



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 03, 2016 –10:00 A.M.

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore St., Gold Beach, Oregon 97444

Commissioners Present: Chair Thomas Huxley, Vice-Chair Susan Brown, and David Brock Smith on the telephone.

Support Staff Present: County Counsel, John Huttli; Administrative Assistant, Shelia Megson

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Huxley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

(None.)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve, second by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS

(None.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(None.)

6. NEW BUSINESS

(None.)

7. OLD BUSINESS

(None.)

8. PROCLAMATIONS/ RESOLUTIONS/ LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

a. Budget Resolution-AllCare Health Grant

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Emergency Declaration

County Counsel Huttli explained that the current sinkhole in the Harbor area is a large and expensive disaster that is still growing. The expenses that will be needed exceed our available funds. Declaring the Emergency will make forms of relief available to the County. He has discussed the situation with various agencies and the State Emergency Office. Emergency Services Coordinator Kendall explained that the items affected include water, sewer, port areas, dredging, landscaping, curbs, etc. Estimated repair work is easily over \$100,000 and will increase as the coming storms increase the sinkhole as well as the damage. Businesses and residents are being affected and will be reporting losses to the agencies. Many County departments will be affected and it is not known how long this will go on. A minimum of

\$80,000 in damage required before asking for assistance and the current estimated damage in total is well into the millions. It is expected that the Governor will approve this. Kendall ended reminding the Board that his first estimates did not include the road damage.

RoadMaster Robbins explained that there is easily over a million dollars of damage and is likely much more. Commissioner Huxley asked if only one road was damaged. Robbins said that there were other roads, but the roads being used for the detour were not made to handle the existing weight and amount of traffic, so they will need attention as well.

Huttl said that there are reported business interruptions and impacts on the residents. Kendall added that there is an RV village down the hill from the slide, homes on the side of the new canyon, and the County's only DMV office in the area of the sinkhole. Commissioner Smith listed many items that will need to be included such as the shopping center road, excavating, acquiring materials, the boat basin area, need to build a wall, and mitigating silt. Huttl had drafted the Resolution so it was agreed that he would change the document language to say "millions of dollars". Robbins said that the material lost into the ravine is estimated to be about sixty to sixty-five thousand yards. Smith said care should be taken to make sure that the repairs be done correctly and in a fashion that would prevent any further damage to the properties at the lower elevations nor the Port.

Huttl explained that a staff meeting had taken place the day before and then he drafted the Resolution. In the Resolution it is stated that the land use and zoning ordinances will be temporarily set aside to allow for activities needed during the emergency. Activities will still be required to work with the state and adhere to environmental concerns. Smith asked if Planning Director Johnson would like to address the Board. She declined. Huxley said that he did not like the use of the word "reasonable". Smith explained that he had been at the scene with the RoadMaster and had even walked a section of road that fell into the ravine within the hour. Many departments were in constant communication working to mitigate problems for County residents. He said this is the most important job at the moment; actions should be taken as soon as possible to limit costs and future liability expenses to the County.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve as amended by changing the language to say "millions of dollars", second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

a. New Hire, Corrections Deputy 1, Melanie Flood – Sheriff

Sheriff's Executive Administrative Assistant Dickson informed that a recent resignation had made this position vacant. M. Flood is the recommended person to fill it. Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Smith said that the salary range for a Corrections Deputy for our jail is not competitive. Commissioner Huxley said benefits make the compensation substantially more. Smith replied that the positions in other locations throughout the State offer similar benefit packages so the low salary does affect our employee retention and therefore loss to the County. Huxley said it isn't relevant in rural areas.

b. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position - County Accountant – Commissioners

Commissioner Huxley informed that the advertising to fill this position was already being done. The revisions to the job description were minor. Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve, second by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously

c. Ratify RSVP Grant Renewal Application – Commissioners

Commissioner Brown brought this before the deadline and received consensus to apply for it. She has applied and it is for three years at \$40,000 per year to pay a portion of the program directors salary. RSVP Program Director McGuiness entered the room and Brown asked her if she wanted to address the Board. She declined. Commissioner Smith thanked Brown for her work on this and acknowledged that she had very little time to get it done before required deadlines. He was glad to see her get things that will help with housing, job skills, financial literacy, and other things needed for the residents. Brown said that with the volunteers there could be some real work done. Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously

d. Resolution and Order Appointing Commissioner Susan Brown and Julie Schmelzer to the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority – Commissioners

Commissioner Brown explained that this appoints her to the Curry County representative role to the authority and names Director of Administration and Economic Development Schmelzer as her alternate. The term is for four years and this is to reappoint the same people in the positions. Motion to approve by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Appointment to the Safety Committee K. Risenhoover – Commissioners

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. MasterCard Request for County Counsel J. Huttl – Counsel

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ LIAISON & STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Smith apologized for not being able to attend the meeting and having to attend by telephone. He was summoned by the Farm Bureau to testify for a bill that will assist the agricultural industry in the County as well as around the State and is doing work concerning the Sudden Oak Death problems. He will return to the County and attend the Workshop scheduled for the following day.

Commissioner Brown said that a quit-claim deed was going to be needed for a property concerning a prior issue before the Board. It is a Port property and the records need to be fixed. Commissioner Huxley said that he had been contacted by a resident and he promised he'd look into it and get it passed on the next meeting. County Counsel Huttl was directed by the Board to bring the needed final documents to the next General Meeting.

Commissioner Huxley wanted to respond concerning an email sent out by Assessor Kolen. He said that when workshop for the day prior was scheduled, he had been notified through email by the Director of Administration and saw nothing out of the ordinary.

Commissioner Smith remarked that being in touch with the liaison departments is something he does constantly and suggest Huxley communicate with them directly. Smith informed the Board and public about his testimony on HJR202 that allows more of the Oregon lottery dollars to flow into Veteran help within the Counties. He also talked about HB4098 concerning resiliency that would be needed during a Cascadia event. It establishes a loan program for purchasing emergency equipment for future needs. Smith thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak again during this section.

Resident Carl King pointed out that the cameras had not been switched and were currently recording from the wrong one. Matt Hall introduced himself as press to Huttl.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board arose from exec 11:23 without Commissioner Smith no longer on the telephone. Motion by Commissioner Brown to direct counsel as discussed in the Executive Session, second by Commissioner Huxley. Motion carried by both present Commissioners voting “aye”.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Huxley read the list of announcements.

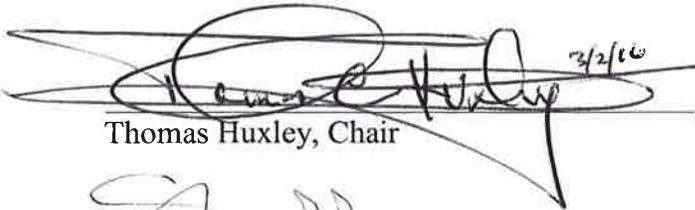
14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Huxley adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelia M. Megson

These minutes from Wednesday, February 03, 2016 Board of Commissioners’ General Meeting approved this 02 day of March, 2016.

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Thomas Huxley, Chair



Susan Brown, Vice Chair



David Brock Smith, Commissioner