

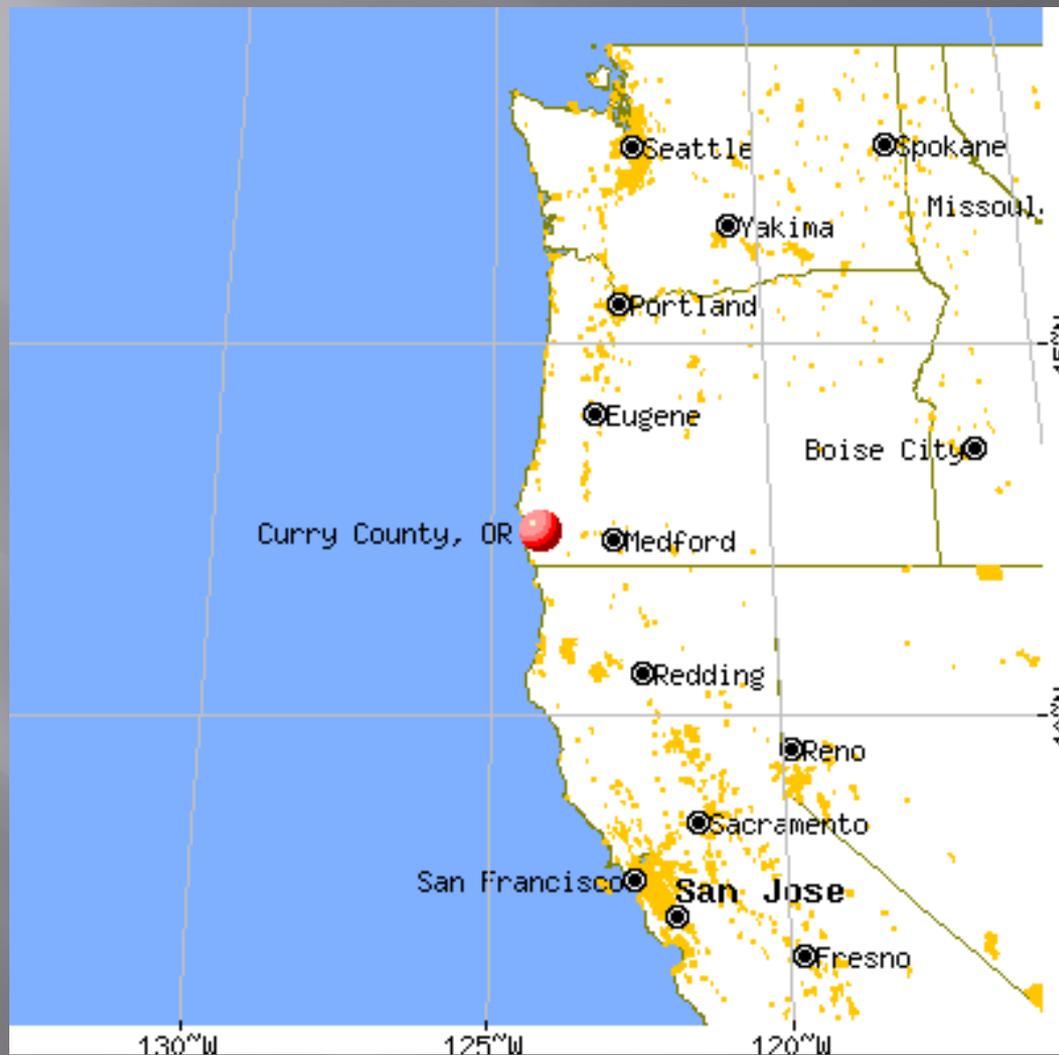


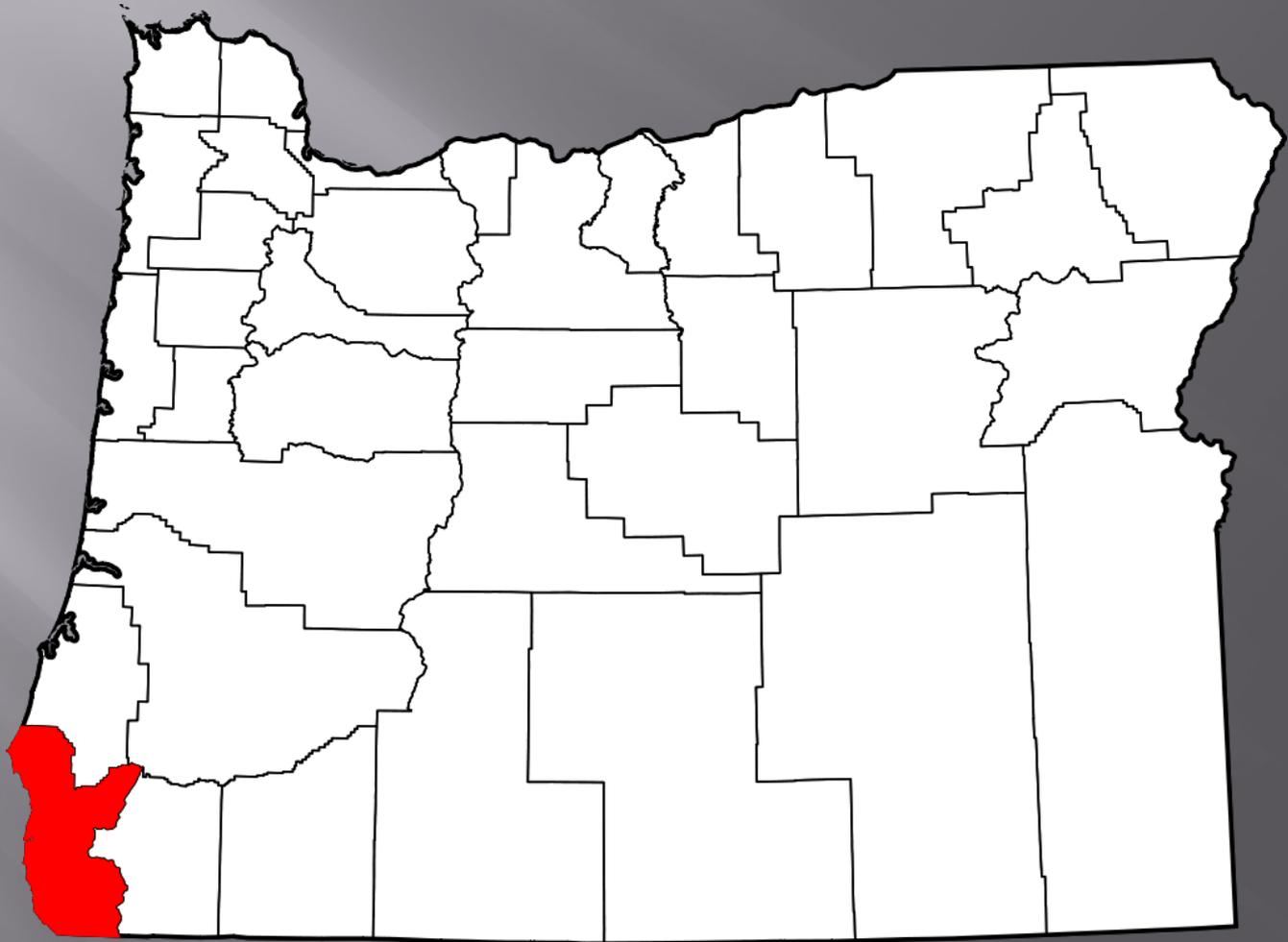
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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER COURT BOICE

Preliminary presentation for possible Curry County
BOC Office reorganization and work in finding
New Revenue Sources

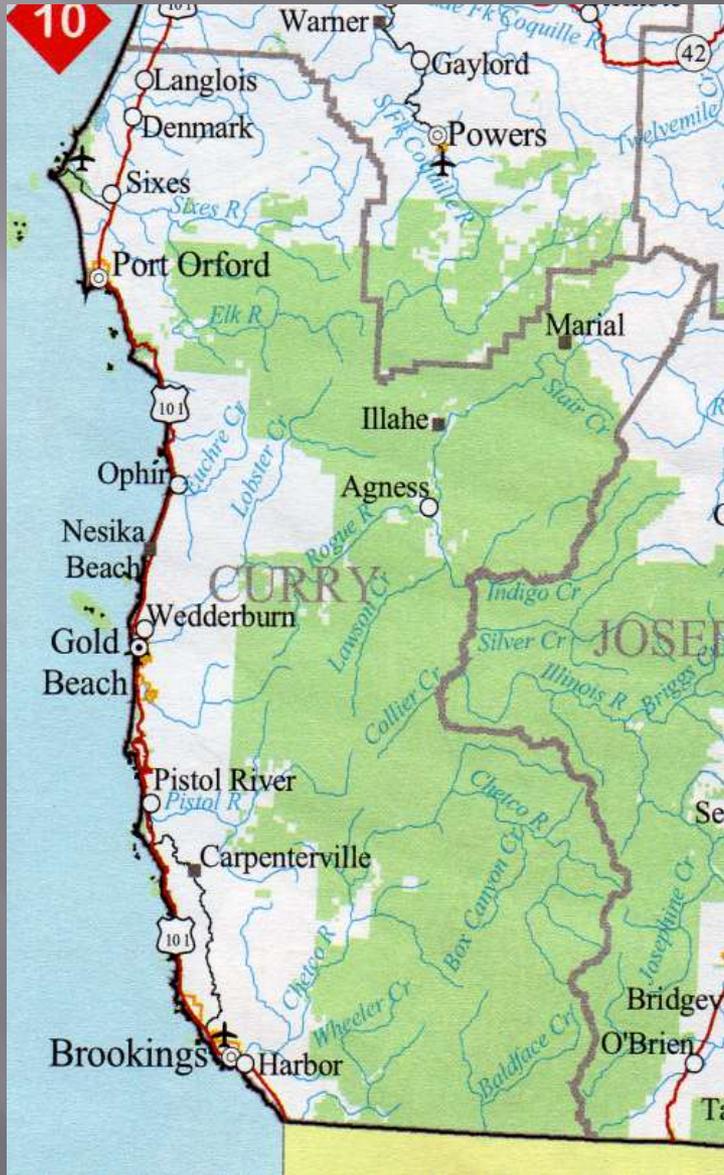
Workshop
on September 2, 2020, 2 pm











































Paul Ringold



THE CORONA VIRUS ALONG WITH MANY OTHER INTENSE CHALLENGES MAKES IT'S CRUCIAL WE DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE AND PRUDENT PLANS NOW!

- **Commissioner Boice - Preparing for the future** - - I submit that in the last 8 years - no County in Oregon has been hit harder than Curry. We have many difficulties to overcome. It will require optimism and realism simultaneously - one reality - the 100 largest American Cities - PORTLAND - Nationally dubbed the worst and most dangerous - rioting, incomprehensible physical assaults, looting, arson, and destruction. Boice will defend without hesitation the right for any and all to pursue peaceful protests, however what is happening there is horribly wrong and we need to be cautiously aware, PDX is only 305 miles away from our North Curry border. This 100 days of violence is jeopardizing the safety of our First Responders and Police there. Now we see radical-actual progress toward DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT! Then - the reminders of the Coronavirus Pandemic Enemy we're facing? Also add - Curry County is not receiving the (C.A.R.E.S. Funds) as it remains inappropriately blocked in Salem - ignoring The FEDERAL GOVERNMENT Relief Funding INTENT specific to and for Counties, Tribes and Local Governments. The 1.6 Billion was released to our State Government back in April. 34 of 36 Counties are working for the rightful designation of those funds.
- **Boice simply wants to begin the Curry Conversations** - - A challenge to the Curry Board of Commissioners for a BOC office reorganization, cutting costs, exploring and vigorously working to find new revenue sources. It's doable! All that follows are closely related - especially for a small county of 24,000 people.
- **People love living in Curry County** - - How do we work to create solid, better and more responsible county government - doing our part so they're able to stay here? Our kids hopefully returning?
- **Our Board of Commissioners** - - in the meantime can not afford to waste anymore time or resources. This work should have been started long before now. A long term vision is very important. No reactivity - only working to bring everyone together. The "sky is not falling", but those odds can only be reduced by wisely responding now.

BOC Office Rebuild

- ❖ Boice proposes – a specific County Finance Position - - Immediately establish a focus on a separate Curry Director of Finance. We really don't know specifically where our finances are at this time. If accepted in the Long term - this may only be a part-time position? Should we consider contracting out with a private firm? A way or ways to possibly save valuable funds.
- ❖ Boice temporarily proposes no new hires - - other than Law Enforcement. However as needed, we can fill other important positions that arise from our current staff and the community at large.
- ❖ Boice proposes it is time to eliminate - - the Curry Director of Operations - County Administrator Position.
- ❖ Boice proposes – bring back full time Commissioners - - Job Descriptions, Liaison responsibilities, duties and work!

March 19, 2018

To: Commission Chair Sue Gold
Commissioner Tom Huxley
Commissioner Court Boice

From: Curry County Elected Officials

Re: County Administrator

We understand that you are considering candidates for the position of County Administrator. We request that you retain Interim County Administrator John Hitt until after the conclusion of the 2018-19 budget hearings/process and would prefer that you wait until January 2019.

The process of preparing the 2018-19 Curry County budget has already begun under the leadership of Administrator John Hitt. Mr. Hitt has spent months working with county departments to learn about the strengths, weaknesses, resources and needs of those departments. As you know Mr. Hitt has years of administrative experience working to provide quality public services under Oregon's budget law.

There is no doubt that there are many difficult decisions facing the 2018-19 Curry County Budget Committee and we believe that Mr. Hitt has the background, experience and temperament to provide unbiased counsel during the process. We have come to know John Hitt as an extremely qualified Administrator who has earned our respect and trust in his judgement. We believe you made a good choice when you hired him.

If you retain Interim County Administrator Hitt until the end of the calendar year he will be able to assist the transition of the new administrator. Hiring a brand new administrator in the middle of budget hearings would be problematic, to say the least. No other County Administrator candidate could be expected to be nearly as prepared to assist Curry County through this difficult budget and we owe it to our citizens to put our most prepared people on this task.

Thank you for your consideration.



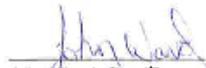
Jim Koon, Assessor



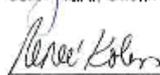
Everett Dial, District Attorney



Debbie Crumley, Treasurer



John Ward, Sheriff



Renee Kalen, County Clerk

CURRY COUNTY
POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: County Commissioner

EXEMPT: Yes
SALARY LEVEL: (As determined by the Compensation Committee)
SUPERVISOR: Electors
PREPARED BY: Commissioner Boice, January 3, 2019

POSITION SUMMARY:

The position of County Commissioner is an elected, full time position and responsibility. The three commissioners are expected to work hours in excess of the normal business hours established for County employees.

County Commissioners, by a majority vote, establish policies, procedures and direct long term planning. Specifically, they oversee the following; propose revenue sources; adjust and adopt the budget; set the tax rate; authorize levies; adopt and participate in fiscal policies; expenses; adopt ordinances; establish and appoint advisory boards and committees, participate in the overall business management of the County. They also serve the ceremonial function of the County in representations to the public for the public good and betterment of Curry County and its citizens.

The Commissioners are the full and final authority of all County affairs not under authority of other elected county officials.

The Commissioner(s) serve as the legislative arm of the county as well as the executive and quasi-judicial branches of Curry County government. Commissioners are responsible for planning, formation and implementation of the annual budget – then adoption. In addition, Commissioners represent County concerns before local, state and national boards and commissions. They serve on federal, state and local mandated governmental panels, boards and commissions with fiscal duties and authority over public monies.

Commissioners must always be aware that at various times they play different roles: As advocates, who strive to advance the legitimate needs of their citizens; as legislators, who balance the public interest and private rights in considering and enacting ordinances, policies, orders, and resolutions; and as decision-makers, who arrive at fair and impartial determinations.

The Board of County Commissioners must be aware of their obligation to conform their behavior to standards of ethical conduct that warrant the trust of their constituents. Each

official must find within his or her own conscience the touchstone by which to determine what conduct is appropriate.

ESSENTIAL POWERS AND AUTHORITIES:

The board of commissioners shall have the authority and powers to perform any and all acts necessary to conduct proper county business where the law does not otherwise expressly provide, *including but not limited to the following:*

- A. To acquire real or personal property by lease or purchase.
- B. To provide, establish, maintain, repair, improve, demolish, purchase, sell, lease, administer, manage or regulate:
 - 1. Public buildings, courthouses, jails, and other facilities for the use of the county;
 - 2. County fair, athletic and exposition grounds and facilities;
 - 3. County parks and recreational grounds and facilities;
 - 4. Public bridges upon any public road or highway within the county;
 - 5. County roads, highways and rights-of-way including the establishment, alteration and vacation thereof;
- C. To provide, appoint, hire, discipline, promote, regulate, terminate, administer or manage:
 - 1. Persons, firms, partnerships, corporations employed or contracted with for the purpose of performing services for the county;
 - 2. Employment conditions including facilities, salaries, vacations, sick leave, retirement and other benefits;
 - 3. Persons serving on county advisory boards and commissions.
- D. To issue, grant, suspend, revoke, terminate or regulate licenses and permits for business and other purposes.
- E. To collect, disburse, or refund fees, fines, costs and other assessments.
- F. To perform any and all acts necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter and applicable state laws.
- G. To appropriate and expend county funds to advocate, oppose, and provide information on Federal and State legislation, regulations, and administrative rules that affect the county and to authorize county officers, employees, and agents to communicate on matters of concern to the county with members, officers, employees, and agents of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Oregon Senate, the Oregon House of Representatives, and Federal and State agencies.

DAILY EXPECTATIONS:

Day-to-day operations include but are not limited to attendance, participation and travel to and from meetings, and appointments, to further the interests of Curry County with the intent to carry-out Commissioner Duties to the County citizenry.

The public expects a strong work ethic and civility to all, including fellow commissioners and County employees.

Commissioners are expected to attend all County Board of Commissioners meetings.

Responsibly exercise the trust conferred by the people upon their elected officials.

COMPENSATION:

Commissioner salary shall be based on the range of salaries recommended by the Compensation Committee, with the first year in office paid at the lowest rate and rising incrementally to the fourth year, which will be paid at the highest rate. Salary for any subsequent terms (re-election) shall be paid at highest rate.

Without exception, each commissioner shall be paid their full salary at the appropriate level for their year of service. Except by unanimous vote of the Board, no addition or reduction in commissioner salary shall be allowed.

LIAISON ROLES:

Serves as a liaison to the County department(s) appointed by the Board.

Performs community relations functions that includes external communications, media relations, and citizen assistance.

BOC Office Rebuild

- ❖ Appoint John Huttel - - as “County Counsel - Interim BOC Office Manager”.
- ❖ Legal Support - Contractual Services - - Create office space currently occupied and soon available from outgoing Curry Director of Operations – establish two separate desk placements solely for the Carlton Law Reps - individual and necessary specific uses, phones, files, all I.T. – they deserve plenty of room – a clean and professional work area. Due to their recent arrival - this is an excellent step forward and toward the Boice recommendations and goals. Would also at least somewhat free up Counsel Huttel to again if agreeable with the Board - take on the BOC Office Management responsibility.

BOC Office Rebuild

- ▣ Appoint BOC Office Staff John Jezuit - - as “Assistant BOC Office Manager”
- ▣ Curry Economic Development Assistant Plagge - - could take a larger role? Subsequently that position may then need further direction and possible Job Description amendment-updates?
- ▣ Schmelzer Current Projects - - Economic Development Coordinator Matteson can take over the work off the Schmelzer projects which need to be identified and also presume should be with the assistance of Ms. Plagge.

BOC Office Rebuild

- ❖ These reorganizations can reduce costs - - will generate efficiencies, save valuable funds and improve County working environments.
- ❖ These are primarily cost saving exchanges - - Director of Operations position for the Carlton Law Contract will pay a reasonably good portion of the funds needed and still possibly save \$ 40,000 annually.

CURRY COUNTY VALUES CAN HELP IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR EVERY CITIZEN

Four Primary Curry areas of Public focus

- ❖ **PUBLIC HEALTH** - - All Curry Medical and Health collectively coming together - the long term battle and resolve to stop the Coronavirus spread - similar and even indirect effects. Also behavioral health, mental health, addictions and all related. Improving more preventative illness measures - public outreach and awareness encouraged to all Curry Citizens. Neighborhood blight - the presence of those vacant and abandoned properties that have profound negative impacts on our communities. These areas can erode overall health, hurt housing markets, decrease surrounding property values, pose safety hazards, and ultimately reduces local tax revenues. County Commissioner jobs are to take the lead in all!
- ❖ **PUBLIC SAFETY** - - Our responsibility is for the welfare and protection of the general public. Our law enforcement future - someday possibly consider one L. E. district with 4 separate Precincts. Work to bring the highest quality people available to our three City Police and Sheriff's Departments. Also can help reduce pressures on our Code Enforcement responsibilities and personnel. Almost any positive movements we're able to make will also help us recruit better and pay better.

