



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

March 16, 2022

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 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.

Paasch thanked everyone for cards and letters and stated it was much appreciated.

Boice spoke about Ukraine and the deaths of women and children.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Herzog – Pull Agenda Item 6C

Pope – Change Executive Session 8A start time from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Barker-Hidalgo spoke about food bank storage and Agenda Item 6E. Connie Hunter spoke about housing and the housing committee. Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 tests and read Gordon Clay's letter regarding COVID-19 pandemic statistics and housing. Laurie Van Zandt spoke about the proposed feasibility study for underground power along Hwy 101 in Gold Beach.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Jared Gray 15 Years of Service and Jaired Freeman 5 Year of Service – Sheriff Ward
Sheriff Ward spoke highly about both Detective Jaired Freeman and Forest Deputy Jared Gray.
Ward presented each with a plaque.

B. Monthly Financial Review – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director
Rueckert gave a comparative financial review of the budget as of January 2022, regarding expenses and payroll. Rueckert also addressed ARP (American Rescue Plan) allocations.

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C. The Road/Patrol Fund – David Barnes, Treasurer

David Barnes spoke about the Road and Sheriff Patrol Fund (nee Road Fund), the County budget, timelines, and the need for more revenue.

AGENDA ITEM 4D DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4E

D. Curry County – 2022 Fire Season Preparation – Firewise our Homes, Neighborhoods and Communities - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about fire season preparation, specifically, previous fire seasons, forest management, and fuel abatement. Boice also showed a video about the Douglas County Archie Creek Fire.

AGENDA ITEM 4E DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4D

E. Curry County – Carisa Hettich and Judy Collins – American Red Cross – Presentation - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Carisa Hettich, Executive Director, American Red Cross, Southwest Oregon Chapter; who spoke about the services the Red Cross provides, the need for blood donations, and smoke alarm installation. Hettich introduced Judy Collins, Community Volunteer leader, who spoke about donating blood and preparing for emergencies.

F. AOCC (Association of Oregon and California Counties Update) – Rocky McVay, Executive Director, AOCC; and Tim Freeman, Douglas County Commissioner;) Presentation (*via GoToMeeting*) – Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Freeman, Herzog, and McVay about timber, specifically management, salvage, and receipts; wildfire preparedness; and the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) followed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting February 16, 2022
- B. Authorizing the Curry County Juvenile Department to Accept a Grant from Roundtree Foundation
- C. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Operations Manager
- D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Community Service and Parks Coordinator
- E. Supplemental Budgets

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Curry Counties Liability to Loss Due to Current Events – Commissioner Paasch
Paasch spoke about his reputation and the impact on his reputation of an E-Mail to a member of the public from Boice accusing Paasch of being corrupt. A discussion with Boice and Paasch ensued with Boice stating he will have a presentation as soon as his attorneys say it's OK.

AGENDA ITEM 6B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6E

- B. Use of EIN (Employer/Tax ID Number), DUNS (Dunn & Bradstreet), and SAM (System for Award Management) Numbers – David Barnes, Treasurer

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A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about the use of these numbers on grant applications, the effect these numbers have on the County's bond rating, and various ways the County could control the use of these numbers followed. The direction was to have all grant applications go through the County Counsel's office, then to the Finance Department and the Treasurer's office.

AGENDA ITEM 6C WAS PULLED

C. Wildlands Firefighting Training Center – David Barnes, Treasurer - PULL

D. ARP (American Rescue Plan) Administration – David Barnes, Treasurer

A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about expanding the Deputy Treasurer's responsibilities by adding ARP administration, reporting ARP funds activities, and using Rabiah Lee, Legal Assistant, as well ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve the additional hours that it takes for Kali (Cochran) to administrate the ARP funds and work an agreement with Rabiah (Lee) and County Council as well. (*Motion amended to include*) nothing about hours or anything, but just these folks would get a subrecipient agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6E WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6A AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6D

E. Request for ARP Funding – Commissioner Herzog

Herzog spoke about the Common Good of Port Orford, a food pantry, the services they provide, and a request for \$10,000 out of ARP funds.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to appropriate the \$10,000 we discussed for North County at the February 16, 2022, meeting to Common Good. Motion carried unanimously.

Herzog spoke about a roof issue on the Christian Help building across the street.

Van Zandt, Gold Beach Main Street, spoke about ARP funding for a feasibility study for underground utilities. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch and Van Zandt followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to approve \$25,000 to Gold Beach Main Street for the purpose of a feasibility study for underground, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), and all the studies to move forward with Gold Beach Main Street project qualified as ARP money to Gold Beach Main Street. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Abstain).

F. Budget Committee Appointment Review – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

Pope summarized the process. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about geographic location of committee members, the Budget Committee appointment on February 2, 2022, and pre-budget preparation followed.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022 MEETING. TODAY IT WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6B AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6D.

A discussion by Boice, Brewer, Herzog, and Paasch about the UV-C robot unit which kills pathogens and disinfects quickly followed. The consensus was to bring back at the March 16, 2022, meeting.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about
 - Code Enforcement and
 - Ukraine.
- B. Commissioner Boice spoke about
 - Ukraine;
 - Douglas County COZID-19 pandemic report;
 - Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery and watersheds;
 - Steve Beyerlin salmon recovery;
 - Lost Creek reservoir;
 - ARP funds;
 - Grant writer;
 - HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy);
 - Jail/Courthouse; and
 - AOC water program.
- C. Commissioner Herzog
 - AOC water program;
 - Harbor water issues;
 - Ukraine;
 - Interdepartmental issues; and
 - Respect for one another

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 8A SCHEDULED FOR 10:00AM Changed to 3PM

- A. 192.660(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. 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.

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 1:33p.m.; recessed at 2:02 p.m.; re-entered at 2:40 p.m.; and exited at 4:38 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

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9. HIRE ORDERS

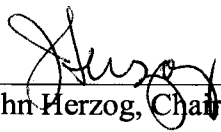
A. (None)

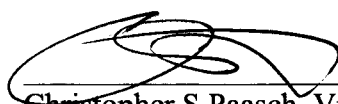
10. OTHER (ORS.192.640(1) " . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

11. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2022.

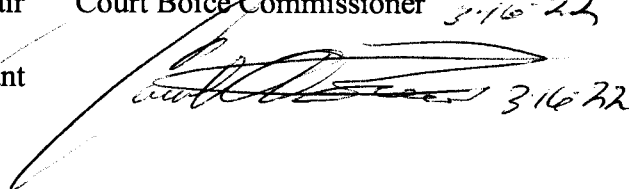


John Herzog, Chair

Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair

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Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant



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