



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**October 7, 2020**

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 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: Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer, Legal Counsel John Huttli, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all

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

Schmelzer - Add OHA(Oregon Health Authority) -2019-2021 IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) # 159808 Amendment #9 Amended and Restated as Item 5H.

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

Boice spoke about the California fires and possibility of smoke here. Boice also read a press release from Senator Dallas Heard and Representative David Brock Smith concerning the tremendous vandalism and tremendous injuries in Portland.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(None)

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclaiming September Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month + Action Month – Gordon Clay

Gordon Clay spoke of overdoses and their impact on suicide statistics in Oregon, rural Oregon, Curry County, and on 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Clay encouraged learning the warning signs, risk factors, and what to do when a person demonstrates these signs. Gold suggested adding September 10, 2020, which is worldwide suicide prevention day, to the proclamation. Boice read the proclamation.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to proclaim September Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month + Action Month. Motion carried unanimously.

B. OCEAN (Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network) - Shannon Souza

Souza spoke about OCEAN; showed a PowerPoint presentation which detailed OCEAN's mission, history, membership, growth, current Oregon electricity generation capacity; and future plans for

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offshore wind turbine electricity generation. Gold asked about offshore winds, the effect on marine life, corrosion, earthquakes, and benefits to Oregon. Boice stated this was a great presentation, praised people working in the energy industry, noted he would not want to see the turbines from the shore, commented on the success of similar programs in Europe, and observed he feels this has long term benefits. David Barnes stated he does not see benefits to Curry County, expressed concerns of turbines on marine based industries as well as effect on fishing.

B. Beacon Broadband – Powered by CCEC (Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative) – Paul Recanzone, Special Projects, and Brent Bischoff, Chief Executive Officer  
Bischoff spoke about CCEC work in broadband, commented on the needs of broadband in rural areas, and commented on funding. Recanzone stated CCEC created Beacon Broadband; showed a PowerPoint presentation which detailed Beacon Broadband’s goals; work; advantages and benefits of fiber; projected costs and future plans; addressed funding and easement issues; and commented on 5G cell phone data technology. Gold asked about cost relative to competitors and noted CCEC satellite TV was not successful. Boice spoke about getting the Clerk’s office involved with the easement process, stated he is excited about this project, spoke about funding, and asked if the Board could help with economic development. Paasch commended Bischoff on the job he has done; explained NACo’s (National Association of Counties) involvement with the Test It app, which is used to test broadband speeds in rural areas; and suggested NACo may help with funding.

C. Fire Prevention Measures at Lobster Creek County Park – Anthony DeRock, Parks Coordinator  
DeRock showed a PowerPoint presentation about Lobster Creek County Park which addressed repairs and improvements already made by using available Parks funds; and future planned improvements, upgrades, and repairs. DeRock also spoke about a water bladder, noted the popularity of Lobster Creek, and commented on obtaining funds to replace all cabins. Paasch asked about the propane tank anchors and inspection certificate, and stated Lobster Creek is much improved. Gold stated there is a vast improvement and thanked DeRock for his work. Schmelzer asked about first aid kits in the park, spoke about revenues Lobster Creek brings into the County, and praised the job DeRock is doing. Boice stated Derwin Boggs, Gold Beach Unit Forester, Coos Forest Protective Association, contacted him about the water bladder; noted the camp is in terrible shape and is an embarrassment to him; expressed concern about where money will come from to make improvements; feels Lobster Creek is an incredible piece of property; stated now is the time to start conversation of the future of Lobster Creek; suggested getting Jay Trost, Public Works and Developmental Services Deputy Director, City of Brookings, and former Curry County Juvenile and Parks Director, involved in the conversation; and added he wants the public to know Lobster Creek is a liability.

## 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes 7-15-20 Business Meeting
- B. Minutes 7-22-20 Business Meeting
- C. Minutes 8-13-20 Special Meeting
- D. New Job Description: Facilities Maintenance Worker/Custodian
- E. Reclassification of an Employee – P. Hudgens
- F. Master Payroll 2020-2021 Amendment #1
- G. Order Approving Intergovernmental Agreement between Curry County, Josephine County and State of Oregon for Wastewater Treatment (Septic) Inspections

AGENDA ITEM 5H ADDED

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H. OHA (Oregon Health Authority) -2019-2021 IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) # 159808  
Amendment #9 Amended and Restated

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Amend the Adopted FY 2020-2021 Budget- Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer explained the need to amend the budget to reflect an increase in the Sheriff's salary and asked the Board to adopt the resolution in the packet. Paasch stated this is per Oregon law.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the resolution to amended the 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Harbor Public Water Utility District (HPWUD) Water Master Plan – Commissioner Gold  
Gold stated HPWUD is updating their twenty (20) year master plan.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to adopt the plan so that HPWUD can move forward. Motion carried unanimously.

