

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

July 10, 2019

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 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 Hutt, Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl King spoke about CCV (Curry County Voices), covered details of the agreement, expressed he believes the service costs taxpayers nothing, stated they have produced over 50 programs, and advised Town Halls conducted by US Senators are not political events. Denise King asked, because franchise fees are paid by the public, what right does the Board have to (1) determine what educational programming is and (2) tell the Curry County what we may watch. Nancy Sue Rose stated she supports CCV. Darrel Morehead supports CCV and stated programming is valuable to the community. David Barnes stated he does not agree with the fire resolution as it is just more words. He spoke about his opposition to the business license proposal as it just grows government. Rose spoke about the business license proposal citing her concern about the morality clause as it relates to a sexually oriented retail establishment. Tracy Garner spoke about the change in office hours stating she is speaking on behalf of Assessor Jim Kolen who asked for the matter to be tabled. Lauren Paulsen gave the Commissioners a letter.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Housing/Veteran's Housing Vouchers - Marka Turner, Executive Director North Bend City/Coos Curry Housing Authorities

Marka Turner explained in detail the operations of North Bend Coos Curry Housing Authority specifically:

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- Vouchers which come with rental assistance, the effects of the housing shortage on voucher usage (especially with one (1) bedroom apartments), and how few veterans are using vouchers.
- Communications with landlords and working with other agencies
- The rent setting and the rental unit inspection processes.

Paasch asked about:

- Rental property inspections.
- Rent increases above the voucher limit.
- North Bend Coos-Curry Housing Authority Board make up and Board compliance.
- The possibility of holding meetings in Curry County.

Gold asked if the vouchers cover the cost of rent and if all veterans are covered.

Boice asked about the availability of rental units and the number of maintenance workers.

5. QUARTERLY REPORTS

A. Community Development - Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations) Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer started a continuous loop slide show of the situations he has encountered. While the loop was playing, he stated Code Enforcement, as part of Public Safety, deals with quality of life issues and their impacts on properties, communities and individuals. He spoke about the cooperation level of the people he encounters, his case load (48 active cases now), and working with other agencies. All 3 Commissioners praised Fortman's work and results with Boice stating he is advocating for a 2nd full time Code Enforcement position.

Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator, before starting her presentation, Matteson, responding to public comments, stating (1) CCV attends and broadcasts City Council meetings as access to information is important and (2) registration of businesses would be good to encourage partnerships.

Matteson started her economic development presentation stating necessity is the mother of innovation explaining she is collaborating with non-profits, taking classes concerning Economic Development, working with school districts and pushing for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics), partnered with Youth Pathways Partnership, working with Travel Curry Coast website and Oregon South Coast regional tourism, working on an emergency response training facility, working with developers who plan on building a housing project in Ophir, and concluded with observing it is really great when diversity leads to remarkable innovative ideas.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve BOC (Board of Commissioners) Minutes - Business Meeting April 24, 2019
- Approve CCH (Curry Community Health) IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) 159808-0 Replaces IGA 154108 for Financing of Public Health Services.
- Approve CCH IGA 157344-0 for Administration of the MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming) program.
- Acknowledge an Agreement with OEM (Oregon Emergency Management) to share GIS (Global Information System) data – Jeremy Dumire Emergency Management Coordinator
- Hire Order Deputy DA (District Attorney) II

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. PEG (Public Education Government) Permit Revocation – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated Brandt Media is basically doing same thing CCV is doing and CCV can still use our equipment to tape city council meetings. Gold asked where does Brandt Media stand on the revocation, what would Brandt Media recommend, and stated if the County re-negotiated the agreement with Brandt Media, it would cost more money. Gold concluded stating she is not in favor of revocation. Paasch said Brandt Media is willing to provide same services as it's in their contract. Boice asked if Charles Douglas, Brandt Media (on phone), is speaking on behalf of Brandt Media. Huttel stated the Board will be going from 2 producers to 1 producer which will streamline efficiencies. Charles Douglas stated Brandt Media is officially neutral on the revocation issue. Douglas recommended the Board's best practice is to determine the service the Board wants to provide then determine best mechanism to provide those services. Douglas stated Brandt Media will be upgrading transmission equipment from analog to digital thus enabling a second channel, which the Board can determine the use of the second channel. Douglas also stated Brandt Media, at this point in time, is not prepared to negotiate an arrangement with the Board for services provided on the second channel as Brandt Media provides government access service and CCV doesn't do that.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch to revoke CCV permit. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Gold, No)

B. Private Sales of County Properties - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated this order

- Amends a 2001 order that allowed the County to sell parcels of land without going to Sheriff's Sale, if the parcel had a value of less than \$5,000.
- Would allow the County to sell land through a private sale without going through Sheriff's office, if the value was under \$15,000.

