



# CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

February 16, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**February 2, 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 9:00 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

Paasch – Add Agenda Item 6G - Appoint a member to the budget committee

Paasch - Add Executive Session to speak about the college and public postings

Boice – Move Agenda Items 5C and 5F to Agenda Items 6H and 6I

Boice – Pull Agenda Items 4A and 4B

Paasch – Pull Agenda Item 4C

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

Pope – Add Agenda Item 6K – how the Parks Department will be run

*(Paasch added Agenda Item 6L during a break in Public Comments)*

Paasch – Add Road Department Mower Max change order as Agenda Item 6L

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

Boice spoke about citizen involvement, housing, and the homeless coalition. Paasch spoke about family losses in war zones, housing for working families, and low-income housing. Herzog stated he echoes the sentiments expressed by Boice and Paasch and spoke about people needing to make a choice.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, Curry County Oregon Board of Commissioners appropriate no County funds or American Rescue Plan funds to or for the Ophir school or any housing project specifically related to homeless. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens (*in chronological order*), citing various reasons, spoke against the Board approving the Curry Homeless Coalition ARP (American Rescue Plan) Fund application for \$300,000 to

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purchase the Ophir school: Joe Wilson, Patrick McArthur, Jean Soderman, Nancy Chester, Hymie, Gail Hokesley (*inaudible*) Chandler, Mark St. James, Jim Johnson, and John Obermeyer. The following citizens (*in chronological order*), citing various reasons, spoke either in support of or not against the Curry Homeless Coalition ARP Fund application for \$300,000 to purchase the Ophir school: Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Joy May, Daniel Jue, Tom Whitehead, Tim Scullen, John Zimmerman, and David Nedervelt. Julianna Reasor spoke about a grant writer. Laurie Van Zandt spoke about Gold Beach Main Street. Mary Rowe spoke about an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) transitional plan. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about feral cats. Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics.

4. **PRESENTATION – ALL THREE PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS WERE PULLED.**

- A. Curry County – Jake Johnstone and Bryn Hudson of the Oregon Water Resources Department – Introduction-Presentation -Commissioner Boice
- B. Curry County – Resources for Curry County - CCC Board 12-15-21 Farmer - Shafer – Donnelley - Commissioner Boice
- C. Financial Review – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting January 5, 2022
- B. Approve Minutes Business Meeting January 19, 2022

AGENDA ITEM 5C MOVED

- C. Supplemental Budget – Maintenance

- D. Reappointing Members to the Tourism Promotions Committee

- E. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Prevention Specialist Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM 5F MOVED

- F. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Sr. Accounting Clerk – Finance

AGENDA ITEM 5G MOVED

- G. Curry County Raid Dispatch System Supplement

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 6D.

- A. Signature Authority of Right of Way and Construction Easement Documents from South Coast Lumber Co. for Morill Bridge Construction Project – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Agenda Item 6A. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Signature Authority for Dyer Task Order 10D in Amount Not to Exceed \$293,195.00. for Morrill Bridge Project in 2022 – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Agenda Item 6B. Motion carried unanimously  
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C. Support of Independence Day Events/Firework Shows with TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Funds  
– Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Matteson recapped the proposal. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Matteson, and Paasch followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve \$10,000 per area of county. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6D NOT DISCUSSED

D. Proclamation Recognizing Curry Citizen Allen H. Boice, his Veterans Service, Law Enforcement Service and Contributions to Curry County - Commissioner Boice Move to 2/16/22

E. Curry County – COVID – Omicron Update - Commissioner Boice  
Boice gave a COVID-19 pandemic Omicron variant update.

F. Appointments to the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council – Anthony Pope, County Counsel  
The Board voted on the applicants.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to appoint Ashley Jones and Janece Payne. Motion carried unanimously.

6G Budget Committee Resignation

Paasch noted the need to fill the Budget Committee vacancy as the first budget committee meeting is scheduled in March, 2022 and recommended the Board appoint former Budget Committee member, Brad Alcorn, for one (1) term.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to appoint Brad Alcorn to one (1) term. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5C MOVED TO AGENDA 6H

6H Supplemental Budget - Maintenance

Cena Crook, Assistant Finance Director, spoke about the details for this particular supplemental budget agenda item.

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

AGENDA ITEM 5F MOVED TO AGENDA 6I

6I Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Sr. Accounting Clerk - Finance  
Julie Swift explained need for position description.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we adopt the position description for Senior Accounting Clerk in Finance Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5G MOVED TO AGENDA 6J

5G Curry County 911 Dispatch System

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A discussion with Sgt Stacy Aranda, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Sheriff Ward about the flooring, and furniture followed.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6K ADDED

6K How the Parks Department Will Be Run – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

Pope read a letter about all the duties and matters relating to the Curry County Parks Department which will be jointly assigned to the Juvenile Department and Veteran's Service Department effective February 2, 2022.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6L ADDED

6L Add Quick Disconnect System to Mower Max Boom Mower Invoice

Paasch noted the Quick Disconnect System will allow addition of a tree grinder.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice to approve difference in invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AT 10AM**

AGENDA ITEM 7A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6C

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

Herzog announced history of 1<sup>st</sup> reading, opened public comment, and closed public comment. There was not any public comment.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve the Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Herzog spoke about

- The Parks Department
  - Lobster Creek Park;
  - Boice Cope Park; and
  - State Parks

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Response to recent postcard mailing;
- Special Districts; and
- Fire Districts
  - Wedderburn
  - Consolidation

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- AOC (Association of Oregon Counties);

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- Fire training center;
- Food security;
- Timber Counties Coalition;
- Grant opportunities;
- Jail and courthouse; and
- ARP funds discussion

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 11:58 a.m.; exited at 2:00 p.m.; re-entered at 3:30 p.m. and exited at 4:39 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

## 10. HIRE ORDERS

- New Hire – Road Maintenance/Construction Worker I

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

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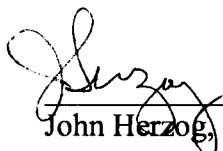
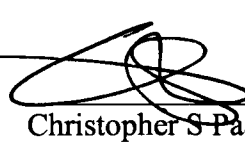
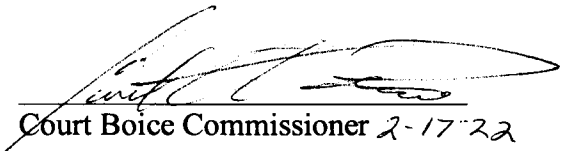
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- OTHER** (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

## 12. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2022.

 John Herzog, Chair
  Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair
  Court Boice Commissioner 2-17-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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