



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

June 19, 2019

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 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 Huttli, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmelzer – Pull agenda items 4K & 4L.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cena Crook, speaking as SEIU (Service Employees International Union) member, stated SEIU is currently in negotiations with county, explained what SEIU is asking for and the reasons why, what the County offered, and cited inequities in county employee compensation levels.

Mary Rowe spoke against the Floras Lake land swap and encourages the Board to not sign the land swap deal.

David Barnes, in support of the Floras Lake land swap, disagrees with Paasch stating County government is not a business, but it is a social contract.

Anne Morgan stated she is in favor of the land swap, agrees with Barnes, and stated Floras Lake is a north county jewel.

Tim Scullen supports the land swap and would like to see it go forward.

Julie Bott supports the land swap and urges adoption of resolution.

Peg Reagan stated the land swap has been voted on twice, calling it a rush seems like a political scam, and expressed concern about Facebook misinformation on this issue.

Vicki Graham thanked Gold and Boice for supporting the land swap.

Ann Vileisis clarified historical details of the land swap proposal and suggested pursuing McVay (McVay Rock State Recreational Site) with the Master Plan.

Bob Morrow supports the land swap and cited several possible uses for the land on Hwy 101 across from Pacific High School.

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Jim Rogers supports the land swap because of its uniqueness.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - Business Meeting April 17, 2019
- B. Approve BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - Business Meeting May 22, 2019
- C. Order for Contract Extension for Assistant County Counsel Services Shala McKenzie Kudlac
- D. Order to Renew Contract with Abel Insurance for 1 Year
- E. Order to Renew Liability Insurance with CIS (City County Insurance Services) for FY (Fiscal Year) 2019-2020
- F. Order to Renew WC (Workmen's Compensation) Insurance
- G. Approve IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) Contract #DOR (Department of Revenue) - 157-19
- H. Hire Order for Temporary Flagger
- I. Hire Order Deputy Tax Collector
- J. Adoption of New Personnel Rules - PULL
- K. Order Authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters 223 Sheriff's Office
- L. Order Authorizing Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters 206 for Road Department Covered Employees

Paasch Pull 4J, Adoption of New Personnel Rules and move put into discussion.

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Floras Lake Land Swap – John Huttli, County Counsel

(Note - Public comments were heard before the Board discussion)

Boice stated Curry County is taking action, gave reasons why this is a good deal, and stated he is very optimistic about the future.

Gold stated by showing cooperation with OPRD (Oregon Parks and Recreation Department), they will be more willing to work with us, and she sees the county generating some revenue.

Paasch stated he is here to speak for constituents of the county, disagrees with Barnes as some local governments, to be run more efficiently, need to be run more like a business. He again stated he has never been against doing the Lake Floras deal, but can't vote for this because he does not believe it's a good deal.

Huttli stated after this resolution State will start working in on it and observed we do not have documentation from State.

Schmelzer stated we told the public we would make a decision on June 5, 2019 and the Board did.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold to approve the final resolution for Floras Lake Land Swap. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch, No; Gold, Yes; Boice, Yes)

- B. Elk River Campground Partnership – Josh Hopkins, Parks Director

Josh Hopkins detailed projected long term costs and revenues stating Parks hopes to recoup the costs in the first year. He also observed, based on future projects, there is a lot of potential in moving forward as the State RV license fees will help offset the cost of running the campground,

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and he concluded his comments stating all of these ideas will be run through Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion by Gold, seconded Boice, to direct staff to move forward with the Elk River Campground Partnership. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointing a Tax Collection Administrator for the TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated we have to find a person to collect the tax, and we need to notify businesses about collection procedures. She invited Amy Gaddis-Parker, formerly of Jot's Resort, to explain the state TLT collection process. Schmelzer stated we have a list of businesses from public health, and the State will not collect the tax for us.

Gaddis-Parker estimates it will take about 20 hours per month to collect the tax and advised, because everybody business pays the State tax, the business is already doing the work of filling out the form. She stated confidentially is a huge thing.

Huttl recommended using the same calculation and same exemptions as the State does.

Paasch stated it's June, and we have to move pretty expediently on this. He believes it will take more than 20 hours per month, suggested hiring someone who will be confidential and who will also administrate business licenses as well, and discussed who would oversee the position.

Gold asked if we have a list of places we are going to send bills out to, if there is an administrative fee to business owners, and does not believe it will require a full time person.

Boice stated he assumes this is a new position, and we have to be on our toes as this is a business management decision.

