



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**December 16, 2020**

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

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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2020

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:02 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, and Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John HuttI, Director of County Operations Brad Rueckert, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

Absent: Julie Schmelzer, Director of County Operations

The Pledge was recited by all.

Captain Phil McDonald presented a 30 Year Anniversary Service Award to Sheriff Ward and cited the Sheriff department changes and improvements during Ward's tenure, such as improved training and equipment, addition of a three (3), dual purpose dog, K-9 unit, and creating a proactive department. Paasch also praised the Sheriff's department achievements, continued growth, and accomplishments during Ward's term. Ward stated he appreciates the award and is looking forward to the future.

#### 2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report.

#### 3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gold – Pull 6A and move to after 7D

Boice - Pull 6G and move to after 7E

HuttI - Add Executive Sessions 192.660(2)(f) & 192.660(2)(h)

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

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mahlon Best stated, as a condo owner, he supports the amendment to property registration Ordinance, 20-01. Gordon Clay spoke about the upcoming International Day for Tolerance, encouraged everyone to make tolerance the new normal, and read a list of activities and practices suggesting how to work on this. David Barnes, (*speaking after the Director's Report (Item 8)*), asked if the Treasurer elect had been invited to OpenGov training.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

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A. Call In – Presentation – AOC (Association Of Oregon Counties) Executive Director Gina Nikkel  
Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Nikkel and read the letter Nikkel wrote to legislators about wildfires and their impact on the environment, health, local economies, and wildlife. Nikkel addressed various issues facing counties such as lack of and/or delay of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) fund allocations, county insurance programs, wildfires, and homelessness; commented on how AOC advocates for counties; spoke about a master level program for county leadership; noted her future plan to visit Curry County and tour the Courthouse to ensure Governor Brown knows of the County's infrastructure issues; and restated the AOC mantra of counties are local boots on the ground. Boice spoke about what he has learned from AOC during the last 4 years; commented on the legislative process and AOC lobbying efforts; spoke about veterans; feels AOC dues are well worth the value; recommends going straight to the White House for CARES fund allocation issues; and wants the public to know of Nikkel's tremendous responsibility keeping 36 counties together. Paasch stated he appreciates information on NACo (National Association of Counties); feels CIS insurance is one of AOC's strongest programs; encouraged AOC to take the lead on rural county infrastructure issues; and, regarding getting the Rogue River back in its socket, observed any engineering help AOC can give would be welcome. Gold stated she agrees with comments on CARES fund allocations as the results, so far, show how rural counties have been left out. Huttli spoke about the annual AOC annual conference, and noted it is invaluable to have all counties together in one (1) location. Nikkel stated due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual AOC convention will be on line, starting on November 16, 2020, with new commissioner orientation.

AGENDA ITEM 7A MOVED TO BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 5B

A. Honoring Curry Resident Carl Shepley, Courageous Vietnam Special Operations Combat  
Soldier - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Carl Shepley, commented Shepley is moving due to health reasons, and read the proclamation. Shepley stated he feels at home in Oregon. Paasch stated he appreciates Shepley's service.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Presentation – Latest Mask and Face Covering – OHA (Oregon Health Authority), and  
Governor's Office. - Commissioner Boice

Boice stated Governor Brown is doing her best to stop the spread of COVID-19, spoke about mask requirements, stated Governor Brown's expiring order regarding masks has been extended sixty (60) days and will now expire January, 2021, praised Huttli's and Rueckert's response to a citizen concern about Boice not wearing a mask, read a letter he wrote about wearing masks, spoke about Curry County COVID-19 pandemic statistics, and thanked everyone for their efforts. Paasch expressed skepticism about some COVID-19 pandemic statistics and observed the whole thing is a nightmare.

AGENDA ITEMS 7B AND 7C MOVED TO BEFORE CONSENT AGENDA

7B. Ordinance Amending the Property Registration Ordinance (Ord. No. 20-01) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - John  
Huttli, County Counsel

Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer, stated Ordinance 20-01 is well written, noted he does not support the amendment to the ordinance as the amendment will exempt HOA's (Homeowner Associations). Fortman also noted (1) the amendment was not run by any staff member, (2) will eliminate registration requirement for property owners, (3) if passed as written, will take away the

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tool used to fix safety and blight issues in the County, and (4) urged tabling this agenda item. Gold stated not all HOA's are the same. Boice commented the County wants to register properties.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to table the property registration Ordinance 20-01 amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

7C. Ordinance Amending the Implementation of the Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance (Ord. No. 19-13) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – John Huttl, County Counsel

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve amending the implementation of the transient lodging tax ordinance 19-13. Motion carried unanimously.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### AGENDA ITEM 6A WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

#### A. Minutes Business Meeting October 7, 2020

The minutes of the October 7, 2020 business meeting state, "Boice stated Gold, during the August 26, 2020, Business Meeting, lied about his comments on Lobster Creek timber sales."

Gold noted she was offended at the time; showed a video clip of Boice; handed out a copy of her letter to the Curry County Reporter and a copy of slide 9 of Boice's September 2, 2020 workshop PowerPoint presentation; and requested the comment be stricken. Boice stated he does not believe he said Gold lied, but, if he did, he is truly sorry. Huttl stated if the word lied was said, the corrective action would be an apology. Jezuit was tasked to research video of the exchange and amend the October 7, 2020 business meeting minutes accordingly.

#### B. 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit CAP (Corrective Action Plan)

#### C. Nationwide Retirement Account – Signature Authority to Chair

#### D. 2020-2021 Master Payroll Amendment #2

#### E. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement

#### F. Work Out of Classification – G. Wolford

### AGENDA ITEM 6H WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

#### G. Order Authorizing MOUs (Memo Of Understanding) with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Support Services Funded by CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act

Boice stated, after hearing from Nikkel, he wants to spend more time on this; invite CBO's to see what their expectations are; give them a chance to get to know us, to learn more about what we do; and give us a chance to know what they do. Boice asked to bring this back as a discussion item. The Board did not object.

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

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### AGENDA ITEM 7A MOVED TO BEFORE AGENDA 5B

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## 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rueckert

- Gave an update on OpenGov training progress
- Complimented the staff
- Spoke about training on the payroll module which will increase department efficiency
- Spoke to Daniel Springer, Chief Information Officer Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., who re-negotiated a contract which saved the county a meaningful amount of money.

## 9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch

- Spoke about a meeting with private corporate investors in the Brookings Harbor area which was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns.
- Stated there was nothing new to report on the Rogue River

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- An E-Mail regarding the regional fire training center;
- The CFLRP (Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program) grant status;
- Curry County Anniversary -- 165 years old on December 18, 2020;
- The Growing Tree and his commitment to pull the County together during the next four (4) years;
- Bringing Steve Beyerlin to the November 18, 2020 workshop;
- Douglas County hiring a fire recovery coordinator funded with grants;
- Hutt working on fine tuning the Sequoia consulting contract;
- Importance of housing issues as the County's efforts are starting to show some results;
- Vaccination distribution plan; and
- A presentation in Bandon on Bio-Char which he will have more on in the future.
- (Re: Boice-Cope Park tablet, responding to Gold)
  - The park computer was broken and not replaced;
  - The Camp Hosts using their own personal phone and Wi-Fi for reservations; and
  - Taking the tablet in his office and then taking it to the District Attorney.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- The Parks Coordinator concern about a missing tablet from Boice Cope Park as the tablet needs to be in a safe place;
- Her concerns about RV's dumping waste on highways and Harris Beach Park allowing no charge waste dumping; and
- Her continued work with AllCare on available grants.

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Labor Matters with Designated Representatives – Brad Rueckert, DCO

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192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

ITEMS ADDED BY HUTTL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

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 Paasch entered executive session at 11:25 a.m. and exited at 1:15 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**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.")

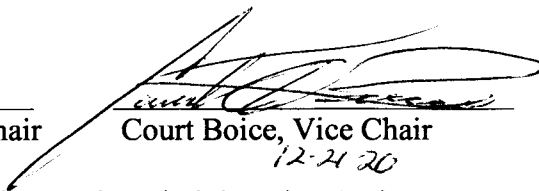
**13. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

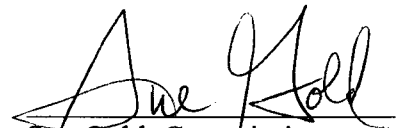


Christopher S Paasch, Chair



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Court Boice, Vice Chair



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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