



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:  
May 22, 2019

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex  
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon  
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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Wednesday May 8, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttel, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

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

None

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Tim Palmer stated he wants the county to work with State Parks on the Floras Lake land swap and strongly discourages the county working with any corporate entity.

Ann Vileisis stated State Parks are offering a solid deal and urges the Board to accept the State Parks offer as a bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush.

Bob Morrow wants to see the Board accept this land swap as Oregon State Parks will take care of the citizens and urges the Board to make a motion to accept proposal from State Parks today.

David Barnes spoke about sexually oriented retail establishments stating past discussion about business licenses was resoundingly shot down and feels it is over extending the Board's authority to be morality police in the county.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclaiming May Children's Education Awareness Month – Commissioner Paasch

Mrs Brewer the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Brookings Harbor Christian School introduced the students present. The students spoke at the lectern about the importance of education.

Paasch asked if the students would be willing to send a letter to other schools inviting them to join in the proclamation.

Gold suggested contacting the Superintendents of each of the county's school district.

Boice praised the students presentation and gave them a booklet.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to proclaim May, 2019, and every May going forward as Children's Education Awareness month. Motion carried unanimously.

For detailed information on any agenda item, refer to Audio/Video.

B. Sexually Oriented Retail Establishments: County Codes and Cultural Impacts – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer, because the presenters, Lea Sevey, Executive Director, Oasis Shelter Home Inc. and Skip Hunter, were not here, recommended bringing this back to the board at a later date as there are 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and legal issues here.

Gold is concerned with the legal ramifications.

Boice is concerned with sex trafficking, feels he does not have enough information, and doesn't think this is going to go away.

Paasch stated we need to work on setting guidelines as anyone who wants to open a business should be allowed to as long as they meet the guidelines.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes from March 13, 2019 Business Meeting

B. BOC Minutes from March 20, 2019 Business Meeting

C. Re-Hire Order Brandon Seuser-Smith, Summer Work Crew, Parks

D. Approve Building Official Job Description

E. Hire Order Building Official Marc Bangma

F. Approve Commissioner Boice as Liaison to Curry Fire Defense Board

G. Change Code Enforcement Officer from Part-Time to Full-Time

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

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

A. State Parks Floras Lake Land Swap - Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated he

- Is not looking to kick this down the road,
- Has a responsibility to everyone in the county,
- Had a conversation with Jay Trost, Public Works & Developmental Services Deputy Director, City of Brookings, about McVay Rock State Recreation Site, and other properties available in the county.
- Was told State Parks approached Curry County about McVay Rock
- Wants a great relationship with State Parks
- Would like to have another 6 months as there's more here than we're seeing, but does think anything significant will change prior to June 5, 2019.

Schmelzer suggested other properties with other possible uses like a shooting range and supports voting on this on June 5, 2019.

Chris Havel, Associate Director Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, stated

- State Parks would be willing to discuss McVay Rock; however, there is a state law about beach front property going to a non-state entity which will need research.
- He wants direction from Curry County Board on Floras, McVay, or 2019-2021 master plan.
- Floras Lake is a peaceful experience – unlike a shooting range.
- Wants to engage in long term discussion with the county and go with master planning process.

Boice stated this is a trust relationship, hopes this can be a clean deal, and feels Board should move forward on this today.

Huttl displayed map of the Floras Lake land swap on screen to give an overview of the discussion the past 18 months and suggested the Board direct staff to get the legal description and bring documentation to next meeting.

Gold stated we need to take baby steps and start by moving forward today.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to accept State parks offer, alternative 2, with trails. After discussion, the motion was amended to get an exact legal description of the land swap and put it on the May 22, 2019 agenda for a vote. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice, Yes; Gold, Yes, Paasch, No)

#### B. Special Tax District - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Paasch wants constituents to know we have an enormous amount of special districts, is looking to possibly consolidate these special districts as some special districts might not be necessary anymore, and cited SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) general fund budget amount.

Gold stated there are 47 special districts and stated the decision to dissolve a district has be through the voters.

#### C. Wolf Compensation Program – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated we

- We can form our own Curry County committee,
- We need 7 people, he knows of 3 so far, and
- We need to vote today.
- Wolves kill 1 deer per week

Gold inquired about how prevalent wolves are in Curry County.

Paasch spoke of the people he knows who have recently lost livestock, observed our elk and deer population is fragile, and emphasized that wolf kills are confirmed rather than designated probable.

Vileisis suggested ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) come to meeting to explain the difference between confirmed and probable.

Matt Hall stated wolves are a native species.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve ordinance creating a Wolf Advisory Committee for Curry County. Motion carried unanimously.

#### D. Brookings Head Start Contract Award - John Huttl, County Counsel

Huttl explained bid negotiation process as the bid came in over \$100,000

Motion by Gold seconded by Boice to award Head Start Contract to Adroit Motion carried unanimously

### **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Schmelzer stated

- Stated she will be interviewing 2 applicants as a result of the RFP (Request For Proposal) for developing the County's strategic plan.
- Working on 2 grants which are due today and working with a grant writer.
- Suggested moving meetings, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursdays

Boice asked the Board to wait until the budget process is completed before moving meetings to Thursdays.

Gold stated she has some conflicts.

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Paasch stated this decision will be put off until the next meeting in 2 weeks.

**8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice stated he

- Decided he needed to be here today instead of going to Bend
- Toured 3 park sites with Parks Director Hopkins
- Is anxious to hear ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) report on Hwy 101.
- Will not be here Monday, May 13, 2019 as he has a very important meeting in Salem at 9AM.

B. Commissioner Gold

- Suggested County put a sign stating We Honor 1<sup>st</sup> Responders on the Welcome to Curry County signs.
- Read a letter stating Coast Community Health moving into the Port Orford Umpqua Bank property.
- Is excited about internship program.

C. Commissioner Paasch stated

- TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) will be on the ballot on May 21, 2019, emphasized, if passed, what the funds will be used for such as more road deputies, and stated he hopes constituents will pass TLT as it will help balance the budget.
- He is meeting with a person who may donate 5 acres of land to the county if land is earmarked for veteran low income housing.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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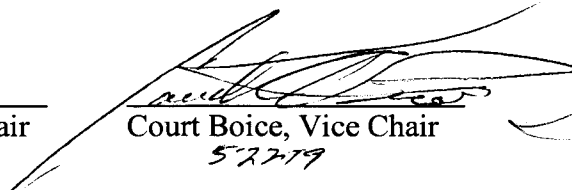
**10. OTHER** (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

**11. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 10:55a.m.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2019.

  
Christopher Paasch, Chair

  
Court Boice, Vice Chair  
5/22/19

  
Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant