



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:
June 3, 2020

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2020

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, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

No report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmelzer – Move CAFFA (County Assessment Function Funding Assistance) Grant item 7F to before Public Comments, item 4

Amend Roadmaster Vacate Report item 6K: Change Exhibit A to Roadmaster's Report

Boice – Pull Minutes items 6C to 6H

Add to Minutes item 6B "Boice is in favor of deeding Oasis pocket park to City of Brookings."

Huttli – Add Executive Session 192.660 2(d) labor negotiation

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Lyn Boniface spoke about transient lodging and urged the Board to repeal Order 20842. Gordon Clay spoke about possible increase in suicides due to effects of COVID-19 pandemic. Tim Wilson, Superintendent Central Curry School District, spoke about mental health awareness month and the effects of COVID-19 pandemic stressors on children and parents because schools are closed. Frances Von Kroff does not support repealing Order 20842 due to limited medical capacity and possible food shortages. Douglas Von Kroff does not support repealing Order 20842 as a limited re-opening will not fix economic hardships and also expressed concern about a possible overflow demand on hospitals. James Crook supports repealing Order 20842 with strict hospital like guidelines

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Minutes Business Meeting January 22, 2020
- B. Minutes Business Meeting February 5, 2020 – ADD “BOICE IS IN FAVOR OF DEEDING OASIS POCKET PARK TO CITY OF BROOKINGS.”
- C. Minutes Business Meeting March 18, 2020 - PULL
- D. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 19, 2020 - PULL
- E. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 23, 2020 - PULL
- F. Minutes Business Meeting March 25, 2020 - PULL
- G. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 27, 2020 - PULL
- H. Minutes Special Meeting April 8, 2020 - PULL
- I. Appointing Commissioner Paasch to SWACT (South West Area Commission on Transportation) Board, replacing previously appointed Commissioner Boice
- J. Appoint Members to CCD (Coos Curry Douglas) Development Corporation Board of Directors
- K. Resolution Accepting Road Master Amended Report; Requiring Notice Setting Hearing to Vacate Roads for Floras Lake Property Exchange with State – AMENDED: CHANGED EXHIBIT A TO ROADMASTER’S REPORT

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Repeal Order 20842 Closing Transient Lodging – Julie Schmelzer, DOC (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer summarized events leading to the adoption of Order 20842, stated the Mayors from 3 cities are asking the Board to hold off, suggested a phased in approach to lodging by following Governor Brown’s guidelines for opening hotels and lodging facilities, and handed out CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines. A discussion followed - - -

- Gold read statement on an informal lodging survey she has completed which revealed most lodging establishments support opening the county up using the recommended protocols and suggested a week will allow lodging establishments to get the protocols.
- Boice expressed concerns about the economy, stated we need to open up the county with a slow and steady approach, noted he does not want to take unnecessary chances, asked for one (1) additional week to coordinate County efforts to re-open, and advised waiting for Brown’s response.
- Paasch expressed deep and serious concerns about the national economy; wants to take steps to open the county now; addressed the grocery store shortages, specifically store managers stated their incoming supply orders will soon double; feels the COVID-19 virus will work itself out; agrees with slow approach and following CDC guidelines; and emphasized it is not the County’s job to police lodging establishments.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to repeal Order 20842 effective May 1, 2020, and to include CDC guidelines in the repeal order. Motion does not carry 1-2 (Gold, No; Boice, No; Paasch, Yes).

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to continue repeal of Order 20842 to next week’s meeting of May 6, 2020. Motion carried 2-1 (Paasch, No; Gold, Yes; Boice, Yes).

- B. Request to ‘Open’ Curry County as Part of the State’s Proposed Three Phase Approach – Julie Schmelzer, DOC.

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Schmelzer stated things have changed. This agenda item is not needed.

C. Curry County Employee COVID-19 Hazard Pay – Commissioner Boice

Boice cited exposures County Deputies face, especially correction deputies, during the COVID-19 pandemic and recommends hazard pay. Sheriff Ward suggested a \$2.00 per hour raise, retroactive to April 8, 2020, to personnel who are in direct contact with the public, specifically, corrections, parole and probation, and patrol deputies; noted during the past month the Department has been significantly busier than normal; and observed the nature of the job precludes social distancing. Huttel stated he would like to review the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) as it may have a provision regarding hazardous duty pay and advised his review will be done during the lunch break. Paasch stated he wants to get this done today, and this item will be covered after Huttel's review of the CBA.

D. Economic, Industry and Small Business Recovery Updates Relating to COVID-19 – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Operations Coordinator

Matteson stated things are happening; showed a PowerPoint Presentation about re-opening phases; spoke about a deliverables list published on the county website; concluded, based on a City of Gold Beach survey, people are paying attention to re-opening guidelines; stated she will, with Miranda Plagge's, Economic Development Staff, help, share more information about lodging next week; and spoke about creating a culture of accountability for unemployment concerns. Paasch observed most employees will not want to come back to work when they can make more money staying at home; he also stated if employees are offered their job back, and they don't take it, they are terminated. Gold stated employers are able to get stimulus money by keeping employees on and praised Matteson's work on lodging. Boice mentioned there are some SBA (Small Business Administration) stimulus funds available for our businesses. Janell Howard, City Manager, City of Brookings, stated she really wants to get businesses open in the County, specifically restaurants; and pointed out there is a difference between rural restaurants and urban restaurants. Schmelzer stated SBA stimulus funds will primarily be used to put the most people per application back to work.

E. Public Access to County Offices and Services - Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated County departments are functioning very well; advised planning and building have contractors itching to work; observed the lower level of annex, with Plexiglas in place, is ready to get going; and recommended (1) signage on the stairwells stating upper level is restricted and (2) a mask, but not requiring citizens to wear masks. Paasch stated if an employee wants to wear a mask that is voluntary. Gold suggested lower level open effective Monday, May 4, 2020, rather than Friday, May 1, 2020.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to open lower level county offices and keep upper level county office closed effective May 4, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

F. CAFFA Grant 2020-2021 – Jim Kolen, Assessor DISCUSSED BEFORE ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Kolen explained CAFFA grant benefits and need for application preparation and approval by May 1, 2020

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve CAFFA grant and give signature authority to Paasch. Motion carried unanimously.

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G. Renew Steve Beyerlin Contract – Commissioner Boice

Boice read E-Mail from Dan Springer, Chief Information Officer, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., about uninstalling Zoom software due to security issues. Boice also stated the Beyerlin contract can be brought up after the April 30, 2020, meeting or at the May 6, 2020, meeting. Schmelzer stated the Board needs to allocate money, not necessarily renew the contract; commented consultant hours are allocated in the 2020-2021 FY (Fiscal Year) budget; and concluded it makes sense to approve invoice that has been submitted.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to put \$1,000.00 back in to support Beyerlin current invoice and future work this FY. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Approve Commissioner Expenses – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated the invoices from October, November, and December, 2019 were submitted on April 19, 2020 and, per County travel policy approved on March 27, 2019, were not submitted in a timely manner. Paasch encouraged timely submittal of invoices. Gold agreed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to pay invoices submitted. Motion not carried 1-1. (Gold No; Paasch, Yes; Boice, Abstain)

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT Schmelzer spoke about

- Stated the Wild Rivers Foundation agreed to fund a mobile command center;
- Wage study has gone out to Department heads and will be discussed at a workshop;
- Gave an update on OpenGov software and impact of COVID-19 pandemic has had on implementing;
- Spoke about Lobster Creek campground issues, the need to get an estimate on cost to resolve the issues, and observed funding will be available if the County sells property this year.

9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which we will begin to see in the next two (2) to three (3) months, will dwarf what happened in the 2008 Great Recession.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Secretary of State Bev Clarno using data management.
- His appreciation of Schmelzer's updates;
- Volunteers making masks.
- His appreciation of Roadmaster Christensen's work on chip seal.
- Calling into the meeting tomorrow, April 30, 2020;
- Attending City of Brookings City Council meeting on April 27, 2020.
- A five (5) county letter to Governor Brown for request of three (3) phases of opening up our county and getting funds back to Curry County.

C. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Thanking all of those who are suffering and trying to do the right thing.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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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.

192.660(2)(d)

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:28 a.m. recessed at 11:47 a.m. and re-entered at 1:15 p.m. and exited 1:18 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.


11. HIRE ORDERS

12. **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.")

13. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of June , 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 6/3/20



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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