



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**April 29, 2020**

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

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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:01 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Legal Counsel John HuttI, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### 2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report.

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

Schmelzer – Add Executive Session 192.660 (2)(a)

Schmelzer - Revise Item 6D and add order

Paasch -- Remove item 7C.

HuttI - Add Executive Sessions 192.660(2) (f) & (h)

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

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gordon Clay spoke about suicide statistics during 2018 for the nation and Curry County and announced today is the inaugural meeting of the Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council at 5PM in the Blue Room.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

A. U.S. Veterans Wreaths Across America – Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Don Bemis, Vietnam Veteran. Bemis gave a history of the program which started in 1992, has grown nationwide, and stated the Brookings cemetery will be participating location.

Boice spoke about Arlington National cemetery and stated Bemis is looking for volunteers. Paasch thanked Bemis for his service and work for veterans. Gold commented she appreciates Bemis's efforts. Schmelzer noted the Juvenile Department may have volunteers to help place wreaths.

B. Curry Kids – “Safety City” Presentation – Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced George Palicki who gave an overview of the Brookings based program, showed a short DVD of the three (3) week program, brought program handouts, and encouraged sponsors.

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C. Draft Curry County Strategic Plan (Includes Discussion) Moss-Adams  
Schmelzer gave an overview of sources used to date, specifically, input from employees, community, and county management, stated some changes made by county management were not put into final plan, commented on how the Strategic Plan will evolve after adoption, and concluded the goal is to approve the Plan at the February 19, 2020 Board meeting. Colleen Rozillis, Senior Manager, Moss Adams Business Consulting Services – Strategy and Operations, spoke about the monthly time line used to get to this point in the process, read and elaborated the five (5) main points of the Plan as it stands now, and spoke about the Plan’s performance indicators. Gold asked about the number of respondents and core services. Boice asked about mandated services, economic growth, and tourism, and stated he does not want to lose sight of the natural resources we have. Boice also stated the County is a big ship, the Board’s job is to turn the ship around, and for that the Board needs a plan. Boice concluded the Plan is certainly worth a try. Huttl spoke about the formulation of the Plan and added more employees and committees are not the goal.  
PUBLIC COMMENT - David Barnes does not support the Plan and expressed his opinion that it is a regurgitation of what has been spoken about in the past, and the public does not want more government.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve: Minutes December 11, 2019 Business Meeting
- B. Approve: Minutes January 29, 2020 Special Meeting
- C. Approve: Authorize Roadmaster to Purchase with Signatory Authority \$35,068 of Concrete Storm Drain Structures from Rogue Valley Precast
- D. Appoint: Curry Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES) Board - *Revise And Add Order*
- E. Approve: Adoption of an Existing Position Description: Mechanic
- F. Approve: Employee Credit Cards

Paasch stated he wants to be involved in the CARES board.

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

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss: Property Transfer to the City of Brookings: Oasis Pocket Park – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)  
Schmelzer stated Josh Hopkins, Parks Director, discovered this property, which is owned by the County, is located in the City of Brookings (hereafter referred to as the City), and is being used as a city park. Schmelzer spoke about advantages and disadvantages of various disposal options and recommended giving it to the City. Paasch stated he is really leaning toward leasing it to the City of Brookings for 5, 10, or 20 years for a \$1 because as the County continues to grow, the County may need this property in the future. Gold agrees with Paasch. Boice asked Jay Trost, former Curry County Parks Director and current City of Brookings Public Works and Development Services Deputy Director, to speak. Trost spoke about the history of park, specifically, maintenance, infrastructure, and park usage, the park’s advantages and disadvantages, and said he cannot officially speak for the City. Boice asked about time and money put into the park, mentioned the work involved by County staff in the sale of the airport to the City, and stated he would prefer to push this out, due to the amount of staff time involved, before moving forward.

*AMENDED APRIL 29, 2020: Boice favors deeding Oasis Pocket Park to the City of Brookings.*

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Motion by Paasch, second by Gold, to ask Jay Trost to go back to the City of Brookings to discuss with them if they would entertain a lease on Oasis Park. Motion carried 2-1. (Paasch, Yes; Gold, Yes; and Boice, No.)

