



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:
December 16, 2020**

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon
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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING CORRECTED MINUTES October 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:01 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, and Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttli, Directors of County Operations Julie Schmelzer and Brad Rueckert, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

Boice addressed Oregon Ethics Commission complaints filed by Schmelzer against him; stated four (4) of the five (5) were promptly dismissed and a hearing on the fifth complaint resulted in that complaint's dismissal as well; commented he wanted the people to know he works very hard for them; and noted he will continue to fight for the highest standards in this building.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RE: THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2020 -- PER DISCUSSION AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020, BUSINESS MEETING, THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE --

Boice stated Gold, during the August 26, 2020, Business Meeting, lied about his comments on Lobster Creek timber sales.

IS CORRECTED TO READ --

Boice stated, "... there was an article by Commissioner Gold saying I was for logging Lobster Creek and if you go back and look at the video, it simply references that there is tremendously valuable timber at the Lobster Creek Park. And if it's in the best interests of the citizens, which I don't believe that to be true, certainly I wouldn't recommend harvesting the timber. So that was just a false statement, and I want the public to know that I did not in any way insinuate that we should log that. The article, I think, was September 9, 2020, Public Forum by Commissioner Gold. ..."

Paasch - Pull Agenda Item 6H.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Wilson, Superintendent, Central Curry County School District 1, spoke about cyberbullying and its impact on suicide statistics, noted October is bullying prevention month; and encouraged monitoring

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computer use for online safety. Gordon Clay spoke about bullying in schools and educational changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, cited statistics about bullying and impact on national suicide statistics, and advocated action oriented prevention of bullying. Wendy Lang, Director Juvenile Department, stated she had nominated Christine Neil, Probation Officer, for the Juvenile Justice Professional of the Year award and read the nomination form praising Neil's specific accomplishments and attitude.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation Regarding CCEC (Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative) Capital Credits for Senior Citizens – Mary Rowe

Rowe addressed, in detail, accumulated capital credits; commented on financial challenges faced by seniors; explained the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal; and encouraged the Board to act today so that the proposal can be sent to CCEC prior to their next Board of Directors meeting.

B. Introduce New County Director of Operations – Julie Schmelzer, DCO (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer introduced Brad Rueckert. Rueckert spoke about his qualifications.

C. Wolf-Hybrid Pet Ownership and Responsibility. Possible Curry Regulations Special Licensing ? Discussion on Nuisance Animals – Definitions - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about a wolf-dog hybrid attack involving a juvenile in April, 2017; stated he wants to define high risk animals; and feels, as there are some high risk animals out there, the Board is obligated to learn more about the issue before taking action. A discussion ensued. Gold suggested this was a topic for the Wolf Advisory Committee. Boice introduced Hunter Graham who spoke about his background, stated details of the wolf-dog hybrid toddler attack, noted another wolf-dog hybrid is in the neighborhood, and described wolf-dog hybrid characteristic traits and behaviors. Boice asked about a possible registration fee, suggested using genetics to determine what percentage of wolf is in an animal, spoke about the Jackson County ordinance, and stated wolf-dog hybrid issues are not related to Wolf Advisory Committee matters. Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer, spoke about the details of three (3) code enforcement complaints in the past two (2) weeks involving dogs, noted rabies is a big concern, and strongly recommended the Board address the issue. David Barnes does not recommend the Board regulate this area as there are not a significant number of cases in the community. Paasch asked about a workshop on October 21, 2020. Schmelzer stated the workshop on October 21, 2020, will involve animals in general.

D. Port of Port Orford \$ 16M Seafood Hub Redevelopment Project - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the project and showed pictures of the Port of Port Orford.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Business Meeting August 26, 2020

B. Minutes Business Meeting September 9, 2020

C. County Credit Card for Brad Rueckert, Director of County Operations

D. Sixes River Fishing Access Certification/Notice of Determination

AGENDA ITEM 6E WAS PULLED

E. Promotion of an Employee – Cody Hawkins

F. Promotion of an Employee – Weston Robbins

G. OHA-2019-2021 IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) Agreement # 159808 Amendment #14 Amended and Restated

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H. Nationwide Fixed Account Amendment

I. ARIAS (At Risk Identification Alert System) Security & Privacy Agreement with OHA (Oregon Health Authority) for Contact Tracing to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter Regarding Capital Credits for Senior Citizens – Commissioner Gold

Gold read the letter and asked the Board to approve.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Gardner Ridge Bypass Road – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen addressed the details of the bypass, specifically, South Coast Lumber is providing the materials and the County is providing the labor, noted this is now a winter project, and asked the Board to approve \$80,000, which is within the Road Department's budget. Gold asked about FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) paying for some of the cost and asked about future accessibility of the bypass road. Boice complimented Christensen for continuing the good relationship with South Coast Lumber, and stated he wants the public to recall this is the area where the Chetco Bar Fire burned several homes.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve bypass road and work with South Coast Lumber. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Sponsor County Surveyor Work at the Event Center on the Beach – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer explained the proposal, which is in compliance with the event center plan. Kaitlyn Coleman, Event Center Manager, spoke about moving forward with the plan and the benefits to the community. Robert Chibante, Fair Board member, spoke about the advantages and benefits of the master plan, explained the project map in great detail, commented on the anticipated RV Park, and addressed water marks. Boice asked about City of Gold Beach involvement. Gold sought more details about some aspects of the plan such as the primary water mark. Paasch spoke about a possible tour of the grounds with a few outside groups and advised looking at State Parks guidelines. Schmelzer spoke of the possibility of a County Parks partnership with the Event Center, noted such a partnership would affect funding, and observed the location of the primary water mark, to be determined by the Surveyor, will have a direct impact on the number of RV sites.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve support for the Surveyor Work needed at the Event Center. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Sponsor County Surveyor Work for Gold Beach Main Street Project – Julie Schmelzer, DCO
Schmelzer explained the Wedderburn triangle proposal of a partnership with CCEC (Coos Curry Electric Cooperative) and the Road Department; noted the need to determine the exact location of the dividing line between the State property and the County property; summarized the benefits of the project; and stated, if approved, she will come back next week with a Task Order. Paasch noted there was a problem with the intersection. Gold asked about the Road Department budget.