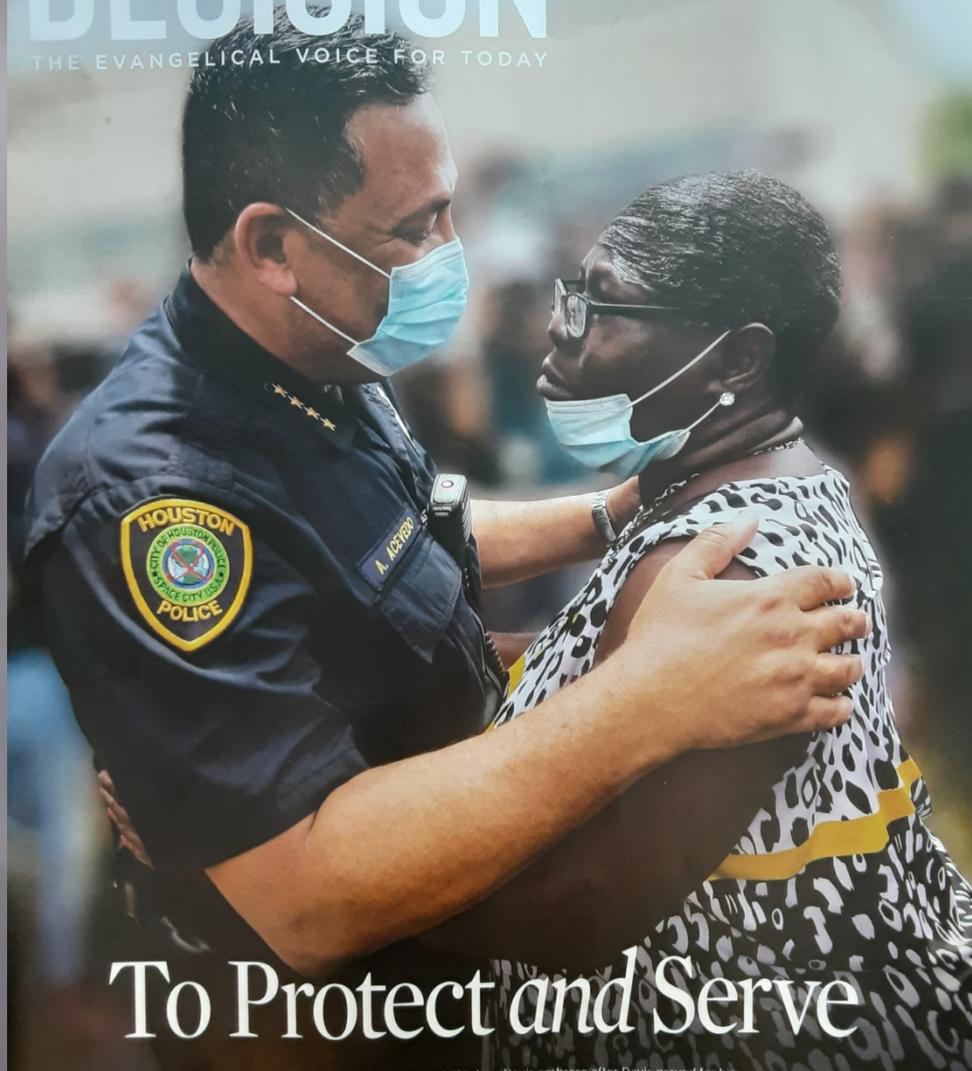


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THE EVANGELICAL VOICE FOR TODAY



To Protect and Serve

LeChesne Davis embraces after Davis prayed for him.





- ❖ **PUBLIC EDUCATION** - - Defined – this can mean many things, but for us, every citizen – all ages; not just the teaching of our children – although that is of course our highest priority. Our kids are our future. Yes, we could consider streamlining to one Curry School District – However, we have to bring all including S.W.O.C.C. to a productive, cordial and open dialogue. Our County and Communities should assist in educating all 24,000 Citizens. Work to the extent we're able to help with improved plans and public outreach for volunteer services – fire prevention – economic development - visitor promotion - housing shortages - homeless citizens and full engagement toward quality of life improvements. Goals of family friendly and clean neighborhoods.
- ❖ **PUBLIC COLLABORATION** - - Cooperation, coordination – certainly they can be over-used 'buzz words', but that depends on who's willing to roll up their sleeves? Getting everyone involved – strong commitments to work together. Stop the negatives and overcome simple disagreements – focus on what matters – eliminate politics and ego. We have serious work ahead! Some will remember years ago when one of our National Leaders stating “it takes a village” - Initially I disagreed with only a portion as many felt it promoted Federal control instead of local control. Does it actually in a different way have legitimacy more today from that local perspective and responsibility?

We Must Control Costs – Are We Soon Going To Be Forced Or Able Only To Offer Mandated Services?

- ❖ BOICE BELIEVES - We're living above our means - - and have not controlled many of the county expenditures - especially in 2018, but also recent years. Boice has essentially been out voted on all spending policies of any substance. He's tried to prohibit unnecessary spending and has consistently questioned most high-dollar proposals. Now he's convinced this could tragically leave Curry County with the unpleasant and compounding obligation to cut.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Many believe we may have a few County Departments that do not need Full Time Managers – consolidation of our smaller departments and-or contracting out services should be a consideration? Look for other ways to control costs? Perhaps at least consider reasonable delays on Big Expenditure items. Continue the focus on the best possible management and accountability.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - When and as Curry County finally gets a new 'long term' Finance Director, our November newly elected Treasurer can possibly become part of an updated direction with collective input and discussions? Could overall become another means to save dollars?
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Utilities, electricity, water – vehicles, and fuels.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Curry Taxing Districts - Bring all leaders of our Districts to round-table discussions – their input and help for hopeful and steady progress to problem solving.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Sell – liquidate non productive properties, reduce liabilities and assets. Lobster Creek Camp could be one example? If there is a legal means – perhaps we could negotiate a percentage of proceeds to our 46 Taxing Districts from those possible sales. This approach could help get some of these lands in to productive status?

We Must Contain Costs

What Are The “Essential” Services For Curry Citizens?

- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Eliminate or delay the new Open-Gov and Neo-Gov Programs. Remain with the Caselle Accounting system until we can afford the formers. Set up 401-K Pension Plan for new future employees hired – as opposed to P.E.R.S. - Oregon Public Employee Retirement System which is unstable.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Commissioners aiding Departments. No suggestion our Departments need to be micro-managed, however all team members need to understand – Commissioners have a legal responsibility for ‘oversight’ – that should be primarily through good bridge building, commitments to full time work and consistently helping with the tough calls.
- ❖ WAYS TO SAVE - - Boice hopes to spend more time in the Community Development Departments, though more for what he hopefully can learn as opposed to ‘oversight’ – everyone however has a part and obligation in looking for ways to save and improve efficiencies?

INCREASE REVENUES

TWO OPTIONS

- ❖ Boice believes Curry can help bridge the Urban-Rural gaps - - Too we should continue working to be a critical part in bringing all together. Even left leaning Salem leaders generally have sincerity in wanting to help and work with rural Oregon. It's possible for us to affect a change of direction even with the current Portland tragedies. The quality people we have here should bring confidence - Curry can lead instead of often around our state being seen as slow to succeed - even dysfunctional.
- ❖ Boice believes the Curry Cities must be engaged - - challenged, involved and included. The County needs to be mindful of the respect the cities have earned and deserve.
- ❖ Boice believes the better were organized - - determined attention to details, the more comprehensive our plans, improving the processes in working better together - we will find the successes and buy-ins when working and competing for additional or different funds.
- ❖ Boice Opposes raising Property Taxes - - Wrong and unnecessary - that considered, he also believes we have to understand and simply see the obvious. There are only two practical ways then to source additional funds in order to meet the costs of our important County Services.

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Investing Serious Effort

Reps. Karin Power and David Brock Smith may differ on climate policy, but they also bring bipartisan civility to the Legislature's most high-profile environmental issue.

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Health Series

The Changing Face of Rural Health Care



No Doctor in the House

Rural communities struggle with shortage of medical providers

By Drew Myron

As the head of the only medical clinic for 50 miles, Physician Assistant Sharon DeHart tends to the needs of more than 250 patients who live across a wide landscape of farms, ranches and a smattering of small towns in north-central Oregon.

At 69, Sharon is roaring toward retirement—if she can find her replacement.

For 10 years, Sharon has served as sole medical provider and administrator at the Deschutes Rim Health Clinic in Maupin, Oregon, and the job has taken a toll. The paperwork is immense, and processing complicated insurance reimbursements and claims is consuming.

A limited support staff and a population that has twice rejected votes to increase the health district budget have only increased the burden.

"The days of a quaint country doctor are over," Sharon says. "We've had a terrible time recruiting."

She's not alone. Across the nation, rural communities suffer from a shortage of medical providers. Clinics in isolated areas operate on thin margins, limiting their financial ability to recruit new medical personnel.

Though she served for years as president of the Central Oregon Independent Practice Association and was recently named a Rural Health Care Hero by Oregon Health & Science University, Sharon hopes to partner with a hospital or medical group to gain administrative and management assistance.

"I don't think it's possible now to remain an independent clinic. I'm tired of trying to do all this myself," says Sharon, her voice weary with frustration. "We can't recruit to get additional providers and resources."

When a rural physician moves or retires, it can create a health care crisis for the community, says Brock Slabach, a

former rural hospital administrator, now senior vice president for member services at the National Rural Health Association.

"Physicians are disappearing from the map of rural America," Brock says.

About 60 million people live in rural America, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That means one in five Americans live in a uniquely challenging health-care delivery environment.

"You have an elderly population, a sicker population and a low-income population," says Alan Morgan, CEO of the National Rural Health Association. "Yet you have the fewest options available when it comes to seeking care."

Rural clinics are often headed by nurse practitioners or physician assistants like Sharon. Both are advanced-practice providers, and in remote areas, they are increasingly filling roles traditionally filled by doctors, including making diagnoses and prescribing medication.

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants account for one in four medical-care providers in rural clinics—an increase of 43 percent from 2008 to 2016, according to a report in Health Affairs journal.

While telemedicine is helping rural providers meet their communities' needs, the need for more advanced-practice providers persists.

The average salary for a rural health clinic provider is roughly \$100,000, According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. But recruiting requires generous incentives beyond a six-figure salary.

Even the smallest clinics are stepping up to pay student loan debt, offer hiring bonuses, cover relocation costs, pay for malpractice insurance, and guarantee weekends off and few on-call hours.

Despite all of those incentives, rural communities still struggle to bring providers to the frontier. Small towns and remote areas are now working to create their own pipeline for health professionals.

"A trend we're seeing in every rural area is the challenge of keeping your local people with viable work options," says Julie Manning, communications director for Samaritan Health Services—a network of hospitals, clinics and physicians serving six mostly rural communities in Oregon.

In 2013, Samaritan partnered with



Opposite page, Physician's Assistant Christina Rust treats a patient at the Sherman County Medical Clinic in Moro, Oregon. Above, The Deschutes Rim Health Clinic in Maupin, Oregon.



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Round-Up's economic and cultural impact on Pendleton

INCREASE REVENUES

FIRST OPTION

- ❖ 1) Grant Writing - - We're on our own - however we have to push and be deliberate. There are some State and certainly plenty of Federal Funds available. We need qualified people to source and succeed in applications and getting those funds. Bringing good grant writer(s) - companies onboard would be a wise Curry investment. We have to quickly challenge ourselves to get in that competitive spirit and attitude - to excel and have confidence we can and should expect more than our share.

INCREASE REVENUES

SECOND OPTION

- ❖ **2) Consumption Tax** – - It's based on what we - each Citizen and Visitor individually consumes. Boice believes we can find a plan - a combination that's specific and tailored to the needs of Curry Citizens and Services – one the Public can support.
- ❖ **Curry Consumption Tax - 2% Collection on Non Exempted Purchases** - - Perhaps bringing in 3 Million annually – Question - Transient Lodging and existing Fuel taxes - can they be amended, added to, combined, changed or adjusted? Again, City participation critical.
- ❖ **Curry Consumption Tax – Exemption plan** - - This is only One possible Proposal - Concept . All Purchases taxable except Non-Labeled Foods, Pharmaceutical, all Medical, Rent, any purchase over \$ 1,000 (Example – Curry auto dealers) except (Real Estate and then consider exempting the first \$ 200,000). Incentive and help for middle income and first time home buyers.?
- ❖ **Tourism 'A' Spending in Curry** - - Visitors - 60%
- ❖ **Tourism 'B' Spending in Curry** - - Del Norte – 'Cal' Shoppers – 40%
- ❖ **Sunset Clause** - - If we get this far – would Likely require considerable planning, yet more citizen involvement and discussion as well – BIG SMILES !



FACT SHEET

Proposed 3% Goods Sales Tax

With the sunset of Federal Forest payments, the County faces a significant fiscal crisis. The proposed 3% goods sales tax presents an opportunity to generate the revenue for the County to continue delivering the services critically needed by the community.

- ▶ Tax on Non-exempt Purchases made by Residents and Visitors
- ▶ Excludes Most of the Necessities and Basics of Life
- ▶ Only Through Vote of the People can the Tax be Increased
- ▶ Includes a Sunset Clause, Requiring Vote of the People to Continue the Tax

Calculation for Estimated Sales Tax Revenue	Dollars (\$)
Total Retail Sales ^a (2007)	227,000,000
Minus Estimated Exemptions ^{b,c}	- 90,200,000
Subtotal	136,800,000
Plus Prepared Meals/Beverage	+ 27,000,000
Estimated Taxable Sales	163,800,000
Estimated Sales Tax Revenue	▶ 4,914,000

^a Based on 2010 U.S. Census for Curry County

^b See Exhibit A for detailed list of exemptions (available on Curry County website)

^c Estimated calculations in Research Brief by Oregon Legislative Revenue Officer, Paul Warner

What's a Good? (Examples of Taxable Items)

- ▶ Outdoor Sporting Equipment
- ▶ Bedding and Linens
- ▶ Prepared Foods
- ▶ Furniture
- ▶ Office Supplies
- ▶ Clothes
- ▶ Toiletries

What will NOT be Taxed? (Examples of Exemptions^b)

- × Food × Prescription Medications × Medical items/Supplies × Utilities × Motor Vehicle Fuel
- × Motor Vehicles & Manufactured Dwelling × Sale, Lease or Rental of Real Property
- × Commercial Fishing, Aquaculture or Guide Services × Manufacturing, Timber and Ranching Activities
- × Public Body and Nonprofit Organizations × Prepared Foods by Facilities at No Separate Charge

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FACT SHEET

Proposed Property Tax Increase

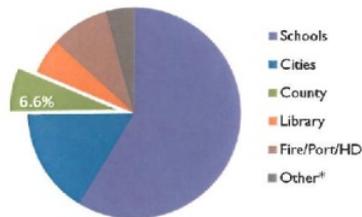
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- ▶ Increase to \$2.20 per \$1,000 Assessed Value
 - ▶ Current Rate is \$0.60 per \$1,000 Assessed Value
 - ▶ Curry County has the Second Lowest Property Tax Rate in the State
- ▶ Increase Tax Rate for the County General Fund Only
- ▶ Property Tax is Collected from Curry County Property Owners

Assessed Property Value	Additional Property Tax	Total Annual Tax Paid to County
\$ 100,000	\$ 160	\$ 220
\$ 150,000 ^a	\$ 240	\$ 330
\$ 200,000	\$320	\$440
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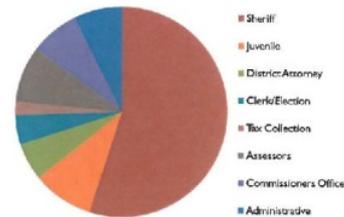
^a Median Assessed Value for Curry County Single-Family Home: \$147,500

What Do Your Property Taxes Fund?



▶ Of the \$22 million collected, \$1.4 million of the tax goes to the County General Fund.

What Does the County Spend Your Property Taxes On?



▶ Approximately 74% of the General Fund is spent on public safety (Sheriff, Juvenile, and District Attorney).

What is the Significance to the Community?

- ▶ With a sustainable revenue resource of \$5 Million, the community continues to receive County-provided services and maintains local control with representative governance.

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Preliminary Estimates

Calculation of Curry County’s Potential Sales Tax Base

Tax Base Calculation (in millions)	2012	2015	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Curry County Retail Sales	\$244.6	\$268.8	\$294.9	\$303.6	\$311.5	\$319.1	\$326.8
Curry County Food Service Sales	\$25.8	\$28.7	\$31.4	\$32.4	\$33.2	\$34.0	\$34.8
Total Potential Curry County Base	\$270.5	\$297.5	\$326.3	\$336.0	\$344.8	\$353.1	\$361.6
Sales Tax Exemptions	\$41.2	\$46.2	\$53.6	\$55.2	\$56.7	\$58.0	\$59.4
Estimated Sales Tax Base	\$229.3	\$251.3	\$272.7	\$280.8	\$288.1	\$295.1	\$302.2
Sales Tax Revenue with 2.5% Rate			\$6.82	\$7.02	\$7.20	\$7.38	\$7.56
Curry County Personal Income	\$776	\$870	\$954	\$987	\$1,020	\$1,050	\$1,082
Sales Tax Base as % of Income	29.5%	28.9%	28.6%	28.4%	28.2%	28.1%	27.9%

Exemptions

- SNAP purchases (other food for home consumption included in base – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) -- **SNAP benefits can** only be used for food and for plants and seeds to grow food for your household to eat. **SNAP benefits cannot be used to buy:** Any nonfood item, such as pet foods; soaps, paper products, and household supplies; grooming items, toothpaste, and cosmetics. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco.
- Auto purchases- amount above \$1,000 per unit sold.
- Health care products.

Estimates based on:

- Curry County data from 2012 Economic Census
- Projected Oregon retail sales from IHS Market.
- Oregon economic forecast from the Office of Economic Analysis
- Curry County income from the Bureau of Economic Analysis

Curry County Population specific to Incorporated Cities and outside Geographical Areas.

Curry County	53%
Brookings	30%
Gold Beach	11%
Port Orford	6%

Curry 15 – 15 Consumption Tax Plan – One Example and Priority Funding

There are dozens of different Consumption (or sales) Tax combinations. Boice believes through collective community work and research – there is one that could be specifically tailored for Curry County funding needs.

The argument can be made – Of the 36 Oregon Counties – None are positioned as well nor have an equal Curry opportunity.

Basic revenue estimates generally range – however, approximately one-half of the receipts would come from Visitors and outside the Curry area Shoppers – the other half from Curry Residents.

A 2% Collection - Consumption Tax would raise (estimates) between 2.5 to 3.5 million in Curry County annually presumably and depending on a non-complicated exemption(s) system.

If done properly – This basic plan could be the best way to maintain – hold the line - less pressure on our Property Tax Payers?

