



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

August 14, 2019

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 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 Huttel, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gold requested to change the order of the presentations by moving 4D & 4C to the first two (2) items of agenda topic 4. Boice removed 5D for a comment. Paasch removed 6A Asphalt Zipper Grinder and indicated it would be discussed at a future meeting.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Clausen talked about the 2019 County Fair. Specifically, he praised Nikki Sparks, Fair Manager, the Motor Court air quality improvement, and the dramatic increase in land product entries over the past three years. Connie Hunter spoke about the veteran's health care summits, having a military sexual drama treatment facility, and asked Boice to be on the Advanced Health Citizen's Advisory Council. Kelly Timchak, Kelly@currywatershed.org, Coordinator, spoke about the Lower Rogue Watershed Council, who they represent, the decades of data they have collected, their testing for E Coli on a weekly basis for safe swim areas, and the monthly meetings, open to the public, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Gold Rush Building 3:30 to 5 pm.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclaiming August 17, 2019 Clear the Shelters Day – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer introduced Penny Hudgens who spoke about the history of Pennies for Pooches to the Wild Animal Rescue name change, the need for volunteers as the goal is to be open seven (7) days a week, and currently they are open Tuesdays to Saturdays 10 am through 4 pm. Paasch read the proclamation.

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Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to declare August 17, 2019 *Clear the Shelters Day*. Motion carried unanimously.

B. State of the Rogue River - Commissioner Paasch

Paasch showed drone footage of the Rogue River which reveals the shoaling caused by rock coming down river over the last several years, and, spoke about the economic impact on fishing, tourism, and recreation. Paasch also reported on what is being done to resolve the issue, specifically, his conversations with Representative Peter DeFazio's Office. DeFazio will be requesting help from the US Department of Transportation which oversees the USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers). He also spoke of a meeting with Alex Campbell, Region Solutions of the Governors Office, and Jack Akin EMC, Engineers/Scientists, LLC to apprise them of the severity of the issue. Larry Prestininzi of Lex's Landing spoke about the chain reaction started by the decrease in volume of river water which allows rock to increase exponentially, resulting in decreasing channel depth and increasing water temperature that then contributes to decreasing fishing opportunities. Sheriff Ward agreed with Prestininzi and predicted the problems will affect tourism, too. Boice also echoed Prestininzi's comments, stated the gravel and its impact on the river is a disaster; stated he has a lot of concerns; commented on the Chetco River estuary; and added he would like to see Steve Beyerlin's report on the river. Gold asked about dredging for the Chetco River. Timchak stated the Lower Rogue Watershed has been collecting data along with the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) and would share the data.

C. Anthony Voudy, VSO (Veterans Service Officer), 5 year Anniversary - Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer praised Tony Voudy's work, results, and congratulated him on five (5) years of service.

D. Vicki Scott, Parole & Probation Deputy, 10 Year Anniversary – Sheriff Ward

Sheriff Ward said he was honored to work with Vicki Scott stating she has a high case load and represents the face of the Sheriff's office. Ms. Scott was present, and the Sheriff presented her with a certificate.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - Business Meeting July 10, 2019
- B. BOC Minutes – Special Meeting July 24, 2019
- C. BOC Minutes – Business Meeting July 24, 2019
- D. Extend Building Inspection IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the City of Brookings
Boice wanted to highlight the efforts going into this as it is an example of cities and counties working together. Boice also appreciates work Schmelzer has done.
- E. Subscription Agreement Teamsters 223 Sheriff (Health Insurance)
- F. Subscription Agreement for Non-Represented Employees (Health Insurance)
- G. Amendment # 2, Extending Deadline for the Brookings Head Start Project
- H. Moss-Adams Strategic Plan Contract

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- I. Hire Order Plumbing Inspector Irregular Employee – Julian Savedra – MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- J. Hire Orders, Pending Background Checks, Maintenance and Construction Worker 1 – Jeffrey Bonotto and Jessie Bond – MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- K. Hire Order, Pending Background Check, Maintenance and Construction Worker II – Weston Robbins – MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- L. Hire Order Assistant Veteran Services Officer Irregular Employee – Adali Pitman - MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- M. Job Description for Assistant Facilities Maintenance Director

Huttl stated the Board must review background checks and asked Items I, J, K, & L be discussed during the Executive Session to go over pertinent information. Schmelzer stated there was concern about the number of people the County is hiring; however, for the most part, many of the people being hired are for existing, budgeted positions.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the consent agenda (without I, J, K, & L) as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS - Julie Schmelzer, DOC (unless otherwise noted)

- A. ~~Amend Budget Line Item, Join HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council), and Purchase Asphalt Zipper Grinder – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster~~ PULLED
- B. SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) Costs and Revenues – Commissioner Paasch