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

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E. Accepting Grant Award from Curry Health Foundation for AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) – Jeremy Dumire. Emergency Management Coordinator
Dumire and Chet Brewer, Maintenance Director, spoke about the history of getting AEDs in the County and asked the Board to accept the grant.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the grant for AEDS. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Accepting Grant Award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for 2020 Elections – Shelley Denney, Deputy Clerk
Denney stated there is no County required match and funds must be used by December 31, 2020.

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

G. Accepting Four (4) Grants for Juvenile Department
Schmelzer gave a brief history and summarized the details.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to accept the four (4) grants. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Accepting Grant Award from Oregon State University – Aquatic Safety Program – Luke Martinez
Martinez explained the benefits of the program and stated the match requirement was covered by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and the Oregon Marine Board.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to accept the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Microsoft Licensing Change – Julie Schmelzer, DCO
Schmelzer explained the history of the request, stated the amount of the increase, and noted, while the County had budgeted for the software upgrade, the County did not anticipate an increase of this amount. Gold asked which budget the additional funds are in.

Motion by Gold, seconded Boice, by to approve the cost of the Microsoft Licensing change.
Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7H MOVED TO BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7E

J. Proclamation - CC BOC Honoring Veteran, Curry Resident and Soldier Sam Vitale. History -
Curry County Veterans Memorial Commissioner Boice
Boice spoke about Sam Vitale's background, read the proclamation, and asked the Board to approve the proclamation. Vitale spoke about his Vietnam War experiences. Sheriff Ward spoke highly of Vitale's volunteer work in the Sheriff's department.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve proclamation amended to include volunteer work recognition. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Curry Commissioners Letter Of Support for Siskiyou Mountain Club - Oregon State
Recreational Trails Program Grant - Commissioner Boice
Boice spoke about the Siskiyou Mountain Club, noted they were extremely hard working, commented on the Klondike fire, and stated the Club is a great thing for youth.

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Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve to the letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Transient Lodging Tax Discussion – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer stated she is looking for Board direction to amend the Ordinance, gave specific details and examples of the proposed changes, and noted the changes will have a positive effect on the budget.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to direct staff to move paperwork forward and bring back for formal action. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT spoke about

- Next Budget Committee meeting on October 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.;
- Note from Abel Insurance regarding policy dividend from 2019 policy year;
- Emergency Management training other departments on emergency response;
- Josephine County DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) septic inspection agreement is on track to start November 1, 2020;
- Forthcoming orders for a - -
 - member of the Finance staff who is working out of class, and
 - promoting another member of the Finance staff;
- Appointing a person to fill the soon to be vacant Community Development Director position;
- Funds going to the City of Port Orford for the proposed Kayak boat launch
- The potential sale of some County properties - -
 - in the Floras Lake area and
 - a Sheriff’s sales in the Hunter Creek area with proceeds earmarked for Lobster Creek;
- The Floras Lake Land Swap, specifically, Becky Crockett, Planning Director, starting the planning work to vacate property lines;
- OpenGov training on finance, purchasing, and payroll systems;
- NeoGov kickoff is later this week;
- Contacting CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) about upgrading the Railroad building; and
- A six (6) month review of the Strategic Plan giving a progress update on the various plans the County has in process with emphasis on the importance of asset management.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The Port of Brookings Harbor and private investors;
- More mindfulness on ARS (Agenda Routing Slip) time limits; and
- The Board writing a letter to the Governor about the inequitable disbursement of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) funds.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- CARES funds distribution;
- Possibly using AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) to help with procuring CARES funds;
- The Governor’s press conference of October 6, 2020;
- COVID-19 tests and COVID-19 pandemic statistics;

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- Mental Illness Awareness Week;
- Made in America Month;
- Hispanic History Month;
- The Governor’s Wildfire Economic Recovery Council; and
- Providing a more extensive presentation of his report on October 21, 2020.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- The Gold Beach Community Center getting their grant for Meals on Wheels for Seniors after her negotiations with SCBEC (South Coast Business Employment Corporation) and
- More grants from Allcare for COVID-19 pandemic related issues.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Continue Payroll Audit Discussion

192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

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 1:05 p.m. and exited at 2:30 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.”)

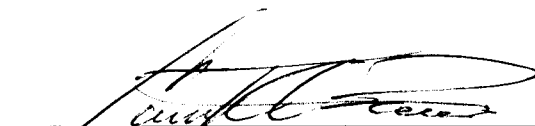
13. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair

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Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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