



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

July 20, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 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

Herzog gave an invocation.

The Pledge was recited by all.

Boice asked for a moment of silence.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Paasch - Pull Agenda Item 5F as more comments need to be made. Herzog is not in favor of moving Agenda Item 5F to Discussion/Action Item. Paasch does not believe Emergency Services management should be under the guise of Commissioners. Paasch observed, if there is a County emergency, the Sheriff is the number one guy, he directs everyone from his office, and Emergency Services should be under his control. Both Boice and Herzog want to leave 5F in the Consent Agenda.

Pope – Add contract for timber sale for Airport Rd Property

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch - No)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about Christian prayer at the Board of Commissioners business meetings.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Deputy Kenny Moore's Five (5) Year Anniversary – Sheriff Ward
Sheriff Ward recognized Deputy Moore.

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AGENDA ITEM 4B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6A

B. USCG (United States Coast Guard) – Rogue River Bar Safety - USCG Staffing Update - Chetco Officer in Charge, Chief Ryan Widdows - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice; Richard Christensen, Roadmaster; Herzog; Luke Martinez, Aquatic Safety Officer; Paasch; Greg Speer (via GoToMeeting) USACE (United States Army Corp of Engineers); and Widdows about the dredging operations, timelines, and jetty extension followed.

AGENDA ITEM 5 DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4A

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting June 22, 2022
- B. Adoption of Policy pursuant to ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) 203.077
- C. Add HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) VEBA (Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association) to Non-Represented Employees per Master Payroll Order
- D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Assistant Veterans' Services Officer
- E. Reclassification of an Employee – Adali Pitman – Assistant Veterans' Services Officer
- F. Clarification of Roles (Emergency Management) pursuant to ORS Chapter 401

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve Consent Agenda as written. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. ODF (Oregon Department of Forestry) Fire Risk Maps for Curry County – Becky Crockett, Planning Director

A discussion with Boice and Crockett about the fire risk maps, timelines, buildable land, and insurance followed.

AGENDA ITEM 6B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4B

- B. Roadmaster Signature Authority for \$3.8M Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Project Memorandum of Agreement – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
- Christensen spoke about timelines, costs, and project details.

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

- C. Road Department Awarded \$2M STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvements Project) Grant through the Local Agency Bridge Selection Committee for Local Bridge Program Funding. Christensen summarized details of the request, costs, and timelines.

- D. Child Care Start Up Cohort – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator
- Matteson spoke about childcare needs. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Matteson about costs, timelines, and deliverables followed.

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E. Concept Development in Formation of a Food Council in Curry County – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson spoke about creating a food council. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Matteson about core needs of a community and a possible future resolution on the subject followed.

F. Curry County Boice Cope Park – Long Term Maintenance and Improvement Planning – Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director, who spoke in detail about Boice-Cope Park and Lobster Creek Park short term and long-range maintenance issues. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Lang about immediate maintenance priorities, the reservation system, and future plans ensued.

G. Support for Historical and Important Rogue River Seasonal Channel Maintenance – Five (5) Year Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Division of State Lands – Commissioner Boice

Herzog called for a motion.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, per the amended letter that we put on your desk this morning that, approve that, and support this five (5) year permit. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Curry Board of Commissioners Authorizing the Transfer of One Curry Public Transit Bus - Free to Brookings Community Resource Response (Brookings Core Response) – Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, and Paasch about which departments could use a bus and costs followed. The Board decided to table this item.

I. Curry Board of Commissioners Support for Updated-Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement – Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery – Curry Salmon Recovery Coordinator Beyerlin - Commissioner Boice

Boice summarized the issues.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6J DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 8

J. Curry County Proclamation - Opposition to the Oregon Department of Forestry Proposed HCP (Habitat Conservation Plan) – Dr. Bob Zybach Presentation - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Zybach (via GoToMeeting) who summarized the history of this issue and its impact on Oregon.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, that the Board approve this proclamation, Curry County proclamation, that opposes Oregon Department of Forestry's western habitat conservation plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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K. Curry County Vacating Property Ownership – Zimmerman Way – North Side – Harbor Liquor Store – Melvin Trover, Code Enforcement Officer; Christensen; and Commissioner Boice
A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, Pope, and Sheriff Ward about options to promptly resolve the issue and individuals involved ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to amend your [the] ARS (Agenda Routing Slip) to say instead of vacating, we lease the property on Zimmerman Way immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Changes to County Fee Schedule – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

Herzog opened the public hearing, asked for public comment, and observed no members of the public were present. Pope stated fee changes were made by department heads. Garrett Thomson, Building Official, addressed the need for the fee changes. Boice stated these are hard times for people, noted we have a meeting on July 7, 2022, at 10 a.m., (so he can read it tonight, July 6, 2022), commented he does not think he will have trouble supporting it, observed he does not want to support it without wise research, and said he is just going to be a hold out.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – Abstain).

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about Emergency Services and the ORS regarding emergency services liaisons.

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about - -

- Emergency Services;
- Time spent with Dan DeYoung, Josephine County Commissioner;
- Consumption tax;
- Bear Camp Road chip seal project;
- Broadband; and
- Moss-Adams.

9. 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.

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

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. and exited at 11:53 a.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

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10. HIRE ORDERS

A. New Hire – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to hire Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11A ADDED DURING AGENDA ITEM 8B

11. **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.")

A. Emergency Services Liaison

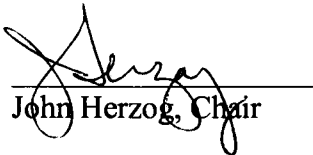
Boice asked for the Board's support to be appointed as Emergency Services Liaison.

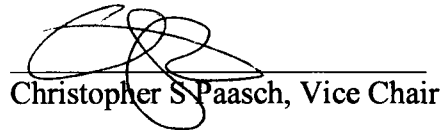
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Boice as Emergency Services Liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2022.


John Herzog, Chair


Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair


Court Boice Commissioner 7-21-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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