



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

February 2, 2022

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022

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 9:02 a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog, Vice Chair Chris Paasch, and Commissioner Court Boice.

Also Present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope (via phone) and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice – Pull Agenda Item 5A

Pope – Pull Executive Session

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Mary Rowe spoke about the Lane County ADA (American Disability Act) transitional plan and SCBEC (South Coast Business Employment Corporation) which needs drivers. Gretchen Green, Joe Wilson, Joe Smith, and Jean Cheney Soderman spoke against using ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds for the Ophir school facility for homeless. Judy Baker, Tru Houghtaling, and Diane Baker spoke about issues homeless bring to the community. Maggie Daly spoke about the jail/courthouse proposed design. Cam Lynn spoke about Measure 110. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about uses for ARP funds and vaccine mandates. Bret Cecil, on behalf of Gordon Clay, spoke about statements made at the January 5, 2022, Board of Commissioners Business Meeting which were not sourced.

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. Curry County Veterans Honoring Connie Hunter – AVVA (Association of Vietnam Veterans of America) - 2021 Fellowship Award of the Year – AVVA Directors - John Birch and Jennifer Ellis and Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced (via GoToMeeting) John Birch, Jennifer Ellis, and Ruth Feliciano from AVVA Chapter 805. Birch spoke about the many activities Hunter has undertaken. Ellis presented the

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award. Hunter thanked several people, commented on the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council, and spoke about HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy).

5. PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 5A PULLED

A. Curry County – Union County – Veterans – Oregon Housing Project – Presentation - Commissioner Boice

B. Curry County – Lone Rock Resources – Introduction – Presentation – Toby Luther (CEO) and Brennan Garrelts (Logging Manager) - Commissioner Boice
Boice introduced Garrelts who, using a PowerPoint Presentation, spoke about Lone Rock, lumber mills, and timber lands.

C. Code Enforcement Update and Formal Introduction of Officer Melvin Trover
Melvin Trover, Code Enforcement Officer, introduced himself and spoke about code enforcement cases – closed, pending, and open.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting December 15, 2021
- B. Approve Minutes Special Meeting January 14, 2022
- C. Approve Employee Credit Card – Melvin Trover
- D. Appointing Mountain Dr Special Road District Road Board Member
- E. Appoint Commissioner Boice as the Curry County Board of Commissioners Voting Delegate
- F. Supplemental Budget – Clerk's Office
- G. Supplemental Budget – ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Sign USFS (United States Forest Service) Modification of Grant or Agreement and Signing Quarterly Federal Financial Reports Completed by USFS – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen summarized the project details.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Richard Christensen signing quarterly reports for this \$700,000 project. Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS 7B AND 7C WERE COMBINED AS LANG STATED SHE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATIONS.

B. Grant Approval for ADPEP (Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education) and TPEP (Tobacco Prevention and Education) – Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director

C. Colvin Building IT Upgrades – Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director

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Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve B and C together (Colvin Building IT upgrades and grant approval). Motion carried unanimously.

D. Curry County – A Pledge of Support for the Oregon Coastal Trail Completion - Commissioner Boice

Boice summarized the pledge of support.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to support this. Motion carried unanimously

E. Curry County – Presentation – Update from Steve Beyerlin – Curry Salmon Recovery Coordinator and Leonard Krug, President of Oregon Anglers' Alliance - Commissioner Boice
(Beyerlin not in attendance.)

Krug thanked everyone, stated the harvest opportunity is vital to the community, and read a letter which included detailed highlights of the plan.

AGENDA ITEM 7F DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7G AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 8A.

F. Curry County – Approve \$25,000 from the ARP (America Rescue Plan) Funds for Long Term Water Needs Planning - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about water needs for the entire community. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about specific water challenges, AOC (Association of Oregon Counties), illegal grows, timelines, ARP funds, and future follow-up ensued.

Motion by Boice this is an incredibly important investment and we accept the \$25,000 for Association of Oregon Counties specific to the contract they've done with Ms. Burright and Andy Smith going from veterans to this project to help us work with the Oregon Water Resources, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and all the water stakeholders that serve the citizens of Curry County and my friends in Harbor I'm doing everything I can to get you good drinking water. Motion dies for lack of a second.

AGENDA ITEM 7G WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 5C AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6A.

G. Clarification of Absentee Property Owner Program – Melvin Trover, Code Enforcement Officer
A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Pope, and Trover about fees to charge (1) owners with multiple properties where the properties are abutting each other and (2) owners with multiple properties where the properties are not abutting each other followed. Boice stated he will oppose it based on hitting them too hard.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, let the fee remain for each property for \$120.00 for each vacant property in the County and anything that is under one property owner but has multiple tax [contiguous] lots in the same grouping it is only one (1) fee. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

AGENDA ITEMS 7H AND 7I WERE COMBINED.

H. Contract with Next Generation Forestry, LLC – Becky Crockett, Past Planning Director-Special Projects and Commissioner Boice
(Crockett not in attendance.)

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Christensen asking for Board support to move forward to hire a forest manager in the future.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, that we hire Next Generation Forestry through, it's a team effort with Building Director Thomson, Road Department and Planning Director Crockett, I think that's a heck of a team, and I'd like to be involved in that, and I definitely would have some input I think would be of value and hope. Motion carried unanimously.

Paasch stated he understood from Crockett H & I combined are not to exceed \$5,000.00. Boice stated that's his understanding, and that is accurate.

I. Conceptual Plan for 34-Acre Airport Road Parcel – Becky Crockett, Past Planning Director-Special Projects

(Crockett not in attendance.)

A discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, Paasch, and Thomson about the plan followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to accept the conceptual plan for the 34-acre Airport Road project. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8 DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7G.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public Hearing as to the Amendment of Article Two, Division Eight of the Curry County Code (Building Code)

Herzog read a statement about the ordinance and the title of the Ordinance. Herzog opened public comments. There were no public comments.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve this Ordinance to be advanced to a second (2nd) public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Approval of Agenda Item 7H
- Grants
- Union County housing for veterans
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Douglas County

B. Commissioner Herzog did not give an update.

C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Personal health
- ARP funds workshop
- Rogue Community College

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AGENDA ITEM 10 PULLED.

10. 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

11. HIRE ORDERS

(None)

12. **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.")


13. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.


Dated this 2nd day of February, 2022.



John Herzog, Chair



Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair



Court Boice Commissioner 2-3-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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