



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

November 3, 2021

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 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 Herzog at 9:01 a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog, Vice Chair Chris Paasch, and Commissioner Court Boice.

Also present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice – Pull Agenda Item 5C

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Pamela Winebarger, Executive Director, Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, Inc. spoke about the services Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, Inc provide. Beth Barker Hidalgo spoke about changes in the social services area. Connie Hunter spoke about affordable net zero home ownership. Brett Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics in Curry County.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Deputy Treasurer – David Barnes, Treasurer

David Barnes introduced Kali Cochran who spoke about the Deputy Treasurer position.

AGENDA ITEM 4E DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4B

E. Gold Beach Main Street Underground Power Project – Commissioner Boice

Laurie Van Zandt spoke about Gold Beach Main Street and underground power, specifically, a timeline, the costs involved, and Board support.

AGENDA ITEM 6B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4E AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4B

6B Curry County – Rogue Siskiyou Regional Fire Training Center – Contractor Statement & Associated Budget – Commissioner Boice

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A discussion with Boice; Representative David Brock Smith (via phone call); Kathleen Martin, River Docs, LLC; and Cam Parry, River Docs, about the benefits of a Regional Fire Training Center, funding, timelines, and a training center contract followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve the Rogue Siskiyou Regional Fire training center contract to be administered by Cam Parry and Kathleen Martin of River Docs subject to Counsel's, if anything that might come up, that the Counsel, he's already reviewed some of this, but I (Boice) want to make sure he has the opportunity to have the final say and general direction. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4B DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6D

B. Juvenile Department Update - ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) Litter Program and Other Updates - Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director

Boice noted Agenda Item 4B was not talked about during today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4C

6A Curry County – Salmon Value Study – Collaborative Funding – Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Steve Beyerlin, Oregon Strong LLC; Boice; Herzog; Martin; Parry; and Alec Youngblood, Fisheries Biologist, River Docs, about the Rogue Basin, specifically, value of salmon by species; importance of salmon to the community; impact on tourism; the hatcheries; ECONorthwest, a consulting firm; and costs ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve a \$5,000 contribution to the collaborative collective funding for the salmon value study. Motion carried unanimously

C. US Fish and Wildlife – Sea Otter Reintroduction - Michele Zwartjes, Newport Field Office Supervisor – USFW (United States Fish and Wildlife Service)
Zwartjes (via GoToMeeting) commented on a proposal to re-introduce sea otters, observed she is requesting information, and noted this is a complicated situation.

Boice introduced Dennis Comfort, Coastal Region Manager, Oregon Parks and Recreation, who spoke about State Parks plans.

D. Demonstrating Support to the Coquille Indian Tribe for the Fall Salmon Crisis on the Coquille River – Mark Johnston, Executive Director, Coquille Indian Tribe and Brenda Meade, Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe
Meade reported Johnston unable to attend. Meade spoke about the declining number of salmon, issues with the Coquille River, and the Governor's office involvement.

AGENDA ITEM 6E DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4D AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6C

6E. Lookout and Crosscurrent Collective Strategic Destination Management Plan Proposal for Tourism – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator
Matteson introduced (via GoToMeeting) Holly MacFee, Crosscurrent Collective. A discussion with Boice, MacFee, Matteson, Paasch, and Leslie Wilkinson, Tourism and Planning Committee,

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South Position, about Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant, work on this project, destination management, working together, and involving other government agencies ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to accept this contract through Lookout and the people that represent that Company and that approach so for the county to follow through with our strategic plan and Transient Lodging Tax, Curry County. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4E DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4A.

E. Gold Beach Main Street Underground Power Project – Commissioner Boice

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting October 6, 2021

B. Governmentjob.com subscription

AGENDA ITEM 5C WAS PULLED

C. Curry County Inclusion in OSGP (Oregon Savings Growth Plan)

D. Appoint a Member to the Curry County Safety Committee

E. Authorizing the Curry County Juvenile Department to Accept a Grant from Allcare Community Benefit Initiative

F. Juvenile Director Signature Authority for Renewal of Oregon Youth Authority Individualized Services

G. Authorizing the Curry County Juvenile Department to Accept a Grant from Roundhouse Foundation

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4C

A. Curry County – Salmon Value Study – Collaborative Funding - Commissioner Boice

AGENDA ITEM 6B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4E AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4B

B. Curry County – Rogue Siskiyou Regional Fire Training Center – Contractor Statement & Associated Budget - Commissioner Boice

C. Sole Source Replacing and Maintenance of Curry County Emergency Communication Tower Backup Generators with Local Vendor Blue Star Gas – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve Sole Source Replacing and Maintenance of Curry County Emergency Communication Tower Backup Generators with Local Vendor Blue Star Gas.

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about funding, timeline, and equipment followed.

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AFTER DISCUSSION AND PRIOR TO AGENDA 6D DISCUSSION:

Paasch rescinded the motion. Herzog rescinded his second.

AGENDA ITEM 6F DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6D.

6F. Sustainability of Aquatic Safety Program through Economic Development and TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Tourism Fund – Summer Matteson, Economic Development

A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Luke Martinez, Aquatic Safety Officer; Matteson; and Paasch about the impact of aquatic safety on tourism, TLT funds availability, and the growth of departments ensued.

Motion by Boice to support \$25,000 out for Aquatic Safety. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve up to \$40,000. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

D. Approval for Dyer Task Order #28 Not to Exceed \$29,500 to Survey and Develop 34 Acres County Parcel off Hwy 101 and Airport Road for Logging and Developing Road Department Facility – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

A discussion with Boice and Becky Crockett, Planning Director, about the need for the survey and possible uses for the property followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Dyer Task Order #28, not to exceed \$29,500. Motion carried unanimously

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E. Lookout and Crosscurrent Collective Strategic Destination Management Plan Proposal for Tourism – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

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7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. 1:20P Commissioner Paasch spoke about - -

- What's happening at the border and
- Nurses in New York City being fired because they refused to get a shot.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about --

- Remaining pro vaccine and anti-mandate;
- Portland murder rate per capita;
- Yamhill County;
- Vietnam veterans report; and
- ARP (American Rescue Plan) Stakeholder committee status.

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- C. Commissioner Herzog spoke about –
- Echoing what Boice and Paasch stated and
 - The Pledge of Allegiance.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent - Anthony Pope, County Counsel
- B. 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 - Anthony Pope, County Counsel

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. and exited at 2:04 p.m.

9. HIRE ORDERS

- A. New Hire – Community Development Administrative Assistant – Julie Swift – Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

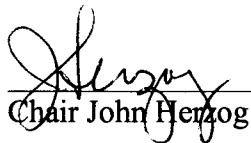
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve hire order. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **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.")

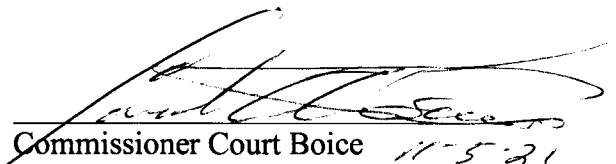
11. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2021.


Chair John Herzog


Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch


Commissioner Court Boice 11-5-21

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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