



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

July 15, 2020

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

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WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 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 HuttI, Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer, and 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**

Schmelzer – Add item 7I Campgrounds to open

Add item 7J petition Governor for phase 1 approval

Boice - Pull item 7H due to changes since Friday, May 1, 2020.

HuttI - Add Executive Session 192.660(2)(h) and 192.660(2)(k)

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)**

Mary Rowe spoke about homeless people, specifically, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on them, public transportation, and the need for a shower trailer. Carla Fultz supports opening transient lodging by observing the state ordinance and stated her business has the highest integrity cleaners. Connie Hunter spoke about mental health month, veterans, and suicide awareness in Curry County; stated she is grateful for all the work being done; and praised the Commissioners. Lyn Boniface spoke about the transient lodging issue and very strongly emphasized she (1) supports opening the County and (2) encourages the Board to make it so.

Sheriff Ward stated this is Corrections Officers Week and praised the work of the Corrections Deputies.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Curry Homeless Coalition COVID-19 Response and Prevention Plan – Beth Barker-Hidalgo,
Curry Homeless Coalition Director

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Barker-Hidalgo handed out packets explaining what the Curry Homeless Coalition is doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the population; gave statistical details on recent cases; spoke about providing shower facilities; stated during this public health emergency, we're all in the same boat; and observed some have dinghies, others have yachts.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Business Meeting March 18, 2020
- B. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 19, 2020
- C. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 23, 2020
- D. Minutes Business Meeting March 25, 2020
- E. Minutes Emergency Meeting March 27, 2020
- F. Minutes Business Meeting April 1, 2020
- G. Minutes Special Meeting April 8, 2020
- H. Minutes Special Meeting April 20, 2020
- I. Bid Award - Annual Road Paint Striping Project with Signature Authority to Roadmaster
- J. Challenge Cost Share Agreement – USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for Field Based Aquatic Safety (Signature Authority to Director of Operations)
- K. Revised Rate for Newspapers of Record

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Clarification on Executive Order 20-12 and RV Parks - Julie Schmelzer, DOC, (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer spoke about Governor Brown's executive order 20-12, specifically the ambiguous wording about RV parks. Schmelzer also stated Governor Brown opened campgrounds on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, and therefore no action is needed on this item.

- B. Repeal Order Number 20842 Closing Transient Lodging Facilities – Julie Schmelzer, DOC
Schmelzer recommended (1) repealing the order effective 5PM on Wednesday, May, 6, 2020 and (2) stipulate facilities comply with CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines. A discussion ensued with Sheriff Ward encouraging the Board to open without restrictions, Gold summarizing her research on coastal lodging, Boice commenting on COVID-19 pandemic statistics in southwestern Oregon, and Paasch stating he is not into over policing and micromanaging.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to repeal 20842 effective May 6, 2020 at 5PM with an amendment to the order stipulating transient lodging follow CDC guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. County Issuing Dog Licenses – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated the Board has discussed this at previous meetings, noted the County will retain the fees, and the fee schedule will be a June 2020 agenda item.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve order on County issuing dog licenses. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Pocket Park in Gold Beach – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

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Schmelzer gave history about pocket parks and described the procedures involved in leasing.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to renew the lease with Gold Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Pocket Park in Brookings – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer stated the terms are the same as the Gold Beach lease and recommended entering into the lease.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve the lease with the City of Brookings. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Liaison Assignment: Emergency Services – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer summarized the reasoning for the change in Emergency Services liaison, noting the change had been discussed during a prior Executive Session. Boice expressed surprise, notable displeasure at the change, and observed he did not see any basis for the change in liaison assignment. Boice also cited the number of hours he has put in since March, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; spoke about the meetings he had attended during the 2017 Chetco Bar Fire, the 2018 Klondike Fire, the meetings he will attend concerning the 2020 fire season; noted his presence during the Hooskanaden slide incident; and stated he wants the public to know this is punitive. Paasch stated he appreciates Boice's work on fires and noted Emergency Management covers more than fires.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to appoint Paasch as liaison to Emergency Management. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, No)

G. Order Selecting a Firm to Conduct a Feasibility Study – Julie Schmelzer, DOC

Schmelzer explained the process of selecting firms to do the study and spoke about ORW Architecture's qualifications. Paasch stated the Courthouse is literally becoming an unsafe building, noted the cost to re-build will be determined by the feasibility study, and spoke about possible funding sources. Boice disagreed, noted the Courthouse is not falling down, and stated he can't get on board with the idea. Gold stated she had checked out ORW's four (4) references. David Barnes expressed concern about where money is coming from.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve selecting ORW Architecture firm to do the feasibility study. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold, Yes; Paasch, Yes; Boice, No)