B. Discuss: Draft Owner-Absent Property Registration Ordinance – Julie Schmelzer, DOC  
Schmelzer asked if the Board was satisfied with the modifications made to the draft. A discussion followed with the Commissioners asking about notifying property owners, ordinance enforcement, and allocation of revenues generated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - David Barnes cautioned about conflating owners of problem properties with owners of properties without problems. Katherine Bryson stated it is a mistake to say nonresident property owners are a problem, expressed concern for owners with multiple properties, and feels there will be significant administration costs due to the ordinance.

Motion by Boice, second by Gold, to move forward with the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

C. ~~Approve: Authorize Roadmaster to Purchase with Signatory Authority One (1) 2020 3500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4X4 with 6.7L I6 Cummins HO Turbo Diesel Engine for \$42,917.71 – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster and Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Services Manager~~ Removed

D. Approve: Resolution Declaring Medal of Honor Community – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch gave details about the resolution specifically, the Medal of Honor recipient, signage placement, and plaque display location.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to honor Nathan Edgerton US Army, designating Agness a Medal of Honor Community. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discuss: Volunteer Recognition – Commissioner Gold  
Gold spoke about plans, in April, to honor the hundreds of volunteers who help the County. Gold emphasized the County could not run without these volunteers.

Motion by Paasch, second by Boice, to recognize Curry County volunteers in April. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Approve: Board Letter to ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) Regarding Highway 101 and North Bank Rogue River – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch spoke about the dangerous conditions at the intersection of Hwy 101 and Wedderburn Loop (just north of the Patterson bridge) and requested Board approval to send ODOT a letter, signed by all Commissioners, requesting a traffic study.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to approve the letter from the entire Board, Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discuss: AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) Annual Dues – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch stated the County has received a bill for about \$21,000 from AOC for annual dues, questioned the value of AOC membership because we do not see any bang for our dollar with some of the things the County is involved in, and observed Representative David Brock Smith has been a great voice for the County. Gold noted in order get insurance from CIS (City/County Insurance

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Services), the County must be members of AOC, observed some items on the bill were voluntary, and suggested not paying for the voluntary items. Boice, citing specific examples of current AOC topics and upcoming AOC events, commented on the importance of AOC membership to the County, his involvement with AOC meetings and committees, and urged the Board to pay the annual dues.

Motion by Gold, second by Paasch, to continue AOC membership, skip payment of voluntary dues, and pay annual dues of \$15,258.22. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8. LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

None

## **9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Schmelzer spoke about

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) projected revenues;
- CRTF (Citizens Revenue Task Force) is not a committee anymore because they gave their report and asked the Board if they want to continue with CRTF;
- Code Enforcement issue in Harbor due to a transient camp on county property;
- Status of the wage study;
- Discussing the budget in the Executive Session; and
- Public Health is in the process of a physical audit.

## **10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The State of the Union address last, February 4, 2020, night;
- His objectives and plans for the upcoming Washington DC trip;
- Giving kudos to County volunteers who work with kids; and
- The Sheriff Department getting a new boat.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Surprise expenses the County has incurred, his proposal to save costs, and his need to know for sure where the County is going to get the funds;
- Being very enthused as good things are happening to the county;
- The need to get grant writing into the Strategic plan and stated his goal about training our employees to do grant writing, which he plans on reporting at a later date;
- His meeting with Merv George, Forest Supervisor for Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest; and
- Upcoming events -- February 14, 2020 Search and Rescue fund raiser and the May 21 to May 26 World Champion jet boat races here in Gold Beach and Agness.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Trying to get CTR (Curry Transfer and Recycling) to give the County a good deal on trash;
- SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) and Beyond sessions and the volunteer efforts involved;
- Her planned visit to Brookings Harbor HS welding shop as SWOCC will be partnering with them;

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- 911 tax bill on utility bill; and
- The audit on CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District) yesterday and the need for a policy on Title 6 which will help whenever we get federal funds.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

192.660(2)(b) To consider discipline or discharge of a public officer, employee, staff member who does not request an open hearing.

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:49 a.m. and exited at 11:58 a.m. for lunch. Paasch re-entered Executive Session at 1:02 p.m. and exited 2:44p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**12. HIRE ORDERS**

None

**13. 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.”)

Port of Brookings Harbor joint meeting was discussed.

**14. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2020.

  
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Christopher S Paasch, Chair

  
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Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant