



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved: March

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon
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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES **November 20, 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, Commissioner Sue Gold.

By phone: Vice-Chair Court Boice until 10:53a.m. Absent 10:53a.m to Adjournment due to attendance at AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) meeting in Eugene, OR.

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

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Commissioner Boice did not have a report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Paasch - Add: Court litigation to Executive Session 192.660(2)(h) & 192.660(2) (f)

Boice - Delay or have a workshop for Item 6C

Schmelzer – Item 6C is just for discussion.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about the County jail, her past experience with jails in California, addressed overcrowding, and commented on some ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues. Cena Crook read a letter supporting SEIU (Service Employees International Union) detailing the specifics of their position and encouraged the Board to vote on it. David Barnes suggested, based on the percentage of code violation cases relative to the number of properties, the County needs to look at our code.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appoint: 2 Members to the Port Orford Cemetery Maintenance District Board

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

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- A. Curry County 4H & Extension Service District Financial Review – Sheryl McDonald, Administrative Office Manager, Oregon State University, Curry County Extension

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to accept Curry County 4H Extension Service Financial Review. Motion carried 2-0. Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

- B. Resolution Supporting Inmate Access to Their Medical Provider – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer spoke about costs incurred by the County because inmates do not have access to their health insurance and expressed support of Senator Merkley's bill to resolve the issue.

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

- C. Vacant and Owner-Absent Properties Registration Ordinance – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer spoke about the costs of a significant number of code enforcement cases which occurred on property owned by people not residing in Curry County and recouping some of those costs to help the County taxpayers. David Barnes opposes the ordinance as he opines it is an additional tax on people. Boice wants to have a workshop on the proposal and stated this is a triple edge sword citing: (1) County needs to find a 2nd Code Enforcement Officer (2) will discourage landlords (3) impact on lenders and timber companies.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to bring to the Board for a 1st reading. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, No.)

- D. Order for Vegetation Maintenance on County Property in Harbor – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer explained rationale about trimming vegetation from a county property which has grown into an encampment. A discussion followed. Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement, stated he is looking for approval to clean up the property by removing visual barriers from the street as the encampment has spread to three (3) adjacent privately owned properties and neighbors are complaining about odor, illegal fires, smoke, rats, snakes, and other predators. Paasch stated the County will be sharing fees with a private vendor and asked about costs. Gold asked about liability issues. Jim Kolen, Assessor, stated the property is owned by the county and was purchased several decades ago for the Road Department. Huttel stated we cannot treat people occupying the property as criminals. Boice stated he wanted to get down and see the property but he did not have time and stated we need to find a cost effective solution.

The motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve was withdrawn. Schmelzer stated she will bring back at the December 11, 2019 meeting with more information about the costs of cleaning up the property.

- E. Terminating Use of Channel 182; Not Renewing Media Services Contract – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer summarized the details of terminating use of channel 182, not renewing the Brandt Media Services contract, and the Brandt Media training offer during the transition. A discussion followed, starting with public comments. Carl King stated it is ridiculous to throw away channel 182 as the County will never get it back. Denise King encourages keeping channel 182. Karen Helgesen praised the training she received from Brandt Media and advised Curry County Voices

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is capable of doing programming. Nancy Sue Rose supports Curry County Voices. Gold encouraged Curry County Voices to produce programming for channel 182. Boice praised the Brandt Media and their work for the County.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to approve the order terminating the Brandt Media contract with Brandt Media and accept the offer for staff training during the transition. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Amending Ordinance 19-02, Transient Lodging Tax Implementation – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer spoke about issues collecting the tax, suggested amendments to the Ordinance to resolve these issues and requested this be treated as an emergency ordinance.

Motion by Gold, second by Paasch to amend ordinance 19-02. Motion carried 2-0 Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

G. Curry County Phone Upgrade - Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer spoke about the state of the phone system commenting we are on a 30 day temporary fix, recommends the Board treat this as an emergency upgrade rather than wait to the next budget year, beginning July 1, 2020, and pursue details about a possible loan from Business Oregon.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to move, pending loan approval, the project up from July 1, 2020 to now, and, apply for the loan. Motion carried 2-0 Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

Agenda Items 6H, 6I, 6J, and 6K were discussed together.

H. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with PARC (Public Affairs Research Consultants)
Resources for a Pre-Application for Grant Funding – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer summarized the MOUs and recommended hiring PARC. Both Gold and Paasch were in favor of hiring PARC. David Barnes stated the MOU does not match the Board's discussion of November 6, 2019 and asked the Board to withdraw the application. Schmelzer concluded by stating Stan Foster, PARC CEO, proposed a whole package to increase chances of successfully obtaining funding.

I. Memorandum of Understanding with PARC Resources for a Grant Application for Land Acquisition for a Fire Training Facility – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

J. Memorandum of Understanding with PARC Resources for a Grant Application for an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at the Cape Blanco Airport – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

K. Memorandum of Understanding with PARC Resources for a Grant Application for a Feasibility Study to Combine Fire Districts – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

The Board expressed a need for more information about the cost to provide the service. Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to continue to the next meeting and direct staff to have Mr. Foster available by phone. Motion carried 2-0 Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

L. Approve: Order for December 24, 2019 – Paid Holiday – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

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Schmelzer spoke about the background work on this order citing percentage of employees who take the day off. Gold inquired about the cost. No motion to approve was made.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – 10:15AM

Special De Novo Public Hearing for A-1901 An Appeal of Planning Commission Action on Application AD-1907

SEE MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ADAMS APPEAL

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about -

- Special Taxing District meeting of December 9, 2019 at Elks Club in Brookings time change to 2P to 4P;
- Hopkins met with Port of Brookings Harbor Board about managing their RV park;
- City of Brookings Police Department and Sheriff's Department discussed 911 consolidation study;
- Possibility of County developer agreement with City of Brookings;
- Finance software demonstration on November 27, 2019;
- DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) approached county about taking septic inspection program back in house. Curry County may partner with Josephine County on the inspections.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Boice

No update - Not at meeting

B. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Sending E-Mails about Strategic Plan Survey;
- Working with SWOCC (Southwest Oregon Community College) And Beyond;
- Went to Curry County Public Transit meeting. STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds) funds are being used for run between Brookings and Gold Beach

C. Commissioner Paasch

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660(2)(a) Executive Session to consider employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. and exited at 1:41 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

11. HIRE ORDERS

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A. Order for Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by Paasch to approve hire order for a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried 2-0 Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

B. Appoint a County Registrar – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

C. Appoint a Deputy County Registrar – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold to move items 11B and 11C to the December 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 2-0. Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

12. DISCUSSION/ACTIONS (Continued)

A. Assign Vital Statistics Revenues to County Registrar's Office – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

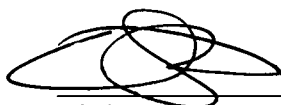
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold to move item 12A to the December 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 2-0. Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Absent.

13. 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.")

14. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

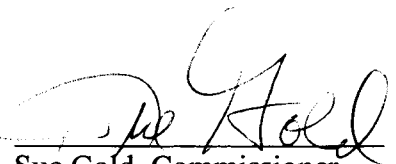
Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 3-19-20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant