



## **CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Date Approved:**

**March 24, 2021**

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

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### **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2020**

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#### **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, Julie Schmelzer and Brad Rueckert Directors of County Operations, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

Schmelzer left meeting at 1:30PM.

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### **2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT**

Boice gave the report.

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

Huttli - Add to Executive Session 192.660(2) (f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 5C

Boice - Move Agenda Item 6P to 7S

Boice - Move Agenda Item 6Z to 7T

Boice - Move Agenda Item 7J to Agenda Item 7B1

Paasch - Pull Agenda Item 6B

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

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mary Rowe spoke about housing and the housing committee. Rebecca Haffley spoke about noise at a construction site in her neighborhood and encouraged the Board to consider a noise ordinance. David Barnes thanked Gold for her service and thanked Schmelzer for her service. Nancy Sue Rose thanked both Gold and Schmelzer for their service, stated she would like to see the Board's letter to the Governor Brown on the website, and praised the Dine to Stay program. Brian Thompson, via Zoom, objected to restricting public access to Floras Lake.

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

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A. Years of Service Awards from the Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Ward

Sheriff Ward presented service awards to three (3) Sheriff's Department personnel: Patrol Deputy Jordan Rhodes for five (5) years of service, Sergeant Stacy Aranda for ten (10) years of service, and Chief Civil Deputy Joan Allen-Steineke for fifteen (15) years of service. Ward spoke highly of Rhodes, Aranda, and Allen-Steineke.

B. Service Award – Fifteen (15) Years – Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director – Julie Schmelzer, DCO (Director of County Operations)

Schmelzer presented the award to Lang and praised Lang's work.

AGENDA ITEM 5C WAS PULLED.

C. Bio-Char Presentation ... Future Wood Waste and Fire Fuel Abatement - Commissioner Boice

D. CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act COVID-19 Relief Grant Update – Summer Matteson, EDC (Economic Development Coordinator)

Matteson displayed a document detailing statistics of the relief grant and explained the boxes in the hallway of the Annex Building were PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies to be delivered. Boice, Gold and Paasch thanked Matteson for acting quickly. Boice also asked businesses not to be discouraged as the County is working on funding.

E. Dine to Stay Program – Phase 1b – Summer Matteson, EDC

Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant, showed an eight (8) slide PowerPoint presentation about the program. Gold asked about costs. A discussion with Schmelzer; Tamie Kaufman, Mayor City of Gold Beach; Huttli; and Plagge about TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) fund contributions to the program ensued.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes Business Meeting October 7, 2020

B. ~~Minutes Business Meeting October 21, 2020~~ – AGENDA ITEM 6B PULLED

C. Minutes Business Meeting November 4, 2020

D. Minutes Business Meeting December 2, 2020

E. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental Agreement

F. IGA's (Intergovernmental Agreement) for Curry County Dispatch Services for FY(Fiscal Year) 20-21

G. Approve Credit Card for Captain Phil McDonald

H. 2021 LEA (Law Enforcement Agency)Cooperative Annual Financial Operating Plan with USFS (United States Forest Service)

I. Proposed Emergency Services Move to the Supervision of the Sheriff's Office as of January 4th, 2021.

J. Curry County Board as Transit District Board Approving Grant for COVID-19 for Transit Operations

K. Adopting COVID-19 Infection Control Plan

L. Requesting Authorizing District Attorney to Represent State in Civil Commitment Proceedings

M. Order Approving Fifteenth Amendment to IGA (Inter-governmental Agreement) #159808 with Oregon Health Authority re Public Health Services

N. Order Approving Third Amendment #154675 to IGA with OHA (Oregon Health Authority) re: Food Service Program

O. Supplemental Budgets

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AGENDA ITEM 6P MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7S

- P. Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) for County GIS (Geographic Information System) System
- Q. Adoption of a Position Description for a New Position Administrative Assistant – Code Enforcement
- R. Reclassification of an Employee – Barbara Colton
- S. Adoption of a Position Description for an Existing Position – Community Development Assistant
- T. Job Description – Permit Tech I
- U. Job Description – Permit Tech II
- V. Reclassification of an Employee – Lacinda Ashby
- W. Adoption of a Position Description for an Existing Position – Assistant VSO (Veterans Service Officer)
- X. FTE Change of an Employee – A. Pitman – Assistant VSO
- Y. Re-hire of an Employee – W. Story

AGENDA ITEM 6Z MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7T

- Z. Approving Deeds to Purchasers from December 1, 2020 Foreclosure Sales

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

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Discuss Gold Beach Annexation – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch expressed concern about the annexation of the area known as the ‘Old Mill Site’ on Jerry’s Flat Road, specifically it is a cherry stem (not contiguous to City of Gold Beach) annexation, there is a potential loss of revenue for the county, there is an issue with the Urban Growth Boundary, and there is the need to work together. Boice asked about details of cherry stem annexation. Sheriff Ward commented on possible policing issues. Tamie Kaufman, Mayor, City of Gold Beach, spoke about the process starting with the property owners coming to the City of Gold Beach to point out their advantages of being annexed such as lower water costs and improved fire services. Gold asked about sewer services and the impact on environmental issues. Becky Crockett, Planning Director, stated a portion of the property is not within the Urban Growth Boundary line.

- B. Honoring Curry County Resident Don Bemis, Courageous Vietnam Combat Soldier – 2 Bronze Stars - Swift Boat Radio Operator - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Don Bemis, praised his service work, and read the proclamation. Bemis thanked the Board and spoke about Wreaths Across America.

ITEM 7B1 MOVED FROM AGENDA ITEM 7J

- B1. Restaurant and Environmental Health - Curry Reduction Of Inspection – Other County Fees – Proposal – Discussion for 2021 – 2022 Possible Changes - Commissioner Boice
- Boice introduced George Rhodes. Rhodes spoke in detail about the effect of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on his restaurant operations, suggested changing due date on environmental health fees, and asked the Board to consider a zone for economic development specifically for restaurants. A discussion ensued. Paasch, Boice, Gold, Sherrie Ward, Public Health Administrator, and Rhodes commented on the COVID-19 pandemic’s negative impact on Curry County restaurants and possible

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C. Update on Park Improvements – Anthony DeRock, Parks Coordinator

DeRock showed a seven (7) slide PowerPoint Presentation which addressed details about future improvements at Lobster Creek and Boice County Parks.

D. Request for Board Approval to Install Non-Conforming “T” Turnaround at Dead End of Lakeshore Drive – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen explained, based on public input, he wants to back out of this and do more work on it. Boice stated he supports the work Christensen has done so far and pointed out drawbacks to the project. Paasch stated the Agenda Item is withdrawn.

E. Board Approval for Curry County Road Department to Join MORE (Managing Oregon Resources More Efficiently) Statewide Intergovernmental Agreement in Order to Share Resources with Other Oregon Public Agencies – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen explained the agreement between counties.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to accept agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Board support and Approval to Purchase 34 Acres Curry County Acquired from State Parks Floras Lake Land Swap for New Road Department Storage Facility - Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen explained advantages and benefits of this new north county location and stated he is looking for Board support. A discussion by Huttl, Boice, Paasch, and Christensen followed. Paasch stated he will be bringing this back in 2021.

G. Replacement Roof on Search and Rescue Building – Chet Brewer, Facilities Director  
Brewer recommended going with the better warranty.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Appoint Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council Members – Commissioner Boice  
Huttl noted since the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council was created by ordinance, a reduction in number of members requires an ordinance amending the original ordinance. Boice suggested moving the reduction of members and the appointment of new members to the December 23, 2020, business meeting.

I. Curry Site Plan Review Committee Proposal – Discussion - Commissioner Boice

Boice explained the details of the proposal and cited advantages and benefits to the County and the public. A discussion involving Boice, Gold, and Paasch ensued. Paasch recommended Boice schedule this for a workshop, possibly at the end of January, 2021.

**ITEM 7J MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7B1**

J. Restaurant and Environmental Health - Curry Reduction Of Inspection – Other County Fees – Proposal – Discussion for 2021 – 2022 Possible Changes - Commissioner Boice

K. Governor Brown Executive Order – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

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Jeremy Dumire, Emergency Management Coordinator, showed a five (5) slide PowerPoint presentation detailing changes to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions if the County goes to Extreme Risk on December 18, 2020.

