocacy Council, who stated the Council is meeting once a month in Roseburg and focusing on veterans where the need is most acute: women veterans, aging veterans, homeless veterans, and those involved with the justice system.
- Will Wasson, VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Curry and Coos counties, who spoke about increasing awareness of suicide by better understanding of how to see the warning signs.
- Gary Marquardt, VJO (Veterans Justice Outreach) Coordinator for VA Affairs, who showed a video about veterans helping veterans who were incarcerated.

Boice spoke about new Roseburg VA Director Keith Allen. Paasch spoke about the impact his position with NACo (National Association of Counties) and his possible appointment as the Vice Chair of Veteran Affairs on the National Board will have on rural Oregon.

C. Cooperative Employment with Josephine County: Building Official Position – Julie Schmelzer, DCO (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer stated the County has spent \$190,000 over each of the past 3 years on building services and feels there is a way Josephine County may be able to help with an intern, who has the majority of his credentials as residential, mentored through Mark Stevenson, Interim Community Development Director Josephine County. Schmelzer would like to bring a hire order and an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with Josephine County to the next Board meeting. Stevenson stated he is excited for the opportunity and hopes to bring an electrical inspection program to Curry County. Paasch stated as Curry County is making an investment in the intern, would a promise of a minimum time period here be made. Gold stated looking at the amount of money spent on part time inspectors, this will help us out. Boice stated what the County is paying the part time inspectors is substantially less than what the County was paying the 2, now gone, full time building officials.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold to direct staff to bring hire order and IGA to next meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously

D. Discuss Vision and Goals – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated he wants to have a workshop to discuss the issues, but does not have an official presentation ready. Gold observed since the county is in the process of getting someone to write a strategic plan, have a workshop once the person is on board. Paasch agrees with Boice stating it would be helpful to have a meeting and determine areas that need to be worked on which will give the person a more focused view.

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## 5. QUARTERLY REPORTS

### A. Sheriff's Office

Paasch stated he met with Sheriff Ward yesterday and reported the Sheriff is excited about the communications towers and the Sheriff stated the K-9 unit will be self-funded with four (4) dogs in the years to come – two (2) for protection and two (2) for drugs.

### B. Probation and Parole

(No Report)

### C. Juvenile Department

Wendy Lang gave an update on what has been happening since July, 2018, when she became director. Specifically, improving vehicle usage efficiency, moving staff into one location, more use of electronic ankle monitors, focusing on restorative justice, and working with tribal court. Lang also stated the grant from CCH (Curry Community Health) enables everyone to be accepted for drug & alcohol education. Gold stated she is very impressed with Lang's creativity in budgetary matters to get things done for the kids. Boice stated he hears good things, and Lang has a lot of support.

### D. Emergency Services

Jeremy Dumire spoke about the February and March storms, benefits to Curry County of his recent activities such as attending conferences, getting a Curry County map which has situational awareness on it, training meetings, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer effectiveness, tsunami inundation zone modeling, Curry General Hospital evacuation plans, and upcoming fire season messaging. Boice observed we have not had a major fire in north county, spoke about his visit to an emergency management camp 2 weeks ago, and OEM (Office of Emergency Management), Director Andrew Phelps review of flood damage.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes February 6, 2019 Business Meeting
  - B. BOC Minutes February 20, 2019 Business Meeting
  - C. CAFFA (County Assessment Function Funding Assistance) Grant for 2019-2020
  - D. Assigning a Liaison (Commissioner (*Gold replaced with Boice*)) to Emergency Services
  - E. Re-Hire Order: Taylor Mather, Summer Work Crew, Parks
  - F. CCH (Curry Community Health) Amendment 10 to PH (Public Health) IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) # 154108
- G Appoint Gold to BRCCA airport board -- Item Added*

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

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Brookings Head Start Award of Contract - John Huttl, County Counsel

Huttl stated the contract is not ready to be awarded.

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Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to continue until May 8, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Out of State Travel: NACo (National Association of Counties) Conference, July 2019, Commissioner Paasch**

The NACo annual conference is in Las Vegas this year. Paasch requested hotel fees (3 or 4 nights) for about \$500, \$500 for registration, \$500 for partial mileage; and he spoke about benefits of NACo, especially benefits to veterans. Boice congratulated Paasch on his leadership here. Gold wanted to know if NACo will help with expenses if/when Paasch is vice chair.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve out of state travel for Paasch. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Schmelzer stated:

- She and Sheriff Ward wrote a grant for \$25,000 which was submitted this week. Grant is to give resources to the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team;
- She directed a disclaimer be placed on the county website; and
- The meeting of May 1, 2019 is canceled.

**9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

**A. Commissioner Paasch**

Paasch stated:

- Our law enforcement department is the shining star in the county due to Sheriff Ward's leadership;
- He is working with someone in who may be willing to donate a piece of property in south county. We would be able to put low cost housing on it for veterans and families. He is looking for grants and looking to bring back resources to the county.

**B. Commissioner Boice**

Boice stated:

- He has a lot of notes he hasn't gotten back to, and he will give a better, more lengthy, report down the road;
- He will have a PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) report;
- AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) will be here on May 21<sup>st</sup> ;
- He has worked with Senators Merkley and Wyden; and
- He recommends waiting until May 8, 2019 to open Bear Camp Road.

**C. Commissioner Gold**

Gold stated she is:

- Pretty excited about Youth Pathways Partnership presentation;
- Working on getting 3 free buses which can be used to transport students;
- Looking forward to the education workshop on June 12, 2019

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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192.660 (2) (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 1:02 p.m and exited at 1:23 p.m.  
Staff is to proceed as directed.

Chair Paasch re-entered Executive Session at 2:56 p.m. and exited at 3:09 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

**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.")**

John Hitt Contract Discussion Commissioner Boice:

Boice praised Hitt's qualifications, stated Hitt has a contract and has another contract pending, and stated the pending contract is to aid Planning Director Becky Crockett, and part time Planner, Nancy Chester. Paasch stated we need to be mindful of Hitt's projects, inquired about the need for Hitt's and Chester's services, and suggested bringing this back in a couple of weeks. Gold asked about progress in digitizing files.

Crockett:

- Stated the 2 main issues facing the Community Development Department are (1) answering the public's questions and (2) processing building applications;
- Advised, based on the needs of the department, Hitt does not have Oregon land use experience and Nancy Chester does.
- Stated the department has not yet begun digitizing files.


Wolf Advisory Committee:


Boice advised he knows of two (2) people who are interested. Schmelzer stated the Board discussed the ordinance and asked if a joint committee with Coos County was possible. It is not. The ordinance will be brought back to Board.

**12. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch originally adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m., opened the meeting back up for Executive Session, and then exited Executive Session and closed the meeting for the day at 3:09 p.m.

Dated this day <sup>12</sup>th of June, 2019.

  
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Christopher Paasch, Chair

  
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Court Boice, Vice Chair  
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Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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