Asked if the \$700 fee should be raised. Huttel stated based on recent work on a timber quitclaim deed and after conferring with Assessor Jim Kolen, the fee should be closer to \$1,000.

Paasch and Gold agree fees need to be raised. Huttel stated the fee could be changed when we change our fee schedule.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the order with no fee change. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Proposed Business License Ordinance - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

She suggested if a business has an EIN (Employee Identification Number), then a business license could be needed. Schmelzer also stated we need to refine the code regarding small businesses such as crafters, for example. Paasch stated business licenses address issues such as code compliance and paying for government services such as code enforcement. Paasch suggested a nominal fee of \$100 annually, a tiered fee for different business classifications such as seasonal, Mom and Pop, onetime events, or ongoing, and exemption for businesses with annual revenues

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under \$1,000. Gold agreed with Paasch on need for licenses and need to delineate from small to ongoing businesses as every business is not paying the same. Boice cited the late Harbor Fire Chief John Brazil's testimony regarding possible chemical exposures in fighting fires stating a business license would specify chemicals on premise. Boice also stated he wants to get this done, but has some concerns about tiers.

Board agreed to give direction to staff to bring back an order for 1st reading.

D. Assign Signature Authority for Chetco Bar Fire Claim – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer announced Louise Kallstrom resigned as County Accountant. Paasch added Kallstrom will stay with county on a part time basis. Kallstrom stated the claim has taken a long time to process, Emergency Services claim has already been paid, and explained in detail how times and amounts were calculated.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to give signature authority on this claim to Kallstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Enter into a Cooperative IGA MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Coquille Tribe – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated he received a letter from Brenda Mead, Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe, asking the Board to enter into this MOU for better intergovernmental relations. Paasch also asked Gold to reach out to the Tolowa nation about a similar MOU.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to agree to sign the MOU with Coquille Tribe. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution Encouraging Federal And State Policies For More Aggressive Wildfire Prevention – Commissioner Boice

Boice stated he understands public frustration over the lack of what is being done to prevent fires and explained this resolution shows we want to be on record of what we expect from the managing agency as catastrophic fires are not good for Oregon. Boice went on to say the resolution teams the county up with very good people in Josephine County and is very responsible. Gold asked if other counties have similar resolutions. Schmelzer said she knew for sure Josephine had one. Paasch stated our tourism has been thrashed due to fires and wants to see the resolution move along.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to support the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Changing County Government Hours of Operation – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer asked the Board if they wanted to have county offices open five days a week. She indicated she felt it was better customer service. Paasch stated it's important for our citizens, and it's imperative we do this in some limited basis as there are no budget issues. Paasch also understands Assessor is not here, and he wants to have input. Gold stated she would like to see some uniform hours. Schmelzer stated open 5 days a week would not apply to certain

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departments, such as Roads. Boice asked if it's a 4 day work week why does the day off need to be Friday. Tracy Garner, based on her years of service in the Assessor's office, expressed concerns about staggering their hours, and its impact on getting complicated work done. In conclusion, Paasch observed the county had been open 5 days a week in the past, emphasized better service to the citizens, and suggested postponing the discussion one meeting until the Assessor can give his input.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about the

- Need to revisit credit card policy;
- Official election results and reviewed the numbers by measure;
- Repair of the heat pumps in the annex building;
- Properties for sale and the list given to the Assessor; and
- Agreement with Josephine County resulting in the first intern being on –site helping with building inspections.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- His optimism about the future of Curry County; and
- Veteran housing, jobs for vets, and obtaining grants.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- The Wolf Action Plan
- Highway 101 being well on its way to at least being temporarily fixed.
- Invasive species
- The timber supply
- Employment doing better
- The Curry Communication network

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- The BCRAA (Border Coast Regional Airport Authority) meeting where \$49 flights to Oakland were discussed, benefits of achieving 10,000 passengers in the year, and putting up a Curry County flag in the terminal; and
- Proposing a Curry County 3' x 5' flag using the county logo.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 1:01 p.m. and exited at 1:55 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

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11. **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.")

(None)

12. **ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

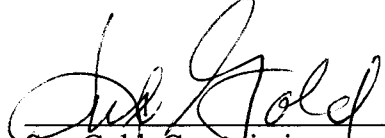
Dated this day 10th of July, 2019.



Christopher S. Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 7-10-19



Sue Gold, Commissioner

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