



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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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Boice at 9:00 a.m. Present were Vice-Chair Court Boice and Commissioner Sue Gold.

By phone: Chair Christopher Paasch

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 AND FIRE REPORT**

Boice gave the report with emphasis on the fire report. Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated there are no fires right now in Curry County; reported on, and named fires, which have started in the last 24 hours; spoke about the locations, details, size, and the impact of weather conditions on the current fires; warned Oregon's resources are spread thin, announced Curry County is on a red flag warning until 11:00 a.m. September 10, 2020, and encouraged donating for people who want to help. Gold thanked Dumire for the report and stated she will encourage people to donate. Paasch praised the service the 1st responders give to our communities.

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

Gold - Move item 6K to before 7A

Boice - Move item 6M to discussion

Paasch - Pull item 7A as there is not an IGA (intergovernmental Agreement)

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gordon Clay spoke about September being Suicide Awareness and Prevention +Action month, noted the COVID-19 pandemic effect on suicide rates for rural men and women, and encouraged safe storage of firearms.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dave Lacey – Destination Coordinator - Oregon Coast Visitors Association

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Lacey showed a seven (7) slide PowerPoint presentation about mountain biking; detailed the advantages and benefits to local economies of mountain biking; and asked for a letter of support for upgrading existing mountain biking trails and adding new mountain biking trails similar to Whiskey Run in Bandon, OR. Boice asked about the Oregon Coast Trail, commented on Lacey's kayak company, noted the work Lacey is doing on the Port Orford kayak launch, and stated he will ask the Board for help on the Port Orford kayak launch in the next thirty (30) days or so. Gold complimented Lacey on his tourism work, asked about numbers on utilizations of bike usage, and recommended having those numbers available when applying for grants. Huttel asked about hosting international biking association events. Schmelzer suggested Cape Sebastian offers a good opportunity and advised Lacey to contact Anthony DeRock, Parks Coordinator, about trails in the Boice Cope Park area.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position: Operations Manager – Juvenile
- B. Reclassification of an Employee – Juvenile: Administrative Assistant to Operations Manager
- C. Adoption of a Position Description for a New Position: Accounting Clerk – Roads
- D. Reclassification of an Employee – Roads: Senior Accounting Clerk to Accounting Clerk
- E. Intergovernmental Agreement: Building Inspection Services
- F. Curry County and Cal-Ore Life Flight, LLC Provider Agreement Amendment
- G. Add HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) VEBA (Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association) to SEIU (Service Employees International Union) Employees per Union Contract

ITEM 6H PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

H. Contract: NeoGov Software

Boice stated the County does not need an expensive recruiting system, observed most of the public agrees with him, and noted he will not support the NeoGov contract. Schmelzer explained benefits and advantages of the software, specifically, more qualified applicants from a larger audience; feels cost is justified; and stated the NeoGov software will allow managers to operate more efficiently. Gold observed she sees mistakes happening which cost the County money, believes NeoGov will streamline the process, and feels the software will be helpful in the long run as the County spends a lot on advertising. Paasch observed NeoGov software recruits nationwide, noted the County is going to have some serious positions coming up in the next months, and noted now is the perfect time to do contract with NeoGov as many people out there need employment.

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

- I. Liaison Assignment: Parks Division
- J. OHA-2019-2021 IGA Agreement # 159808 Amendment #13

ITEM 6K MOVED TO DISCUSSION BEFORE ITEM 7A

- K. Board Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Rent Camel Vacuum and Jet Flush Truck for four (4) Weeks at a Cost of \$17,000

ITEM 6L MOVED TO DISCUSSION BEFORE ITEM 7A

- L. Board Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Accept Bids and Award Suulutaaq Inc. the Contract in the Amount of \$672,049.25 for Gardener Ridge Road Slide Repairs with Revised Subcontractor GeoStabilization International.

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Christensen summarized the details of Agenda Item 6L.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve Agenda Item 6L Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6M MOVED TO DISCUSSION BEFORE ITEM 7A

M. Board Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Sign OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Grant Application and Supporting Forms for \$200,000 in Propane Generator Upgrades for Four (4) Curry County Emergency Communication Tower Sites.

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

MOVED ITEM 6K TO DISCUSSION

6K. Board Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Rent Camel Vacuum and Jet Flush Truck for four (4) Weeks at a Cost of \$17,000

Gold asked about labor cost savings, stated she is looking for a long term solution, and suggested purchasing. Christensen spoke about the high efficiency of the vehicle; noted the importance of storm drain maintenance; addressed the impact of years of deferred maintenance on operations; and feels, for the time being, it is better to rent the vehicle rather than purchase. Paasch stated he has seen the machine at work; feels there will be a quick learning curve on how to use it; and favors, due to the potential of high maintenance costs, leasing rather than purchasing. Huttel stated the City of Medford has a similar vehicle, and it is a cleaner way to do things.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve Camel truck rental. Motion carried unanimously.

MOVED ITEM 6M TO DISCUSSION

6M. Board Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Sign OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Grant Application and Supporting Forms for \$200,000 in Propane Generator Upgrades for Four (4) Curry County Emergency Communication Tower

Boice asked about FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds, discussed advantages and disadvantages of diesel and propane generators, and noted road department expenditures during past months. Christensen explained cost expenditures and also praised Dumire stating it's a team effort.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to move forward with the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7A PULLED

A. World Famous Langlois Oregon - ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) – Curry County – Cypress RV and Campground IGA – Commissioner Boice

B. Captain Bill Farrell - CC BOC - Proclamation Recognizing and Honoring the Many Years of Military Commitment – Viet Nam Special Forces Soldier - Dedicated Service to his Country and Communities - Commissioner Boice

Boice read the proclamation.