C. NeoGov Software – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer, citing expense and unsatisfactory results of recent County recruiting efforts, explained the benefits and advantages of using NeoGov software for current and future recruiting and noted there are three (3) options – Option 1 only, Option 2 only, and Option 3 which combines both 1 and 2. A discussion followed. Gold asked about the cost of recruiting ads and observed in the long term the efficiency of using NeoGov will save money. Paasch asked about the timeline to implement, noted NeoGov has a payroll component, and observed, in the near future, there may be several positions open due to retirements. Boice spoke about NeoGov cost and annual licensing fees, inquired as to which employees would be involved in training, and asked about the effect of NeoGov on Julie Swift's, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, position.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch to approve NeoGov software Option 3. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No.)

D. Revised Meeting Schedule – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer described the revised schedule. Gold and Paasch stated they are OK with the revised schedule. Boice recommended a September 2, 2020, workshop be added to present his proposed plan for County restructuring as he has strong opinions where the county should go, spoke about businesses closing down right now, and expressed concern about the appearance that the Board is indifferent to the suffering out there. Schmelzer asked the proposed plan be made public prior to the evening of Friday, August 28, 2020. A discussion ensued. The Board agreed to add a workshop on September 2, 2020, and asked that Boice's proposed plan be available to the public prior to the evening of Monday, August 31, 2020.

**7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Schmelzer spoke about

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- The Property Registration Ordinance stating most people agree with it. Huttel added the Ordinance has an exemption for public agencies;
- Two (2) interviews for the Director of County Operations scheduled for afternoon of August 26, 2020;
- Her schedule as she is going, on September 11, 2020, to Wisconsin;
- An update on OpenGov training;
- The County providing money for Carrie Dexter, Accounting Clerk, training;
- Emergency Management Coordinator, Jeremy Dumire; and
- Mary Rowe and a senior citizen board.

## 8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

### A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Special District) donating two (2) free buses - one (1) to Central Curry School District 1 and the other, possibly, to the Homeless Coalition;
- Spending time getting funding for the Gold Beach Community Center Meals on Wheels program; and
- Giving kudos, based on communications she has received, to DeRock for work results.

### B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- More accuracy in ARS's (Agenda Routing Slip) time of presentation estimates; and
- The ORCCA (Oregon Coast Community Action) Board indicating he was on their board and then, eight (8) hours prior to his 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, stating his application has not been accepted.

### C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Writing a letter in support of Paasch being the Curry County representative on the ORCCA Board;
- PARC approval as discussed during the November 20, 2019, business meeting;
- Boice Cope Park, specifically, showed pictures from his August 22, 2020, visit and stated Boice Cope Park is a tremendous asset to the County;
- AOC (Association of Oregon Counties), specifically, praising their letter to the Governor's office in support of counties' actions during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- A picture showing Port of Brookings Harbor project opportunities;
- A letter about the Port of Port Orford which he will, at some point, bring to the Board;
- Representative Peter DeFazio getting dredging done; and
- Trestle timber sales in near Powers.

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 1:01 p.m., recessed at 1:41p.m. , re-entered at 1:49 p.m., recessed at 2:15 p.m., re-entered at 4:01 p.m., and exited at 5:11 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed

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**10. HIRE ORDERS**

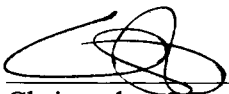
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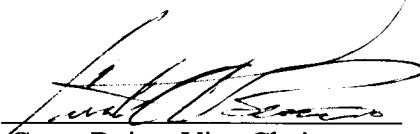
11. **OTHER** (ORS.192.640( 1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

**12. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2020.

  
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Christopher S Paasch, Chair

  
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Court Boice, Vice Chair  
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Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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