Motion by Gold, seconded Boice, to move forward with getting a tax collection administrator for the County and have Director Schmelzer get details for us. Motion carried unanimously

D. Ordinance Amending Marijuana Tax Revenue Ordinance 16-04 – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Boice asked why are we doing this?

Schmelzer gave a review of the ordinance and recommends putting revenues collected into law enforcement instead of the General Fund as the Sheriff wants to contribute to the south coast narcotics unit and wants a to fund a K-9 unit.

Huttl stated money will be earmarked to go into Sheriff's fund, and we need a 2nd reading on this ordinance.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to move forward with change to marijuana ordinance money distribution. Motion carried unanimously

E. Requesting Commissioner Approval to Replace the Morrill Bridge at MP (Mile Post 8.9) on Floras Creek Road – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen explained agreement with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation).

Boice asked about traffic.

Paasch suggested getting letters from owners agreeing to the, if needed, easement.

Gold asked if there may be any problems with the property owners?

Christensen stated there is not much traffic on the road, the County may need temporary construction easements, and the bridge work will benefit the residents.

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Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to direct staff to move forward with Morrill Bridge project with signature authority to the Roadmaster. Motion carried unanimously

F. Authorize Roadmaster to Purchase a New 2018 Superior DT74J Mid Mounted Broom with HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council) Cooperative Purchasing Discount at \$63,000 - Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Paasch asked about reselling the old equipment.

Christensen stated in addition to the lost labor costs, the old equipment cost \$30,000 to repair over the past 5 years, and he doesn't think we could re-sell the old one.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to direct staff to purchase Superior Broom with signature authority to the Roadmaster. Motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item moved from Consent Agenda

4J Adoption of New Personnel Rules

Paasch would like to see a background check on all employees as a prerequisite to employment stating the current language is a little vague. He stated the background checks are usually \$35, but could go up to \$100.

Schmelzer asked the Board if they wanted to adopt the rules as is and then come back with changes.

Huttl observed the rules already state the employee agrees to undergo a background check and a drug screen. He suggested the decision to hire be contingent upon a satisfactory background check.

Julie Swift, Payroll and Human Resources Coordinator, asked, since we cannot ask criminal history on the employment application, would this apply to all new hires such as, for example, temporary Fair workers.

Richard Thode suggested charging \$25 to apply and return the money if the applicant passes the background check.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to adopt is with amendments anticipated in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Order Authorizing Timber Deed Quitclaim to Winter Springs LLC – John Huttl, County Counsel

Huttl discussed the ancient and obsolete timber deeds with very little value to the County and gave a brief history.

Motion by Gold, seconded Boice, to authorize Quitclaim to Winter Springs LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Justice Court – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated in looking for revenue sources for the county a Justice Court would be easy to put in as any licensed member of the Bar can be the Justice Court JP (Justice of the Peace). He explained with the Justice Court handling cases like traffic citations and small claims up to \$7,500 more money would stay in the county than under the current system. He is asking the Board to move forward by looking into a justice court at a workshop.

Gold asked about cost to run a justice court and suggested contracting out the lawyer services.

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Boice stated when residents hear we are making a profit on speeders, they may get concerned with the Board.

Thode stated he did research on this, thinks a workshop would be good, feels will not cost the county a lot of money, and believes this could be a safety issue

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to move forward with this. Motion carried unanimously

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about

- Two (2) Interviews this afternoon for strategic planning proposal
- Working on business license draft ordinance
- Some citizens were concerned the County's US flag not raised on Memorial Day
- Working on properties people want to buy
- A person who is interested in buying property given to us by ODOT
- A planner has been hired
- Discussion with Boice about housing problems and what the effect of an emergency housing declaration would have on highlighting those problems to parties who may be able to help us.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Working with housing issues in the county and using relationships with the cities to find out how they can help us.
- The broken system for veterans he observed after attending a in Brookings which went from being a meeting of information to a lot of anger and frustration.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Paasch's dedication
- The work Schmelzer is getting done, especially in re-building the Community Development Department.
- Sudden Oak Death maybe concerning the county
- His travels to Salem on Thursday and Friday and his attendance at a fire meeting in Medford day last Thursday.
- Need to get more hot shot fire groups in Curry County.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Looking forward to starting on strategic plan and following that.
- Working on Chetco Bar fire investigation.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:31 a.m. and exited at 12:08 p.m.
Staff to proceed as directed

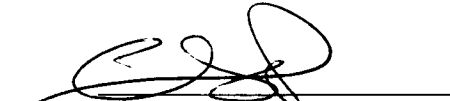
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9. **OTHER** (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

10. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 12:08P

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.


Christopher Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice Chair 6/2019


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant