



# CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

December 15, 2021

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**December 1, 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.

Paasch read a statement about County issues and announced he will not seek re-election.

### 2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Paasch – Move Agenda Item 5H to Agenda Item 6K

Boice – Move Agenda Item 5F to Agenda Item 6L

Boice – Move Agenda Item 5J to Agenda Item 6M

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about a variety of county issues. Tim Scullen, Eleanor Foskett, Dave Lacey, Ann Vileisis, Mark Furler, Joseph Janowicz, Peg Reagan, Eric Helene, Ann Morgan, Tim Palmer, Nancy Sue Rose, and Marcus Von Skepsgardh spoke in support of the SOWSPA (Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act) and encouraged the Board to support the SOWSPA. Connie Hunter spoke about SWOCC (Southwest Oregon Community College), Curry Health Network, and HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy). Ed Schreiber spoke about the budget committee and his eagerness to serve the citizens of south county. Ann Morgan stated the LWV (League of Women Voters) Curry County is interested in clean water. Bret Cecil spoke about Curry County COVID-19 pandemic statistics.

### 4. PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 4A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6I AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6J

A. Financial Review – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director

#### Curry County Strategic Plan:

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Rueckert gave an overview of the County financials which focused on general funds and non-departmental. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Rueckert, and Sheriff Ward about revenues, PILT (Payments In Lieu of Taxes), the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and department spending limits followed.

AGENDA ITEM 4B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6G AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6F

B. Curry County – U.S. Bureau of Land Management – Coast District Office Presentation-  
Discussion-Update - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Steve Lydick, Acting District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, who spoke about modifying fees, SOD (Sudden Oak Death), and operating campgrounds. Jeff Davis, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, spoke about Cape Blanco lighthouse support.

C. Curry County – Oregon Criminal Justice Commission -Curry Seeking Funding to Fight Illegal Marijuana Grows – Presentation and Board Discussion - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice and Paasch about cartels, watershed damage, and quality of life ensued.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting November 3, 2021
- B. County Offices Closed November 26, 2021
- C. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Executive Administrative Assistant – Sheriff's Office
- D. Pay Increase for Irregular Road Department Employees
- E. Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Communications Corporal – Sheriff's Office

AGENDA ITEM 5F MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6L

F. Approve County Credit Card for Craig Anderson, Planning Director

G. Appoint Members to the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council

AGENDA ITEM 5H MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6K

H. Delegation of Parks Coordinator Duties to Liaison Commissioner

I. District Attorney Grant Agreement Approval for Victim Assistance

AGENDA ITEM 5J MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6M

J. TP (Tourism and Promotion) Committee Fund Approval for Spring Advertising

K. Authorizing Juvenile Department to Accept Grant from Wild Rivers Foundation

L. Re-Appointments to Curry County Transit Advisory Committee

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6C

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A. Three (3) Land Use Application Fee Waiver Requests – Nancy O’Dwyer, Senior Planner, Community Development  
Craig Anderson, Planning Director, described the circumstances of each request. A discussion with Anderson; Boice; Becky Crockett, Planning Director; Herzog; and Paasch about the fees, code enforcement, precedent, making a County policy for these type situations, and consistency ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we waive the \$1,000 for the party that had their home or whatever was destroyed by fire and the other one the penalty portion of the fees represented in the citation. Eliminating the penalties on two (2) of them and all the fees on the hardship case. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Budget Committee Appointment South County – Anthony Pope, County Counsel  
Pope spoke about the two (2) applications.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Ed Schreiber to the Budget Committee. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

AGENDA ITEM 6C DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 5 AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6A.

C. Portable Media Security Measures – Commissioner Paasch  
A discussion with Eric Feliciano, Owner, MediaNook; Herzog; and Paasch about portable media, software, and current protocols followed.

D. SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) – Commissioner Paasch  
A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Skip Hunter, and Paasch about the Curry County tax disbursement to SWOCC, specifically the amount collected compared to the amount allocated by SWOCC to Curry County; SWOCC curriculum; options; and contacting Higher Learning, a state supported educational agency.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, we ask County Counsel to file an action with Higher Learning on the SWOCC campus and the next steps we need to begin to take. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Abandoned Vehicles – Commissioner Paasch  
A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about abandoned vehicle towing costs, collecting those costs from the abandoned vehicle’s owner, and developing a County policy addressing the issue.

AGENDA ITEM 6F DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4B AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6I

F. Curry County – Coos, Curry, Douglas Business Development Curry Office Space -  
Commissioner Boice - Economic Development Coordinator, Summer Matteson  
Theresa Haga, Executive Director/Finance Manager, CCD Business Development Corporation, and Bryan Sykes, Accounting Manager/Assistant Director, CCD Development Corporation spoke about the benefits and advantages of a CCD Business Development office space in Gold Beach.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we provide office space for Coos Curry Business Development. I think they have a spot picked out that we have offered. Motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 6G WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4 PRESENTATIONS

G. Curry County – Southwest Watershed and Salmon Protection Act – U.S. House Bill 980 - Commissioner Boice

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we ask President of the Audubon Society, Ann Vileisis, to write a letter that she can recommend, and I think we can get this on the agenda for December 15, 2021, and proudly so and they show up for all our meetings. Motion carried unanimously (*followed by audience applause*).

H. Curry County – HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment) -Therapy Letter to Oregon Delegation – Pilot Program - Commissioner Boice and Connie Hunter

A discussion with Boice, Connie Hunter, Herzog, and Paasch about the benefits of HBOT in a rural area followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6I DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6F AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4A

I. Curry County – Adapt Health Care Lease Agreement = Club House – Future Mental Health Services - Commissioner Boice

Jerry O’Sullivan (via GoToMeeting), Chief of Regional Business Operations, Adapt Integrated Health Care, spoke about lease agreement, Hammond House, and future plans.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we accept this lease for a club house subject to the final review from Counsel Pope. Motion carried unanimously

J. Spending Authority for Department Heads and Elected Officials; Emergency Procedures – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

(*Please Note: Sheriff Ward’s comments were made during the Agenda Item 4A presentation.*)

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Pope, Rueckert and Sheriff Ward about timelines, needs, budget limits, and details of the County’s procedures followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to leave the spending authority at \$15,000 with the current steps we have in place through the checks and balances the County already has in place. Motion and second retracted.

AGENDA ITEM 5H MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM 6K

5H. Delegation of Parks Coordinator Duties to Liaison Commissioner

A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; and Julie Swift, Payroll and Human Resources Coordinator; about the Parks Department, TLT (Transient Lodging Tax), and maintenance at Lobster Creek

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to give all authority of Parks Director to Herzog. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5F MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM 6L

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5F Approve County Credit Card for Craig Anderson, Planning

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve County card Craig Anderson credit card. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5J MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM 6M

5J TP (Tourism and Promotion) Committee Fund Approval for Spring Advertising

Miranda Plagge explained the topic. A discussion with Herzog, Paasch, and Plagge followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve this expenditure for marketing through Curry County Economic Development Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

B. Commissioner Paasch thanked everyone for their support.

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- The items he is postponing until December 15, 2021 meeting;
- Watching the drought;
- Grant opportunities;
- ARP Committee;
- Oregon Coast Community Action;
- Housing Committee; and
- AOCC (Association of Oregon Counties).

**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)(e) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. and exited at 5:45 p.m.

THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING MINUTES WERE COMPILED USING THE MEETING VIDEO.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**9. HIRE ORDERS**

A. New Hire – Code Enforcement Officer - Julie Swift, Payroll and Human Resources Coordinator

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

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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 5:47 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2021.



Chair John Herzog



Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch



Commissioner Court Boice

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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