H. Revisit Using Road Funds to Purchase PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) – Commissioner Boice ITEM PULLED

ITEM ADDED

I. Clarification on Governor's Executive Order 20-12 and RV Parks

Schmelzer stated Boice Cope Park to open on Friday, May 8, 2020 and spoke about the work needed to be done, specifically work on cabins, before Lobster Creek can be opened. Paasch asked about the timeline to get Lobster Creek open. Boice observed Lobster Creek is an incredible piece of property and asked about day use.

J. Petitioning the Governor to open for Phase 1.

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Schmelzer spoke about Curry County petitioning the Governor with the plan Public Health Administrator, Sherrié Ward, has put together and noted Public Health is eligible to receive reimbursements from OHA (Oregon Health Authority) and our insurance carrier.

Paasch stated all of us were on the call with Governor Brown, agrees with Curry County plan to move into Phase 1, noted Ward is working hard and fast to get everything ready for Friday, May 8, 2020, and feels working as region to get CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) funding is needed. Boice stated he is uncomfortable petitioning as an individual county, stated he is not sure other counties agree with this, and suggested doing a regional plan for both Phase 1 reopening and expense reimbursements.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch to approve petitioning as a county. Motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AT 11AM

A. Tyler Technologies for ORION Assessment and Taxation Software and Service

Jim Kolen stated this is a special procurement, reviewed the history of the project; noted the funding has been budgeted; summarized the benefits and advantages of the software compared to the software being used now; and introduced 2 Tyler Technologies representatives, who called in, Gio Giordano and Paul Hutcherson. Paasch stated the new software is a cloud based system, noted he liked many of the software's features, and opened the hearing for public comment. There were not any public comments. Giordano gave a detailed summary of the software features and spoke about Tyler Technologies projects in Oregon. Gold asked about which counties in Oregon are using ORION software, stated she is in favor of using software to increase efficiency in doing assessments, and noted her goal is to move the County forward. Huttel stated a Public Hearing is needed because the County did not procure the software with a RFP (Request For Proposal).

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to give signature authority to chair to approve contract. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about

- Parks Coordinator interviewee will be here for the Executive Session.
- Workshops on May 20, 2020 and May 27, 2020 to go over the wage study and County revenue streams, respectively.
- Increased revenues in the Building Department and praised Marc Bangma, Building Official.

10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Her work with AllCare and noted the funding AllCare has received from the State for various projects.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The County remaining COVID-19 free right now and continuing to monitor the situation.
- Encouraging citizens to stay strong and stay steady.

C. Commissioner Boice

- Stated he appreciates the discussion on liaisons.

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- Spoke about the Day Wireless issue, specifically, Mike Robison, District Manager, Coos Forest Protective Association, thinks Curry County could save a lot of money.
- Spoke about the details of a special Community Development Block Grant called the Emergency Small Business and Micro Enterprise Assistance Grant that he will bring to the Board for approval at some point.
- Stated the City of Port Orford has come up with money for the Community Center which he will have more on that later.
- Observed recent timber sales will be good for South Coast Lumber and praised AOC (Association of Oregon Counties), BLM (Bureau of Land Management), and the Forest Service work on this.
- Praised Gotcha Covered which is a group of volunteers who are making masks.
- Spoke about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on a hair salon in Salem.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 192.660(2)(a) To consider the 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 11:14 a.m. and recessed at 11:57 a.m. Reentered at 1:01 p.m. exited at 2:09 p.m.

Staff is to proceed as directed.

12. DECISIONS ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Paasch stated decisions on labor negotiations are still undecided.

13. HIRE ORDERS

- Administrative Secretary Assessor's Office

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve hiring an Administrative Secretary in the Assessor's office. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parks Coordinator

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve hiring a Parks Coordinator. 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.")

- Tyler Technologies for ORION Assessment and Taxation Software and Service Agreement with Signature Authority to Chair

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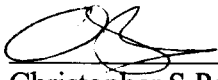
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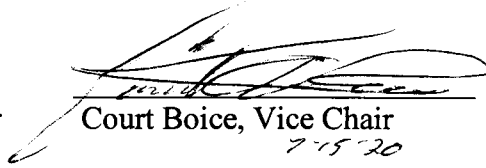
15. ADJOURN

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair



Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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