



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

September 1, 2021

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

www.co.curry.or.us

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2021

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boice at 10:42 a.m. Present were Chair Court Boice, Vice Chair John Herzog, and Commissioner Chris Paasch.

Also present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope, Director of County Operations Brad Rueckert, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice did not give report and asked for a moment of silence.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice – Move Agenda Item 5A to Agenda Item 5B and move Agenda Item 5B to Agenda Item 5A

Boice = Move Agenda Item 7B to Agenda Item 8E

The Board verbally agreed to approve agenda as amended.

Boice gave a COVID-19 pandemic report.

AGENDA ITEM 5B DISCUSSED BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENTS

5B. Insurance Agency Presentation at 10:30 a.m.

Amy Timeus, Licensed Agent, Abel Insurance, provided details about coverages, premiums, and the Workman's Compensation mod (modification) factor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gretchen Green expressed concern about campgrounds proposed by ORCCA (Oregon Coast Community Action). David (Da'llen) Nedervelt spoke about PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE MADE AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6A HEARING

Connie Hunter spoke about women and PTSD. Cam Lynn spoke about a fire safety issue in south county.

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

Curry County Strategic Plan:

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure

5. PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 5A WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7 CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Curry County Workforce – Return to Work Requirements – Oregon Employment Department – Those Currently Remaining on State and Federal Unemployment “Benefits”...Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the Oregon Employment Department return to work timeline for claimants receiving regular unemployment insurance.

AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- B. Abel Insurance Agency Presentation at 10:30 a.m.

6. HEARING AT 11:00AM

- A. 4-H and Extension Service District Budget Adoption – Sheryl McDonald, Administrative Office Manager

McDonald summarized and gave details about 4H Extension Service District Budget.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to adopt the 4H budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8A DISCUSSED BEFORE ANEDNA ITEM 7 CONSENT AGENDA

8A Courthouse Security Plan and Implementation – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch introduced Thomas Lankford, Coos and Curry State Courts, Trial Court Administrator. Lankford (via GoToMeeting) commented on a recent meeting of an advisory committee for courthouse security. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Lankford, and Paasch about securing courthouse entry doors followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to move forward with securing the doors on the courthouse and allow the Sheriff to place a metal detector in the main entries. Motion carried unanimously.

THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 8A

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Amended Minutes January 20, 2021, Business Meeting
- B. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Planning Director
- C. Approve Credit Card for an Employee – Alisha Wibking-Krohn
- D. Approve Credit Card for an Employee – Garrett Thomson
- E. Approve Hiring Four (4) for Litter Patrol
- F. Appoint Safety Committee Member
- G. Letter in Support of CCD Business Development Application for the SBA (Small Business Administration) Community Navigator Pilot Program American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- H. Roadmaster Signature Authority on Contracts Awarding Tidewater Contractors, Inc in the Amount of \$358,715.00 for 2021 South County Paving Projects
- I. Board Approval and Roadmaster Signature Authority of Dyer Task Order #26 to Not Exceed the Amount of \$19,400 for Engineering and Joint Permit Application (JPA) Support for Emergency Repairs on Don Cameron Bridge Located on North Bank Chetco River Road

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

Curry County Strategic Plan:

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure

J. MOU (Memo of Understanding) with City of Brookings for Building Inspections
Boice introduced Garrett Thomson, Building Official who spoke about the MOU.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve MOU with amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Appoint Mary Rowe to the Curry County Housing Committee

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

AGENDA ITEM 8A DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7 CONSENT AGENDA

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Courthouse Security Plan and Implementation – Commissioner Paasch

B. Next Generation Forestry - Contracting with Scott Nichols – to Assess the Curry Dry Creek Timber Holdings... Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke highly about Scott Nichols and recommended the Board approve. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Pope, and Rueckert about the benefits, advantages, and disadvantages of approving followed. No motion was made.

C. Curry County – 2020 - Fire Awareness and Prevention Meeting – Fire Fighting Officials - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the recent fire awareness and prevention meeting, past fire awareness and prevention meetings, and mega fires.

D. Hearing Room Needs - Brad Rueckert, DCO (Director of County Operations)
Rueckert summarized hearing room media needs.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hearing room needs for the County with three (3) microphones. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7B MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 8E

8E. 7B. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Planning Director

Boice stated right now I am, I remain, unless I'm missing something here, the liaison to the planning/building department; and Commissioners I remember, I don't know, a month or so after Director Rueckert was hired, prior to Director Schmelzer leaving, to lessen the load on the Director of Operations, we took the Community Building out of that position of responsibility for either one of them. Now all of a sudden we get a notice here that is on the agenda, and on the Consent Agenda, and it puts the Curry Director of Operations as basically the overseer. I'm opposed to that.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to adopt job description. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT spoke about

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

Curry County Strategic Plan:

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure

- Letter from Teamsters 206 Employee Trust about money owed.

10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch stated

- He was embarrassed to be Curry County Commissioner today.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- The County budget;
- Recent meeting with Representative David Brock Smith and the staff of Senators Merkley and Wyden;
- Upcoming AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) meeting;
- Coos Curry Development; and
- The USS Oregon, a Virginia class submarine.

C. Commissioner Herzog asked

- Boice and Paasch to be respectful of each other and the citizens.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 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.

AGENDA ITEM 11B WAS ADDED

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

Chair Boice entered Executive Session at 1:54 p.m. exited at 2:42 p.m.

12. HIRE ORDERS

13. 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.")

14. ADJOURN

Chair Boice adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2021.


Chair John Herzog


Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch


Commissioner Court Boice 9-1-21

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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

Curry County Strategic Plan:

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure