



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

August 26, 2020

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

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer, Legal Counsel John Huttli, 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 Governor Brown's most recent press release in front of 5A.

Boice - Add Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins multi-county letter to Governor Brown requesting no additional COVID-19 pandemic restrictions for rural counties.

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

Mary Rowe spoke about south county illegal parking/camping and suggested churches and the City of Brookings partner to provide, for the homeless who live in their vehicles, overnight parking, police protection, mobile restrooms, and dumpsters.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Governor's Press Release Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions - Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Manager

Dumire noted highlights of Governor Brown's press conference and press release such as kids are to wear masks, indoor gatherings reduced, restrict travel into Oregon, considering requiring mandatory quarantines for visitors, and, as of July 24, 2020, bars and restaurants to shut down at 10PM.

Dumire also observed Curry County has received quite a few face coverings, and he and Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator, have distributed tens of thousands masks.

Schmelzer asked if the number of masks distributed included farmers. Boice commented on the number of deaths due to COVID-19 in Oregon on July 21, 2020. Paasch stated people in Curry County have grave concerns about the transference of the disease, and asked if Governor Brown

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addressed the irony of allowing people to gather in public places without proper protection when people were not allowed, until recently, to pray in churches.

**B. Rural Oregon and Metro Oregon – Understanding the Gaps, Differences and Issues –
Commissioner Boice**

Boice noted the divide in Oregon, commented on bringing the two (2) Oregons together, displayed a series of pictures and articles depicting and describing rural Oregon life, spoke about State Representatives Karin Power and David Brock Smith bringing bipartisan civility to the State Legislature, and concluded by encouraging anyone out there who has any good input to respond.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Business Meeting May 20, 2020
- B. CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District) Accept Curry Public Transit Grant No. 34221
- C. Reclassification of an Employee – K. Alexander
- D. New Job Description - Facilities Maintenance Worker/Custodian
- E. Job Description - PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) Coordinator

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve all consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Board Approval on Dyer Partnership Task Order 17A not to Exceed \$30,240 for Cedar Creek Culvert Replacement Project at McKinnon Drive – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen explained he is looking to have Dyer Partnership help with inspections on this project with substantial completion of the project by the first week of October, 2020.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to approve McKinnon Drive pipe project. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Board Approval of 2020 STP (Surface Transportation Program) Fund Agreement # 34333 to Exchange \$288,000 in Federal Funds for \$271,000 in State Funds for North County Paving Projects – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen explained the STP allows the Road Department to manage the project under State guidelines rather than Federal guidelines.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the STP for the North County projects. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Consider Two Camp Hosts at Boice Cope County Park and Implement Emergency Rules to Reduce Spread of COVID-19 – Anthony DeRock, Parks Coordinator and Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer, citing vandalism in the restrooms and lack of COVID-19 pandemic compliance, stated the County has lost revenue due to guests canceling reservations. Schmelzer spoke about the advantages of having two (2) camp hosts, stated the 2nd camp host would not be paid a stipend, and asked the Board for approval. A discussion followed. Paasch stated camp host responsibilities will be defined and suggested On Duty Off Duty signage. Huttel addressed the COVID-19 pandemic related aspects of the order. Gold asked about camp site locations and stated she appreciates DeRock's work on this matter. Boice stated the schedule, in the long term, will be important.

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DeRock supports Schmelzer's proposal; reiterated the advantages of having two (2) camp hosts especially allowing each host to have time off; observed he anticipates, because State Parks are closed, Boice-Cope to be busy which will have a positive impact on revenues; summarized the particulars of each camp host duties, and spoke about their respective camp site locations.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve emergency order to add a second camp host in Boice-Cope Park. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED TO ADD ITEM 7D

D. Coos County Multi-County Letter to Governor Brown Requesting No Additional COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions for Rural Counties

Boice read the letter and asked for Board approval. Paasch stated he has no objection to signing. Gold stated she is fine with the letter.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about

- Two (2) of the County's unions that have not approved the contract;
- The 2nd COVID-19 pandemic related expense reimbursement check which is due this week;
- The contract status with Moss-Adams for auditing services;
- The number of DOC applications and several resumes received; and
- Video issues when broadcasting live streams of meetings as the County does not have necessary the bandwidth.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Progress on dredging the Rogue River, specifically - -
 - David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior, and Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, may come in August or September for a Boice piloted jet boat tour;
 - Congressman Peter DeFazio's office is urging the USACE (United States Army Corp of Engineers) to prepare for emergency plans for the Port of Gold Beach shoaling project to dredge the channel;
 - Goal is to put the river back in its socket;
- A small forest fire in Medford put out after a few hours; and
- Changing all scheduled 2020 business meetings to a 9AM start time.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Good news on Rogue River dredging
- No new fires.
- COVID-19 pandemic statistics and Governor Brown's response.
- Drive up COVID-19 testing in Curry County.
- Concerns with curtailing evening meetings

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Listening in on DeFazio's meeting and hearing - -
 - Congress allocating a higher percentage of dredging funds than previously proposed for small harbors;
 - A Congressional proposal allocating relief funds to counties and cities; and

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- Her tour of the CCPTSD building.
- The extraordinary accomplishments of Kathryn Bernhardt, CCPTSD General Manager

PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED -

Changing All Scheduled 2020 Business Meeting to 9AM

Paasch suggested forgoing 5PM meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic is over. Huttel asked for clarification. The consensus of the Board was to start all remaining 2020 business meetings at 9AM and hold those meetings in Gold Beach.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

192.660(2)(b) To Consider The Dismissal Or Disciplining of, or to Hear Complaints or Charges Brought Against, a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent Who Does Not Request an Open Hearing.

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.

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. and exited at 7:07 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

11. HIRE ORDERS

A. New Hire Youth Litter Patrol Program

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve hire order for Youth Litter Patrol. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **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.")

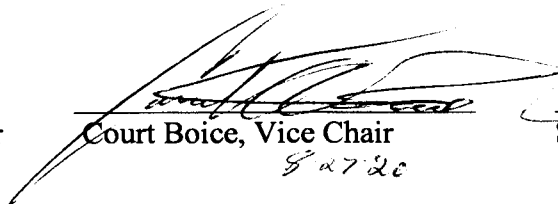
13. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

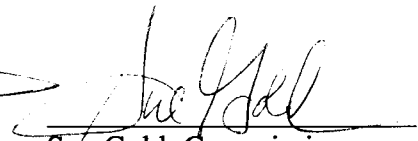
Dated this 26th day of August, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair
8/27/20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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