



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**June 17, 2020**

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2020

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

Chair Paasch called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice Chair Court Boice, and Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present County Counsel John Huttli, Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The pledge was recited by all.

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

Paasch announced Congressman DeFazio meeting has been rescheduled.  
Huttli - ADD Executive Sessions 192.660(2)(h) and 192.660(2)(k)

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

#### 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Virtual Meeting: Congressman DeFazio RESCHEDULED

B. Approve \$42,000 Flexible Service Maintenance Agreement ODOT Forces to Assist with Curry County 2020 Chip Seal Projects with Signature Authority to Roadmaster – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Schmelzer asked Christensen to speak about dealings with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) due to road events of last year. Gold asked if Road Department would be able to come in under budget, asked if the Department is getting more done, and praised Christensen's forward thinking and planning ahead. Christensen stated the Road Department did both repair work and office paperwork; noted the Department, while not under budget, is receiving 75% of project's costs back from FEMA; and stated the strategy is to manage as many projects as they can. Paasch observed because we declared an emergency, we became eligible for FEMA funds; noted replacing equipment enables the Roads Department to be in the position they are in now; and gave a brief assessment of the Hooskanaden repair work.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the flexible maintenance agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation: June Is Children's Awareness Month – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch read the proclamation, "Every Child Deserves a Future" and asked for Board approval.

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Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## 6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

### A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- COVID-9 pandemic statistics of local counties
- AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) federal land sub-committee
- A shortage of blood and urged donors to contact the Red Cross
- Various fire season topics and the fire meeting scheduled for June 4, 2020 with Mike Robison, Coos Forest Protective Association, as primary speaker
- His concern for Oregon Department of Forestry budget which is down 10%
- His appreciation of the staff and Schmelzer's hard work

### B. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Allocation of CARES Act funds, specifically, AOC and LOC (League of Oregon Cities) are recommending a split of \$500,000,000 with minimum of \$250,000 for each county
- The availability of COVID testing funds as the County is way down in testing

### C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about - -

- A telephone conference, as a result of NACo (National Association of Counties) membership, with the USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) about the Rogue River which covered, among other things, what USACE will dredge out; the tentative timeframe (Fall 2020); and the long range dredging goal of putting the river back in its socket
- The COVID-19 pandemic stating, if we continue to be careful, the worst may be behind us

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADD - -

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

ADD - -

192.660(2)(k) To consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school.

Chair Paasch entered executive session at 1:17 p.m. and exited at 2:02 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed

**8. 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.")**

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**9. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 6/17/20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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