



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
September 25, 2019
Brookings City Hall, Council Chambers
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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES August 28, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 6:00 p.m. He thanked the City of Brookings for allowing the County to use the Council Chambers for their evening meeting. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present serving the Board: Legal Counsel John Huttli and Director of Operations Julie Schmelzer. Other staff present: Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management; Josh Hopkins, Parks; Rich Christenson, Roads; Summer Matteson, Economic Development.

The Pledge was recited by all.

Commissioner Boice gave the Line of Duty Report and the Board held a moment of silence.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At the Planning Director's request, Boice removed items B. and C.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Approximately one dozen people were in attendance. Sharon Hartwell spoke of an odor at BC Fisheries; David Barnes spoke of opioid lawsuits; Gordon Clay announced September was National Suicide Prevention Month.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOC Minutes – Business Meeting August 14, 2019
- B. Approve: Community Development Assistant Job Description
- C. Amend: Environmental Health Services contract #154675
- D. Approve: 2019-2021 Curry County Community Corrections Plan and Grants
- E. Approve: Supplemental Budget #1 ODVA Increase

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Citation Authority to the Parks Director

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Parks Director Josh Hopkins was present and offered comment. Authority was being sought so the Code Enforcement Officer did not have to cover the park system and could be free to enforce other county codes.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to give citation authority to the Parks Director/Coordinator position. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Social Security Bar

Parks Director Hopkins reported on his meeting with the City of Brookings regarding County management of the Social Security Bar as a campground.

Motion by Boice, second by Gold, to continue negotiations of a lease with the City of Brookings. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Courthouse Security

Chair Paasch reported on a meeting he participated in regarding courthouse security, the need for secure parking, controlled entry to the building, and sidewalks with an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant ramp.

Motion by Boice, second by Gold, to pursue measures necessary for Courthouse security. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer reported the new Finance Director/County Accountant had been sworn in, the former Finance Director was no longer an irregular employee, the Commercial Plumbing Inspector retired and was no longer an irregular employee, and reported on the new TLT (Transient Tax Lodge) and Business License ordinances.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Paasch thanked the City of Brookings again for hosting the meeting and spoke about the meeting he had with Representative Peter DeFazio's Office.
- B. Commissioner Boice spoke about the Housing Workshop held earlier that day, Cape Blanco Airport, and the proposed Fire Training Center.
- C. Commissioner Gold spoke about an upcoming seminar at SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) and that DeFazio was discussing a permanent fix for Highway 101.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Tsunami Siren/Education

Emergency Management Coordinator Jeremy Dumire provided an updated report on the County's decision not to fund tsunami sirens.

B. Quarterly Report – Emergency Management

Dumire gave an update on storm damages, employee training, tsunami sirens, the command tent at the Fair, volunteer exercises planned for the Slammin' Salmon event, upcoming CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training opportunities, a presentation that afternoon to the BCRAA (Border Coast Regional Airport Authority) regarding Homeland Security

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proposals for the Cape Blanco Airport, and a presentation he did in Salem on the proposed Fire Training Center.

C. Veteran's Loan Forgiveness

Commissioner Paasch reported the President announced disabled Veterans would now be eligible to have their student debt forgiven. He would provide more information on the announcement at an upcoming meeting.

D. Etnyre 4WD Hydraulic Chip Sealer

Roadmaster Christenson explained current equipment is 45 years old. New equipment was needed. He explained the cost savings with new equipment and the opportunities to provide work for other jurisdictions. He also explained the equipment could be purchased with road funds, and reimbursed with STP (Surface Transportation Program) funds.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to purchase the equipment with road funds, and have the road fund reimbursed with STP funds. Motion carried unanimously.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(None)

10. HIRE ORDERS

(None)

11. OTHER

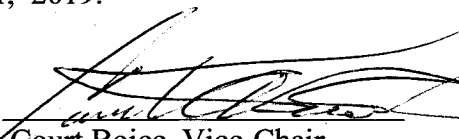
Representative David Brock Smith reported on the money he successfully received for the county. Of note was \$1.7 million for SOD treatment, \$2 million for the Fifth Street Emergency Room/Clinic, and \$1.6 million for the Port of Port Orford. He also mentioned bills he got passed, specifically the Forestry/Rural Stability Act, moratorium on oil and gas exploration on the Oregon Coast, and funding for sexual assault nurses.

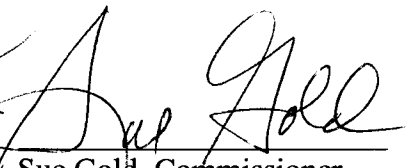
12. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2019.


Christopher S. Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice-Chair
9-23-19


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: Julie A. Schmelzer, Director of Operations