



# CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

April 20, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**April 6, 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

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 4. PRESENTATION

A. Proclaiming April 2022 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch read the proclamation.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to proclaim April 2022 Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Curry County Fairgrounds Capital Improvement Presentation – Kaitlyn Coleman, Fair Manager  
and Bob Chibante, Fair Board Member

A discussion with Boice, Chibante, Coleman, and Paasch about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations, the Master Plan, repair and improvement projects, future events, and funding followed.

C. Gregory Speer - Corps Awards \$ 5 Million Contract - Rogue River Dredging - CCC Board  
Presentation - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Speer about the tentative Rogue River dredging schedule, equipment, the Coast Guard, gravel harvesting, Chetco River, jetty rebuild funding, and timelines followed.

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AGENDA ITEM 4D WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6F AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6E.

D. New Court House Jail Possible Plans – Workshop-Update – Curry Contractor, ORW  
Architecture - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Jeff Bender (via GoToMeeting) ORW; Boice; Herzog; and Paasch about the status of the project, timelines, the County's commitment to the project as it stands now, funding, and Adroit Construction Company's facilities evaluation & conceptual cost estimating proposal followed.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting March 16, 2022
- B. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
- C. Civic TV Hearing Room Upgrades
- D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Facilities Maintenance Worker/Custodian
- E. Reclassification of an Employee – B. Allen
- F. Approval of MOU (Memo of Understanding) with Port of Brookings Regarding the Curry County Sheriff Substation

AGENDA ITEM 5G MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6F

G. Promotion of an Employee – W. Somers

- H. Reclassification of an Employee – A. Gaddis-Parker – Operations Manager
- I. Approval of SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) Grant Agreement – Curry County
- J. Payment of AOCC (Association of Oregon & California Counties) Dues
- K. Order Cancellation of Certain Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes
- L. Juvenile Department Youth Litter Patrol Program
- M. Parks Host Renewal Agreement
- N. CCD (Coos Curry Douglas) Board of Directors Annual Reappointments

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6C.

A. MORE (Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently) Agreement with Coos County to Manage Timber Sale – Becky Crockett, Planning Director  
Crockett summarized the agreement. A discussion with Boice, Crockett, Herzog, and Paasch followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve this contract agreement with Coos County Department of Forestry via Curry County Planning Director Crockett. Motion carried unanimously

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

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B. ARP Funding of Federal Grant Writing Course for Three County Employees – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson summarized the details of the grant writing training course. A discussion with Boice, Crockett, Herzog, Matteson, and Paasch about the advantages of the course, costs, possible grants to pursue, and volunteers to sign up for the course followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we approve item 6B for training four (4) to five (5) grant writing Curry County employees and for the eight (8) month course for \$6,000 to \$10,000 [per employee]. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA 6C WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6A AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6B

C. Changing from Three (3) Commissioners to Five (5) – Commissioner Paasch

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Pope, and Nancy Sue Rose about the advantages of a five (5) member Board; compensation; a ballot measure in November 2022, to move from three (3) to five (5) Commissioners; County management; and changes in the County over the past decades ensued. Paasch noted he will get more detail on the cost and bring back in two (2) weeks.

D. Apparent Arbitrary Change by One Commissioner of Meeting Agenda and a Disregard for Proper Public Notification – Commissioner Herzog's Decision Was Made without Full Curry Board of Commissioners Consultation - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about the change in procedure, County College, transparency, and reviewing at a Workshop ensued.

E. Commissioner Boice Response to Commissioner Paasch Comments at the CCC Board Meeting March 2, 2022 – Agenda Item 6 A – Boice, 2nd Request for Equal Time and Equal Process - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about previous camp hosts, a proposed debate, and coming together followed.

AGENDA ITEM 5G DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6E AND AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6D

5G. Promotion of an Employee – W. Somers

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to move agenda 6F (formerly Agenda Item 5G) in front of Agenda Item 6E. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

Paasch stated we have budget issues. A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Paasch; and Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator; about the recent change in Parks organization, the wage study, job descriptions, and costs ensued.

11:25 Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve this wage adjustment. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No)

**7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Potential refund on dues from AOC (Association of Oregon Counties);
- Cole Rivers fish hatchery with Senator Jeff Merkley's staff;

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- Working on Collaborative Forest landscape grant;
- SB 1573 could not get out of committee;
- Cape Blanco planning update; and
- Running for Governor with the message of natural resources.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- ORW and Adroit E-Mails;
- Property registration; and
- TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) from Parks.

C. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent
- B. ORS 192.660(b) and (h) -- (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 and (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 1:23 p.m.; recessed at 2:03 p.m.; reentered at 3:24 p.m.; and exited at 3:57 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

## 9. HIRE ORDERS

Note: (a) There was one (1) vote on all four (4) motions and (b) Boice abstained on one (1) of the following hire orders.

A. New Hire – Custodian - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hire order. Motion carried.

B. New Hire – Planning Permit Technician I - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hire order. Motion carried.

C. New Hire – Sr. Accounting Clerk – Finance - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hire order. Motion carried.

D. New Hire – Sr. Department Specialist - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hire order. Motion carried.

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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 4:00 p.m.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2022.



John Herzog, Chair



Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair



Court Boice Commissioner

4-20-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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