L. Hunter Creek Land Sale – Julie Schmelzer, DCO  
Schmelzer asked the Board for approval to sell parcel at minimum bid.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the sale of the land for the minimum price. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Retain Architect for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Project - Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer explained need for an architect. Boice stated this is a waste of money due to lack of parking, location, and downtime to build a new building.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve architect for the project. Motion carried 2-1 (Gold – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No)

N. COVID Hazard Pay for Law Enforcement – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer explained need for a fee waiver. Paasch stated he believes the hazard pay for law enforcement should be extended.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to have pay not extend beyond December 31, 2020. Motion carried 2-1. (Boice – Yes; Gold – Yes; Paasch – No)

O. Fee Waiver Request – Silver Cypress Resort – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer introduced Crockett who explained the history of the project and recommended waiving the fee.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to waive the fees. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Housing Committee Members – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer spoke about responses, read names of applicants for each position, gave her recommendations, and stated Crockett will fill the staff position. Boice stated he wants to find a spot for Lauren Paulson. A discussion ensued and the Board decided to name Lauren Paulson as first (1st) alternative and Samuel Strom as second (2nd) alternative.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to accept appointments as previously discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. Update on Departments Who Work Remotely – Brad Rueckert, DCO

Rueckert noted there were a handful of departments working remotely, observed most departments are back in the office, commented some departments are still working remotely as it's working well, and stated he thinks managers are being responsible on how they are handling staffing. Paasch stated he doesn't think it is the Commissioner's job to tell Department heads what to do. Gold stated she is fine with that. Boice commented he doesn't know how anyone can be as productive at home; noted he has heard it's best to send people home and work from home; and stated he doesn't think taxpayers will go for that.

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R. Q1 (Quarter 1) Budget Update – Brad Rueckert, DCO

Rueckert stated difficult to give a report as certain items are not yet reflected in the budget at this point in time, summarized the items that are not reflected, and advised he will have more details in January, 2021. Boice stated he wants more details on CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) funding; specifically which departments are receiving the funds; observed he is really nervous about how we can tie this together by the end of the year; and spoke about OpenGov software. Gold asked about which departments are self-funded and stated OpenGov software will help with payroll. Paasch noted, with OpenGov software, the budget will be updated on a daily basis.

AGENDA ITEM 7S FORMERLY AGENDA ITEM 6P

S. IGA with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) for County GIS (Geographic Information System) System

Rueckert explained change in contract.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to set up contract with Lane Council of Governments. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7T FORMERLY AGENDA ITEM 6Z

T. Approving Deeds to Purchasers from December 1, 2020 Foreclosure Sales

Huttel stated, per Assessor's Kolen request, we will get a metes and bounds description.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve deeds subject to metes and bounds description. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Rueckert spoke about

- Dog license fee agreement with Pennies for Pooches;
- OpenGov making final push;
- Utilizing Summer Sears for the budget process; and
- 2019-2020 Fiscal Year financial audit has been started.

**9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- The noise ordinance and
- Learning of a Medicaid increase in benefits at an Allcare meeting.

B. Commissioner Paasch

- Spoke in great detail about a statement from Boice about the censure of November 18, 2020;
- Stated he was fine with Boice giving the annual State of the County address;
- Noted the minutes of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting of December 11, 2020, are available; and
- Clarified his earlier comments about COVID-19.

C. Commissioner Boice

- Refuted Paasch's detailed comments about the censure of November 18, 2020;
- Apologized to Rueckert if E-Mail of November 23, 2020, was interpreted the wrong way;

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- Spoke about COVID-19 pandemic vaccine plan for Oregon;
- Noted he is working with Representative David Brock Smith and Senator Dallas Heard on getting relief funds to Curry County; and
- Read a seven (7) step strategy about coping with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:00AM**

A. Conduct Employee Evaluations and Discuss Interim Employee Status.

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

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

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:07a.m. and recessed at 12:08 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**11. HIRE ORDERS**

A. Hire of a New Employee - Custodian

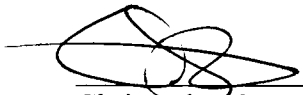
Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to hire new employee. Motion carried unanimously./

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.")

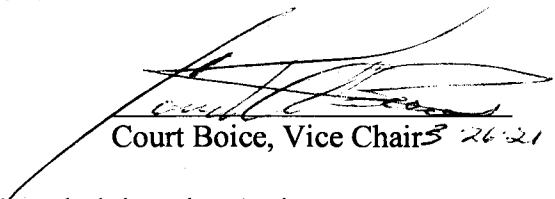
**13. ADJOURN**

Chair Paasch adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p .m.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.



Christopher S Paasch, Chair



Court Boice, Vice Chair 3/26/21

**Absent At Signing**

Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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