



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

April 29, 2020

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 8:46 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. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Barnes spoke about CCH (Curry Community Health) Board member. Hutt advised the County is litigation with CCH. Gordon Clay spoke about the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council applicants' background, their qualifications, each position, and need for Mayor and faith based applicants. Representative David Brock Smith gave an update on the legislative session, specifically, carbon emissions tax legislation. Smith also spoke about gun legislation, the SOD (Sudden Oak Death) meeting in Bandon on January 21, 2020, and concerns about a different strain hitting the Rogue River.

5. BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:00AM

See Separate Agenda

6. WORKSHOP AT 2:00PM

See Separate Agenda

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. PAF (Personnel Action Form) Presentation to the Board – Julie Swift, Payroll & Personnel Coordinator

Swift explained final step in hiring process for two (2) applicants.

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Motion by Gold, second by Boice, to complete the hiring process. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve: Annual Cooperative LEA (Law Enforcement Agency) Operating Plan with USFS (United States Forest Service) 2020
- B. Approve: Snowy Plover Letter
- C. Approve: Order Adopting Revised Local Public Health Authority Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Rules

Motion by Gold, second by Boice, to approve Consent Agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve: Final Order Adams Appeal #AD-1907/A-1901 – Becky Crockett, Planning Director Schmelzer summarized the final order. Boice, citing issues with the river, stated the gravel extraction will resolve those issues and also stated he feels bad for Ron Adams, a Vietnam veteran, as Ron Adams put a lot of work into the application. Paasch is in full agreement about need to resolve issues with the river and noted proper documentation is needed to move forward.

Motion Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; and Boice, No).

- B. Appoint: Parks Liaison – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations) Schmelzer summarized the need for the Board to appoint a commissioner liaison for the Parks Department stating this has been discussed at the January 15, 2020 Board meeting. Boice spoke at length about his long term interest and support of the Parks Department.

Motion by Paasch, second by Gold, to appoint Boice as Parks liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Appoint: Members to the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council – Julie Schmelzer, DOC Schmelzer explained the steps taken to get to this point in the process. Citizen and suicide awareness advocate Gordon Clay had shared his recommendations for the appointments to the Council.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice to appoint Gordon Clay's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approve: Off-Shore Wind Energy Research – Commissioner Boice Boice spoke about the natural advantages the southern Oregon coast has for this pilot project, specifically, the consistent winds and the deep water, and stated he did not want Curry County to appear short sighted on off shore wind energy research. A discussion ensued. David Barnes expressed concern about the viability of the pilot project due to wave heights, stated the power generated will go to Humboldt Bay, and recommends a workshop to further discuss the matter. Gold asked about cost of research. Paasch stated he is not in favor of wind energy.

Motion by Boice, second by Gold, to support this with the understanding Curry County has nothing to pay. Motion carried unanimously.

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- E. Approve: Letter of Support for Rogue Basin Collaborative Landscape Restoration Proposal – Commissioner Boice
Boice read the first two (2) paragraphs of the letter.

Motion by Paasch, second by Gold to approve Boice's letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

10. LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

None

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about

- Emily Rumiano resignation from the CRTF (Citizens Revenue Task Force);
- Using the CRTF to evaluate and further study ideas generated by past County advisory groups;
- The Water Master will hold office hours in the Community Development Department;
- Scheduled meetings to get feedback on the strategic plan prior to adoption with the goal of Board action by mid-February, 2020;
- Wage study issues;
- County properties for sale and asking Josh Hopkins, Parks Director, to help with property evaluation;
- Hopkins research which led to discovery that Oasis Park in City of Brookings on Hillside and Hwy 101 is owned by the county;
- Changes due to resignation of Finance Director may include a reorganization with possibility of making the position part of the Administrative Services Department; and
- The analyzing of County uses for the Rush Building is being put on hold as the timeline is too short to get into the budget.

12. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- CRTF and stated he doesn't know what else there is to discuss because we are not raising taxes;
- Harvesting timber, not burning it;
- A better report on Senator Wyden's endowment that he will give down the road;
- Wanting to have a plan to present to the Board where the Road Department purchases a building and rents it to ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) as ODOT has no office space in Curry County;
- SOD and the very detailed information provided at yesterday's meeting;
- The August, 2021 US Track and Field championships in Eugene and possible opportunities for the County. He will have more on this later;
- Bandon Dunes USGA (United States Golf Association) Amateur championship event with thousands of people coming to the event. He will have more on this later; and
- Supporting, on January 24, 2020 in North Bend, the opening by Oregon Community Action of Veterans Housing called Deer Springs Terrace as it is a tremendous success story.

B. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Working with Curry Public Transit and getting reports ready which she will report on later.
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C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Brookings Head Start dedication on February 7, 2020.
- Seeking Board approval, which will be on the next meeting agenda, to request ODOT road study of north end of Rogue River Bridge intersection (Hwy 101 and Wedderburn Loop).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. exited at 5:52 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed

14. HIRE ORDERS

A. Approve Hire Order for Juvenile Department

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold to approve hire order for Juvenile Department. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Hire Order for Code Enforcement

Motion by Gold, second by Boice to approve hire order for Code Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

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.")

Motion by Boice to discontinue OpenGov contract 60 days until County gets a CPA (Certified Public Accountant)/financial director into our organization. Motion dies due to lack of second.


15. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2020.


Christopher S Paasch, Chair


Court Boice, Vice Chair 5-1-20


Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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