



## **CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Approval Date:**

**February 19, 2020**

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

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### **WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**December 18, 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:02 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttli, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

Absent: Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### **2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT**

Commissioner Boice gave report.

#### **3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Huttli – Add Executive Session 192.660(2) (e)

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

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lucie LaBonte spoke about the Fair Board expressing concern about two (2) women who have resigned and asked what the County's grievance procedure is because the Fair Manager was a County employee. David Barnes spoke about the afternoon session of the last meeting (December 11, 2019) stating he was highly incensed about the critical comments made by Boice in reference to volunteers not working because they do not get paid. Boice apologized stating the way his statement came out was not what he meant. Nick Brandt addressed the Board stating this will be Brandt Media's final meeting. Brandt spoke about Brandt Media's history with the County citing the number of meetings broadcast, technical enhancements, and improvements made since the beginning of the contract.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Appoint: Two (2) Safety Committee Members
- B. Approve: Roadmaster Request for Board Approval of Task Order #16 for County Contract Engineer Dyer Partnership to Engineer a Curry County Road Department Six Year Road Capital Improvement Plan
- C. Approve: Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Amendment to Communications Facility Sublease

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

## **6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve: Travel to NACO (National Association of Counties) Annual Conference in Washington DC, Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch stated he will pay for airfare and per diem.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve Paasch travel to Washington DC. Motion carried unanimously

B. Approve: Ordinance Establishing a CARES (Curry Amateur Radio Emergency Services) Committee – Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management Services Manager  
Dumire stated in Curry County we do not have a group of amateur operators who work in coordination with Emergency Managers which proved to be a significant deficit during the Chetco Bar Fire in 2017. Dumire introduced Andy Gagliardo, a member of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club and a volunteer Harbor Fire Department firefighter, who spoke about the benefits to the County if this ordinance is passed. A discussion followed adding specific details to the ordinance and addressing ordinance implementation.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold to approve an emergency ordinance establishing a Curry County Amateur Radio Emergency Services committee. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve: Order to Designate County Owned Properties as County Park Lands – Commissioner Paasch

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve this proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve: Request for Proposals: 2019-2020 Audit – Sharlyn Harvey, Finance Director  
Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve request for proposals for the 2019-2020 audit.  
Motion carried unanimously

E. Discuss: Rogue River Fisheries Restoration – Commissioner Paasch and Steve Beyerlin, Consultant

Beyerlin spoke about his qualifications, explained in great detail his work, spoke about a meeting with Josephine and Curry Counties, talked about changes in the fish population and the consequences of the dam construction built without an apron. A discussion ensued with comments on the cost of the economic damage due to the fisheries decline, a possible meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January to move forward, asking Jackson County to participate as this is not a legal action but a partnership, and meeting with the USACE (United States Army Corp of Engineers).

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve the draft and send it to Josephine County and add Jackson County to the draft of this restoration project and direct staff to add a letter to Jackson County stating this is not a legal action but to join us in a partnership for policies and corrections of some issues with the river and fisheries. Motion carried unanimously.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING – 9:15AM**

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**A. Department Fee Changes**

Huttl gave an overview of the process used to set fees. The hearing was open for Public comment. There were no Public comments. Becky Crockett, Planning Department Director, spoke about the planning department fees noting some were increased and some were decreased. Josh Hopkins, Parks Director spoke about the fee changes in Parks. Boice stated he is not ready to vote on this today due to push back from the public on some of our other taxing district issues and the proposed absentee-owner registration ordinance.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve fee schedule as presented. Motion carried 2-1 Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; and Boice, No. [9:19 to 9:34]

**8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

**A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about**

- His frustration with the House of Representatives allowing hearsay testimony
- The staff and thanked them for all their hard work.
- The Board's achievements this past year and the resulting feeling of accomplishment.

**B. Commissioner Boice spoke about**

- Impeachment and the division in the country right now
- Trying to do his best to pull the county together.
- Trying to slow down the new Curry County courthouse as most citizens don't know how we can afford it.
- The amount of money squandered by the county during his first 2 years on the Board and his opposition to it.
- His recent trip to Washington DC.
- Housing focus
- Recovery
- The issues he thinks are the most important facing the county.

**C. Commissioner Gold spoke about**

- Agreeing with Paasch's comments about a lot of hard working employees.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 11:07 a.m. and recessed at 11:45 a.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

**10. HIRE ORDERS**

**A. FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Decrease in Hours- Facilities**

Motion by Boice, to seconded by Gold, to approve hire order. Motion carried unanimously.

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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.")

**12. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 2/19/20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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