Citizen David Barnes stated he went to the SWOCC Board meeting on July 15, 2019 and a short time later he spoke to Dean Bunn, Dean for the Curry Campus. Barnes also observed the Curry Campus SWOCC budgets have been decreasing for the past four years due to Curry County's small client base; however, based on his conversation with Dean Bunn, the County is getting attention. Paasch stated he was glad to see all three Board members at the July 15, 2019, SWOCC meeting, observed we need proper teachers to teach academic courses as he doesn't feel high school teachers are qualified to teach at the college level, believes in more vocational programs, and is concerned the County, for the amount of tax dollars sent to SWOCC, does not get a proper return. Paasch also stated he wants to work with the campus and would like a workshop meeting with the Board, a member of SWOCC's Executive Board, and a SWOCC accountant to discuss possible remedies to the situation. Gold stated the voters voted the district in, observed some things are being done and stated the Board cannot dictate anything to any district and does not have the authority to set SWOCC's curriculum. Boice stated he appreciates the discussion is going on, would like SWOCC to know the Commissioner's fierce concern for the taxpayers, and asked are the county was at risk of losing the SWOCC Curry Campus. Citizen Connie Hunter spoke about the lack of services Curry County is getting compared to the amount of taxes collected.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to send a letter to SWOCC requesting they send someone from their Executive Board and someone from their accounting department to meet with the Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

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C. Tsunami Siren Funding Resolution - Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management Coordinator

Dumire summarized his July 24, 2019, presentation to the Board stating the current sirens are made for a distant event, most of the sirens do not work, the units are expensive to repair, the sirens cover about 15% of the coast, and concluded by asking the Board to no longer support tsunami sirens.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the resolution not to fund tsunami sirens. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Private Property Sale Proposal for Jensen and Garman

Schmelzer summarized proposal.

Motion by Boice, seconded Gold, to approve property sale with an order to follow at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Private Property Sale Proposal for Bakkensen

Schmelzer described the size of the property and noted the applicant's request for a reduced application fee. Huttl advised the fee is based on the amount of staff work needed to process an application and is the same amount of work regardless of the size or value of the property.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve property sale with an order to follow at a later date and with no reduction in fee. Motion carried unanimously.

F. AllCare Health Grant Award for SCINT (South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team)

Schmelzer spoke about SCINT's work with the Sheriff's department regarding people selling drugs. In the past the county has not contributed to this. However, to bring more attention to this issue, AllCare has given a grant for one half the cost of the public education portion.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to accept grant from Allcare. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Summary of Property Tax Collections for FY (Fiscal Year) Ending June 30, 2019

Schmelzer indicated the report was required, and, stated that, if needed, any questions can be discussed in detail in a workshop with Jim Kolen, County Assessor.

H. Appoint Member to the Tourism Promotion Committee to the North County Position

Schmelzer asked the Board to approve Chris Hawthorne's application.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice to appoint Chris Hawthorne to the Tourism Promotion Committee, north county position with term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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I. Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Grant Award for the Strategic Plan

Schmelzer asked Board for approval.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to accept grant from Coos-curry Electric Cooperative.
Motion carried unanimously

J. Realtors Association/Smart Growth Grant Award for the Strategic Plan

Schmelzer asked Board for approval.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to accept grant from Realtors Association. Motion carried unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about the new CCH (Curry Community Health) Guide and handout designed for the public; a candidate for the TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) & Business License position will be presented as an order next week; Code Enforcement needs somebody to do the clerical work; the County's need for a wage study to help resolve pay inequity issues, the Finance Director talked about and will be working on LGIP (Local Government Investment Pools) programs and their possible use in the County; and, Huttel's nomination to Who's Who of America which is a nationwide recognition.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Gold:

- Being very pleased to see planning for future expenses;
- SWOCC having more stringent credential standards than OIT (Oregon Institute of Technology) for teachers doing dual credit college courses;
- SWOCC working on MOU (Memo of Understanding) with Brookings Harbor High School for a welding program; and
- Her working with ad hoc committee of community members on a curriculum that will be of interest to the community.

B. Commissioner Paasch:

- The importance of letting constituents know the county is paying attention to how and where the money is being spent properly;
- Possibly changing meeting schedule. Specifically meet on 2nd Wednesdays of the month, rather than on 3rd Wednesdays of the month; and
- The Elizabeth Dole Foundation which sponsors a program, 'Hidden Heroes', that recognizes the people who are caregivers to veterans. He would like the Board to join the program sponsored by the Foundation.

C. Commissioner Boice:

- A news release about predicted lightning activity;

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- Going into fire season with great optimism;
- His meetings with South Coast Lumber and the Forest Collaborative;
- Vietnam War Memorial donations;
- He will be asking the Board for permission to produce a video on housing for veterans and workforce housing; and
- Healthcare being the largest employer in the county.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660 (2) (a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. and exited at 11:46 a.m.

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


10. 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.")

11. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 11:47a.m.

Dated this day '14th of August, 2019.


 Christopher Paasch, Chair


 Court Boice, Vice Chair 8/14/19


 Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant