



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

May 6, 2020

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2020

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 County Operations Julie Schmelzer, 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

Huttli - Add executive session ORS 192.660(2) (f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Boice – Add discussion about PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) purchase to Agenda Item 12.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Barnes feels the discussion to purchase PPE using road funds should be held in public session, rather than executive session.

Boice read a letter from Representative David Brock Smith about PPE supply and demand.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Business Meeting of January 8, 2020

B. Revised Job Description: Parks Coordinator

C. Creating a Job Description: Administrative Assistant in the Facilities Maintenance Department

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

A. Curry County Small Business Emergency Support – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson showed a PowerPoint presentation detailing responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, named the small business recovery team, stated SCDC (South Coast Development Corporation) is helping with processing of SBA (Small Business Administration) applications, highlighted and summarized provisions of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, spoke about CCD (Coos Curry Douglas) Business Development Corporation emergency micro loans, mentioned the Tourism Promotions Committee recent meeting, and concluded with the ongoing need for collaboration and leveraging available funds with other opportunities. Gold stated she was pleased with help on forms and asked what portion of funds can Curry County access. Paasch spoke about upcoming legislation for infrastructure dedicated mostly to rural counties. Boice stated he is working with and encouraging Umpqua, South Coast Lumber, and Cal-Ore and observed there is a lot of information in the links we have provided.

B. Declaring an Emergency Drought Declaration – Julie Schmelzer, DOC, (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer advised the State Water Resources Department requested this declaration due to a predicted lack of rain this year, noted the Rogue River and the Chetco River water levels will be low which effects fishing and tourism, and spoke about the procedural advantages, should aid be needed, to declaring an Emergency. Paasch urged the County to get ahead of this if we can. Gold observed the amount of rain is less than the last drought which occurred about 5 years ago. Steve Beyerlin gave statistics on the effect of decreasing river flow and spring chinook eggs hatching. Boice commented the old timers not fooled by this recent light rain.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to adopt the emergency drought declaration. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Road Vacation Petition and Resolution for Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department Acquisition of County Owned Real Property at Floras Lake – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer explained the process to move forward with the next step being to vacate the roads. Boice stated this has been a 2 year process and asked about any other steps. Huttl noted we may have to do a lot line partition, and concluded we have until December, 2020 to finish.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to adopt resolution ordering Roadmaster to file a report. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion: County Issuing Dog Licenses – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer spoke about the benefits of a dog licensing program, specifically, licensed dogs have had rabies shots and any unused County fees would be shared with animal shelters. Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer, spoke about public concerns, addressed the issue of fee allocation, and explained we do this as it is government's job to make sure people are safe. Gold expressed concern about fees and fee allocation emphasizing the fees are not going into the general fund. Boice stated the last thing we need right now is a rabies outbreak. Citizen David Barnes stated he does not support this because dog licensing is not part of governing.

Motion by Gold seconded by Boice, to direct staff to come back with an order to pursue dog issuing licenses and collecting fees. Motion carried unanimously.

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E. Report on Progress Made on the Rivers in Curry County and an Update on the Hatchery – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch reported on his trip to Washington DC and stated things are currently in the works and moving forward. Beyerlin stated he had made a second request to Senator Merkley's office to repair the hatchery, observed a Senate appropriations committee has picked it up, and praised Board leadership which allowed this to happen. Gold stated she is glad to hear they are willing to do something. Boice noted Beyerlin has spent a ton of time on this.

F. Revised Rate for Newspapers of Record – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer commented we have three (3) newspapers of record, spoke with the publisher of the two (2) northern newspapers noting they use a larger font, and stated their rate will be cut significantly.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to support this order. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Schmelzer spoke about

- Employees working remotely are doing well.
- The County is open for business.
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) update, specifically pursuing options of going with Coos County CASA.
- Budget is right on target and praised Summer Sears' insights and changes in helping us reduce number of funds.
- Wage study – still working on it as some counties are reluctant to share data.
- Court house RFP's (Request For Proposal) have been received.

9. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Her concerns about hospital funding, specifically, she has reached out to Senator Wyden's office and has encouraged Alex Campbell, Regional Solutions Coordinator, to speed up process for the hospital to get \$2,000,000.
- Resource phone almost ready to go on line.
- CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District) bus routes are still going.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Property from Department of Agriculture.
- SRS (Secure Rural Schools) money was released.
- County is taking big steps to protect the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- SRS funds availability and praised AOC (Oregon Association of Counties) Rocky McVay and his staff's work on this.
- What President Trump said about a 30 day plan to get through the next couple of weeks.
- The mask issue.
- Curry County COVID-19 pandemic statistics.
- Meeting with Merv George, Forest Supervisor Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, to discuss the upcoming fire season, which is predicted to be severe, to make sure we are not caught off guard.

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- Amending agenda to make PPE discussion public.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.
- 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.
- 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.
- 192.660(2)(d)

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:22 a.m. and recessed at 11:30 a.m. Reentered at 1:00 p.m. exited at 2:40 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

11. HIRE ORDERS

- New Hire of a Temporary Employee Facilities Maintenance Department

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to hire a temporary employee in the Facilities Maintenance Department. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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.")

ADDED AS AGENDA AMENDMENT

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for Curry County

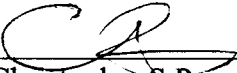
Paasch introduced Representative David Brock Smith who spoke about the need for 1st line responders to have the PPE's, addressed the effects of demands on the supply of PPE's, commented on the increasing costs of procuring PPE, summarized his initiatives to resolve the issue, and noted his efforts, and those of others, resulted in Oregon purchasing PPE's, Boice summarized the conference calls he has been on about PPE's the past few days, praised Rep, Smith's efforts in this area, shared data from Asian countries about masks, spoke about funding purchases of PPE's, noted the logistics involved in procurement, and praised Josh Stout's efforts in helping the County's healthcare providers. Gold stated she appreciated Rep Smith's interest in PPE, praised what Josh Stout is doing, observed, due to the State's involvement, Curry County will not have to take money out of road funds, and emphasized we need to follow proper processes for transparency. Josh Stout addressed the time line in getting PPE's, praised Rep Smith's, Sheriff Ward's and the Board's involvement, and concluded Sant Pacific, a community focused organization, wants to be considered a resource. Paasch feels other funding sources are available and thanked Stout for his efforts. Sheriff Ward stated he agrees with Paasch on funds availability. Ward concluded he has a lot respect and faith in Stout and Rep. Smith. Schmelzer stated so far we have supplies here locally and advised working through Public Health Administrator to get the supplies the county needs.


13. ADJOURN

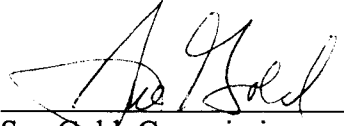
Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:41p.m.

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Dated this 6th day of May, 2020.


Christopher S Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice Chair 5/6/20


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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