



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
October 16, 2019

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

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 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, Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. PROJECTS

A. Discuss Transfer of Public Health Responsibilities from CCH (Curry Community Health) to Curry County - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer gave background information on past interactions with, and presentations about, CCH's request to have the County take the public health program back. Schmelzer stated she has asked Huttli's office for a copy of the Orders and contracts from when the County transferred public health to CCH, and the County transferred \$100,000's of assets to CCH. She explained the assets will need to be addressed if the County takes any programs back. She explained the Board has to decide what action to take regarding CCH's request to have the County take back public health—take public health back, take a portion, or take both public and behavioral health programs, and, on what schedule. Paasch stated Ken Dukek, CEO, CCH and Ben Cannon, Public Health Administrator, CCH were invited but were not present. Paasch thinks the County should take all of public health back, wants an exact accounting of where assets the County gave CCH are, researched several like size counties and discovered investment to run public health is much smaller than expected. Paasch also observed, based on OHA (Oregon Health Authority) comments, it is not likely the County can do transfer in a couple of months. Paasch summarized the conversations with Dukek this year, specifically, (1) in April or May, 2019, Dukek, in Paasch's office, and again in the Hearing Room with Schmelzer and the CCH Accountant present, said Dukek wanted the County to take over public health and offered to give the assets the County had given to CCH back to the County, and (2) in a month or so ago, Paasch stated Dukek said CCH is not giving assets back. Gold corroborated Paasch comments as Dukek had a similar conversation with her about returning the assets, stated this doesn't have to be a court

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case, said we need to be frank and honest to make it work, and appreciates Schmelzer's research. Gold also observed Dukek offered three (3) options during the September 4, 2019 workshop. Huttel stated he received correspondence from the CCH lawyer requesting a ten (10) day prior notice in writing to attend meeting and suggested adjourning to executive session to further discuss the issues. Boice stated he wants what is best for the citizens, observed we find ourselves in another legal challenge, stated he wants to let the public know he is really disappointed as the steps we've taken have brought us into another legal matter, believes this was mishandled, wants to extend an olive branch, stated the challenge for this Board is to rewind, and feels for us to consider taking on public health is wise. Boice also asked where do we go from here, suggested asking CCH for additional time on this, and stated he appreciates the Board's transparency on this issue.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. and exited at 10:43 a.m.

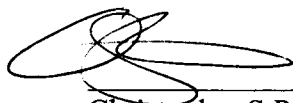
Staff to proceed as directed.

5. **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.")

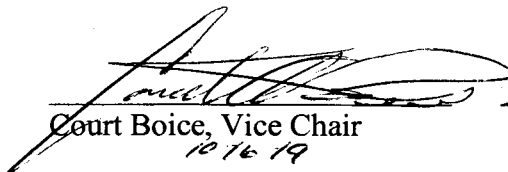
6. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

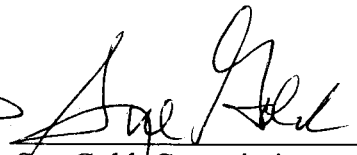
Dated this 16th day of October, 2019.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair
10/16/19



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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