



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

December 1, 2021

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 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 9:00 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

Pope – Add Executive Session 192.660(2)(b)

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens spoke about the Curry-Rogue Stratum-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Plan – Mike Miller, Steve Huber, Bill Divens, Joe Janowicz, (Janowicz also read a letter from Roger Lindquist), Bob Atwill, Tom Hawkins, John Anderson, Leonard Krug, Sam Waller, Michael Simmons, and George Lewis. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about vaccination choice. Tim Palmer spoke about the Oregon Timber Coalition. Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics in Curry County.

4. PRESENTATION

A. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Update – Dan Brattain, CEO / FAA Director of Operations, Cal-Ore Life Flight Services

Brattain showed a PowerPoint presentation about Cal-Ore Life Flights services and equipment. Both Boice and Sheriff Ward praised Cal-Ore Life Flight.

B. Curry County – Curry County Joining Oregon Timber County Coalition - Commissioner Boice Boice spoke about timber issues, the need for the County to be concerned with those issues, and the benefits of joining the Oregon Timber County Coalition.

AGENDA ITEM 5C DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6B AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6C

C. Curry County – American Rescue Plan – Funding Allocations – Stalled? - Commissioner Boice

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David Barnes, Treasurer, and Boice discussed ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds already committed; possible allocation of remaining ARP funds such as a grant writer, broadband, a bonus for essential workers; water issues; deadlines; and the ARP stakeholder committee.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting October 20, 2021
- B. County Website Update
- C. Curry County Inclusion under the OSGP (State of Oregon Deferred Compensation Plan)

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve Consent Agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Curry County – HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy) Presentation – Ask for Partial Funds - Hunter-Gilmore-Hermes - Commissioner Boice

David Kracke, Brain Injury Advocate, gave an overview of brain injuries and changes in (1) youth protocols and (2) the military regarding brain injuries. Glenn Hermes, CEO, Complex Healthcare Solutions and Darren Hubbard, COO, Complex Healthcare Solutions, gave an overview of HBOT, highlighted the benefits of HBOT, and talked about start-up costs. Krug spoke of his positive HBOT experience. A discussion with Boice, Hermes, Herzog, Hubbard, Hunter, and Paasch about the advantages of a HBOT located in Curry County; the costs, specifically, start-up, building, and operating; the possibility of using ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds; more details on sources of funding; and insurance coverage ensued. Paasch observed it is premature without sources of funding in place.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, for full Board approval for the ARP funding of \$63,000 as a pledge conditioned on raising other the funds needed and asking this group and this Board to follow through with the next part of that project. Simplifying the motion ARP funding \$63,000 for a Hyperbaric treatment center. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

AGENDA ITEM (EXECUTIVE SESSION) 8C WAS ADDED AND DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6A

8C.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.

- B. Sole Source Replacing and Maintenance of Curry County Emergency Communication Tower Backup Generators with Local Vendor Blue Star Gas – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Christensen, and Paasch about the differences between diesel and propane generators, costs, budgeting, and possible income opportunities ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve request. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discuss Creation of a Task Force for Short-Term (Vacation) Rentals – Becky Crockett, Planning Director

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A discussion with Boice, Crockett, Herzog, and Paasch about short term rentals, future dialogue, and the possibility of forming a task force ensued.

AGENDA ITEM 6D WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 8C AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6B

- D. Curry County – ODF&W (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) Southcoast – Curry Rogue South Coast Multi-Species Conservation Plan - Commissioner Boice
Steve Beyerlin, Oregon Strong, LLC, showed a PowerPoint presentation titled Curry County Fisheries Nov. 2021. A discussion with Beyerlin, Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about support for a letter submitted to the Board followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to accept the letter that's been presented to the Board although we need to have a couple of days to look for amendments or changes in case there's anything at all that we're not comfortable with, but it's the basic letter that's between Oregon Anglers and Steve Beyerlin as our salmon and trout recovery coordinator and it's accepting the ODF&W plan for the multi-species South Coast multi-species conservation plan. Motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Boice spoke about
- A future update on the jail and courthouse;
 - Drought emergency and the pear industry;
 - Fight against illegal pot;
 - Housing summit;
 - COVID-19 pandemic town hall; and
 - OHA (Oregon Health Authority).
- B. Commissioner Herzog stated he agreed with a lot of what Boice said.
- C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about Congress voting on illegal immigrants and money.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

AGENDA ITEM 8C WAS ADDED

- C. 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.

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 11:34 a.m.; exited at 11:55 a.m.; re-entered at 2:24 p.m. and exited at 4:03 p.m.

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Staff to proceed as directed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to terminate employment of the Parks Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

9. HIRE ORDERS

A. New Hire – Planning Director – Julie Swift, Payroll and HR Coordinator

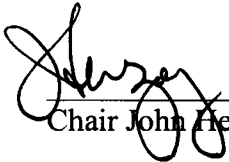
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve hire order. Motion carried unanimously.

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.")

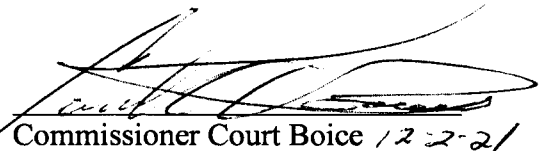
11. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2021.


Chair John Herzog


Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch


Commissioner Court Boice 12-2-21

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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