- Public Health – Mental Health – (Behavioral Health) 15%
- Repay Road Fund Reserves (up to and including 5 previous years) 15%
- Public Safety – Law Enforcement 15%
- Visitor and shopper Promotion-marketing 15%
- Administration and Related (8% for Curry Administration - 7% for business collections) 15%
- Economic Development and Housing 15%
- Brookings, Gold Beach, Harbor, Port Orford, and Langlois Water Infrastructure needs 10%

Exemptions: Only One Proposal -- All Purchases taxable except Non-Labeled Foods, Pharmaceutical, all Medical, Any purchase over \$ 1,000 (Example – Curry auto dealers) exception, Real Estate and then propose - exempt the first \$ 200,000 of any R.E. Purchase?

Note: Any possible plan should and is required to go before the Citizens – Vote...

Restaurant and Beverage, Small Companies – Employers - As hard as most have been hit, we should consider offering them relief? A Consumption Tax could help.

Environmental Health Fees - Let's look at cutting 50% of those environmental inspection fees for one year or even eliminating. Most of our Employers are fighting to survive.

New Curry Business License Program - Maybe offer an "opt out" for at least one year - 2021-22. Registration obligation only.

Absentee Owner - Property Registration and Fees... Consider Repeal. All might help to mitigate many hard feelings created - now against the County due to the above.

“We have the most unique, beautiful and rugged coastline on the entire Western U.S.” – Can we turn that to our County services and bill paying advantage’s?

- ❖ Proactive vs. Reactive - - The following - ideas to begin the work, collective input and recommend open discussions with our managers, public officials and citizens. Consider cuts immediately – By prudently doing so - no worst case, vital County services can otherwise be jeopardized. Best case would be an opportunity to finally build reserves.
- ❖ The Coronavirus Pandemic has changed almost everything and in some ways could make our recent expensive Strategic Plan obsolete? However, are we still committed to those 5 goals? Are they still relevant? Boice believes we must adapt – discuss.
 - ❖ 1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development
 - ❖ 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure
- ❖ We can build a solid future - - around our Curry natural resources, public safety, financial safety, health care, schools, the Curry visitor destination, libraries, timber industry, fishing, our unique ports, cities, a business approach, wise spending and always our people!















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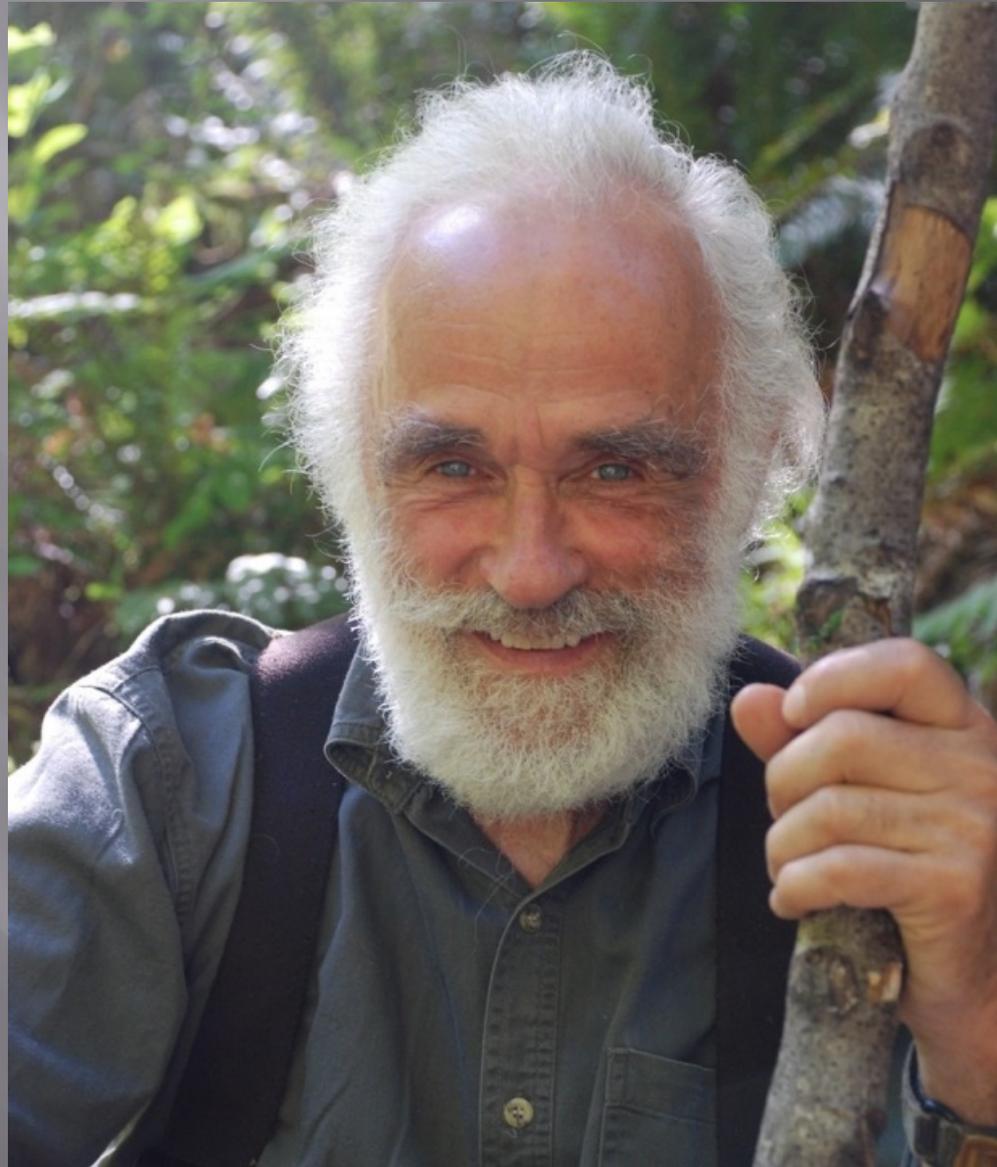


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**LET'S
START THE
CONVERSATIONS FOR A
BETTER TOMMORROW,
TODAY!**

**Let's talk or less talk and
more 'do'. When is our next
workshop?**