



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

**June 17, 2020**

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

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### WEEKLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**June 3, 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 and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

Absent: Director of County Operations Julie Schmelzer

The Pledge was recited by all.

**2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT**

No report.

**3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Paasch – Pull 6D & 6E

Boice - Add proclamation June PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Awareness Month

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mary Rowe suggested changes for CRTF (Citizens Revenue Task Force) based on her concern for low income citizens, specifically a seven (7) member task force with one (1) position to be filled by a member of the low income population.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

PTSD – Commissioner Boice and Detective Maia Mello ADD PROCLAMATION JUNE PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

Maia Mello spoke about her personal experiences both on and off the job (law enforcement), stated those experiences trigger PTSD symptoms, and cited statistics showing an increased risk of suicide. Gordon Clay observed PTSD is not limited to military veterans, commented on youth with PTSD, and noted the close statistical relationship PTSD has with an increased risk of suicide. Boice read the proclamation.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to proclaim June PTSD Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

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## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Business Meeting April 29, 2020
- B. Promotion of an Employee Amie Barnard – Roads
- C. Promotion of an Employee Charles Gage – Roads
- D. ~~Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Aquatic Safety Officer -- PULL~~
- E. ~~New Hire of an Employee – L. Martinez -- PULL~~
- F. OHA-2019-2021 IGA Agreement #159808 Amendment #12 Amended and Restated
- G. Forming a New CRTF (Citizens Revenue Task Force)

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

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Curry Board of Commissioners Proposed Resolution to Adopt the Jackson County Board of Commissioners Challenge Letter May 15, 2020 for Fair CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Funding Distribution to All 36 Oregon Counties – Commissioner Boice  
Boice read the letters referenced, observed they were well written, and encouraged the Board to consider adopting these letters. Gold recommended including a Curry County letter in addition to the Jackson County letter. Paasch suggested Curry County enjoin the Jackson County letter. Huttel stated no motion is needed, just Board consensus. All commissioners agreed.

B. 2020 - Curry Catastrophic Fire Awareness and Prevention Teleconference Meeting. Pre – Curry Board of Commissioners Discussion – Presentation.

Boice stated he is preparing the entire County for the fire season; gave a summary of the agenda of meeting; stated he wants citizens to know he knows his responsibilities and understands fire risks in this area; and expressed disappointment about losing the Emergency Services Liaison assignment. David Barnes asked, if there was a major fire event in the County, who has the authority to act. Paasch stated the Sheriff is head of the chain of command and as such, he will lead, and we will follow his directions. Huttel stated the chain of command is written in the County's emergency plan, observed once an Emergency is declared we are asking for help from outside agencies, and noted those agencies will affect the chain of command.

C. Better Planning for Building - Commissioner Paasch

Paasch, citing water run-off and storm drains at a development near Gold Beach, suggested establishing a procedure for building projects to involve relevant county departments, such as the Sheriff, early in the planning process. Paasch asked the Board to be proactive and consider a workshop with different departments to further discuss a pre-planning check list. Gold stated fire department and school district involvement is needed, too, and agrees with proactive approach. Becky Crockett, Planning Director, stated the current process of requiring any project applicant with three (3) or more houses to do a pre-application conference call with all relevant parties works well, but the process breaks down when the requirements are put as conditions onto an applicant because some applicants go to certain Commissioners and ask, because of the cost, do they really have to do this. Boice stated the County does not want to discourage developers, observed we have an excellent Planning Department, and emphasized the County wants to invite other developers in. Richard Christensen, Roadmaster stated he is pro-development and noted he wants to avoid a situation where issues were not addressed.

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Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to ask Schmelzer to plan a workshop to discuss this. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Order Designating Director of Operations Authority to Select Curry County Camp Hosts Following Interviews and Background Checks, and Enter into a Contract with Individual (s) – Commissioner Paasch**

Paasch explained the agenda item, stated he spoke to Schmelzer, who has spoken to some camp hosts already. Boice wants to table this for a while as he does not know when Schmelzer is leaving and based on that he will oppose. Boice also stated because Commissioners are responsible for making these type decisions, he will oppose for the time being. Gold stated postponing will not help as this is the beginning of camping season and the Board needs to get camp hosts in play. Huttli suggested adding wording about removing camp hosts to the order.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Gold, to amend order by giving authority to the Director of Operations to hire and to remove a host. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold, Yes; Paasch; Boice, No)

**8. PUBLIC HEARING AT 11AM**

**A. Final Order Road Vacation of County Lands for Land Swap with State of Oregon, Department of Oregon Parks and Recreation – John Huttli, County Counsel**

Paasch opened the public hearing. Ann Vileisis asked what is the next step and suggested removing the map and only use the property description. Huttli stated next step is partition, explained today's step is a vacation, noted Roadmaster agrees with Kolen, and cautioned against letting the perfect be the enemy of the good. Jim Kolen, Assessor, feels partitioning will not be required as the property is already partitioned, suggested a change in the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) whereas of the order, and emphatically stated Exhibit A and Exhibit B property descriptions do not match and would confuse the public record. Boice stated he doesn't see reason for additional documents and asked for Kolen's recommendation. Paasch closed the public hearing.

Motion by Boice, seconded Gold, direct staff to bring back a final order with the corrected Exhibit A. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

**A. Commissioner Gold spoke about**

- Working with Allcare and looking at grant applications for COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

**B. Commissioner Paasch stated**

- It saddens him to see what's going on with the country, noted we need citizen involvement, and encouraged working with the Sheriff's Office.
- The County has applied and has been approved for Phase 2 effective Friday, June 5, 2020.

**C. Commissioner Boice spoke about**

- Being disturbed by the video of George Floyd's murder, commented that the Sheriff's Office is very well managed, and observed it is time to bring the entire county, state, west coast, and country together.
- Secretary of State Bev Clarno's statement regarding the need for foster parents.
- Hearing from Congressman DeFazio's office about a transformative transportation bill.

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**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

192.660(2)(b) To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.

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

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 10:26 a.m. and recessed at 10:58 a.m.

Staff is 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 11:17 a.m.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair      Court Boice, Vice Chair 6/17/20      Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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