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

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C. Board Approval for Roadmaster to Award North Bank Chetco River Road Storm Drain Headwall Project in the Amount of \$92,700 to McLennan Excavation Inc. – Richard Christensen
Christensen explained the project background, noted he had reviewed all the bids, and stated McLennan Excavation Inc. was the lowest. Gold asked about other bids. Paasch asked about awarding the bid to a local contractor.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve the Roadmaster awarding the North Chetco River Road Storm Drain bid to McLennan Excavation Inc. Motion carried unanimously

D. Contract Approval – Curry County And Sequoia Consulting FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Qualifying – Non Congregate Housing Reimbursements - Commissioner Boice

Gold stated she has some problems with the contract, such as the date and the cost, asked if a RFP (Request For Proposal) had been used, and requested an effective date. Paasch agrees with Gold, asked about a RFP, inquired about annual cost, expressed concerns about the contract as he would like Huttl to review the contract, and noted focus is on a qualifying grant for reimbursement. Boice stated this is the same contract presented to the Board at the August 19, 2020, Board meeting; noted many other counties were not going out for bids; observed, should the COVID-19 pandemic cause significant quarantines, the grant will help the County's preparedness; and emphasized he trusts AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) and Lane County as they would not lead Curry County astray. Huttl commented he has worked with Sherrié Ward, Public Health Administrator, on the preparedness issue, stated he has looked at the contract, noted the contract needs work, observed the County's standard contract would address issues such as insurance and travel terms, and stated he will work with Ward to get more clarification on the County's needs. David Barnes objected to Sequoia Consulting due to lack of experience and the cost.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to ask Huttl to investigate further and bring back. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Planning Fee Waiver Request: Dragonfly Farms – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer summarized the history leading to the waiver fee request and noted the double penalty for lack of a conditional use permit was effective January 1, 2020. Boice praised Dragonfly Farm as the owner is hard working, encouraged the public to visit Dragonfly Farm, stated it is heartening the County is willing to waive the penalty, praised Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator, for her work on this, and observed the county either helps or penalizes in this case. Gold stated her research revealed the County, as well as Dragonfly Farm, were responsible for the conditional use permit not being paid in a timely manner, asked what the staff recommendation is, and expressed concern over setting a precedent. Becky Crockett, Planning Director, gave a detailed history of events leading up to this point and stated the staff does not have a recommendation to the Board. Paasch asked about the timeline of the events, spoke about the purpose of the amnesty program, noted the County does not want to set a precedent, and observed each party showed some dereliction of duties during the permit process. Matteson spoke about Dragonfly Farms management issues regarding their business manager; the effect of those issues on the timely processing of the conditional use permit application; noted once the owner knew how urgent this was the owner acted immediately; and recommended, based on the circumstances, the Board waive the double fee. Huttl

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addressed the precedent concept, stated the precedent value of this case would be extremely limited due to the special circumstances involved, and advised if the Board waives the double fee, the Board is not setting a broad precedent.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve Dragonfly Farms planning fee waiver request. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT spoke about

- Her schedule - leaving Friday, September 11, 2020 and returning September 28, 2020.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Being very careful out there and mindful of actions regarding wildfires;
- Supporting 1st responders; and
- Removing gravel from bridge inland to put the Rogue River back in its socket.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Good news from Representative Peter DeFazio's office regarding funding for dredging the mouth of the Rogue River: It has been approved;
- The postponement, due to the fires, of his Rogue River sonar trip;
- His letter to Amy Amrhein, Southern Oregon Field Representative, Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, about her retirement;
- A timber sale to Roseburg Lumber;
- An order from Medford about response to fires;
- The absentee owner program and need to spend time on it as there are a lot of hard feelings out there; and
- Curry County's anniversary in December: The County will turn 165.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Two (2) buses slated for the Homeless Coalition and Central Curry District 1 (Gold Beach);
- Her work on getting a grant for the Gold Beach Meals on Wheels program; and
- The ad hoc committee looking into ways to increase County revenues.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. In Regard to Audit of Payroll Services - -

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 and 192.660(2)(a).

B. In Regard to Teamsters (Roads) Contract Amendment - -

192.660(2)(d) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Carry On Labor Negotiations.

C. In Regard to Applicants for the Director of County Operations Position

D. In Regard to Julie Schmelzer, DOC, Travel - -

192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent.

E. In Regard to the Performance of an Employee - -

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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.

Vice Chair Boice entered executive session at 11:32 a.m.; recessed at 12:16 p.m.; re-entered at 1:00 p.m.; recessed at 2:45 p.m.; re-entered at 2:53 p.m.; and exited at 3:40 p.m.


Staff to proceed as directed.

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.")

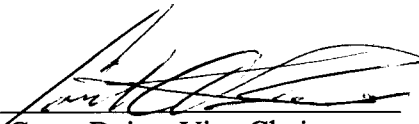
12. **ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Boice adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2020.



Christopher S. Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 10/7/20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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