



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

**June 9, 2021**

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**January 20, 2021**

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boice at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Court Boice, Vice Chair John Herzog, and Commissioner Chris Paasch.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttli, Brad Rueckert Director of County Operations, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### 2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice did not have report today and gave a COVID-19 pandemic report.

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

Boice - Add introduction of Douglas Bakker, to Agenda Item 5 Presentation

Boice - Move Agenda Item 7D to Agenda Item 5 Presentation after Baker

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Boice showed a slide of his vision for changes to the agenda, spoke of the advantages of the changes, and asked the Board for a workshop on the subject. The Board agreed to a workshop on February 3, 2021.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leonard Krug, President of Oregon Anglers Alliance, spoke about SB (Senate Bill) 592 and requested the Board send a letter to the state legislature opposing SB 592 as the bill would decrease tourism and fishing. Steve Beyerlin opposed SB 592 and asked the Board for a letter stating there is no scientific data to support SB 592. David Barnes agrees with King and Beyerlin, opposes SB 592, and suggested asking other Counties for a letter of support. Connie Hunter supports Honorary Year the Veteran service Member and their Families proclamation. Becky Crockett, Planning Director, spoke against HB (House Bill) 2238.

January 20, 2021 business meeting minutes amended at the May 26, 2021 business meeting: Nancy Sue Rose feels Line of Duty Casualty Report is not appropriate for a Board meeting.

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## 5. PRESENTATION

A. Herzog introduced the new Treasurer, Douglas Baker, who was appointed for two (2) years. Baker spoke about moving to Port Orford from Virginia upon his retirement.

### AGENDA ITEM 7D MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 5B.

B. Boice honored WWII veterans Howard (?) Ware (?) and Charles Bartlett.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Amended Minutes Emergency Meeting December 17, 2020

B. Approve Road Department Vector Truck Rental from OWEN Equipment for One (1) Month for four (4) weeks for \$12,950.

C. Approve Road Department with Signature Authority to the Roadmaster for Dyer Partnership Task Order #23 to Survey and Engineer T-Turnaround at Dead End of Lakeshore Drive. Task Order Cost Is Not to Exceed \$15,600.

D. STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund) Biennium Grant Application for 2021-2023 for Proposed STIF Expenditures

E. Re: Umpqua Bank Account - Add Douglas Baker; Remove Terry Hanscam

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve consent agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Step Increase Discussion – Julie Swift, Personnel and Payroll Coordinator  
Swift wanted Board direction regarding placement in steps for long term employees. A discussion with Boice, Huttl, Paasch, Rueckert, and Swift followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to move an employee, who has been with the County for more than 10 years, in the 7-10 step to the 11+ step. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Letter of Support for Broadband Bill HB 2654 – John Huttl, County Counsel  
Huttl spoke about the draft letter in the packet. Herzog declared a conflict of interest as he is on the Board of Directors for CCEC (Coos Curry Electric Cooperative). A discussion with Brent Bischoff, CEO Beacon Broadband; Boice; and Paasch about the benefits and advantages of a fiber broadband network followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve letter of support. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Herzog – Abstain).

C. A Proposal for Proclamation - Declaring 2021 as the Honorary Year - Support of and in Solidarity with Curry County's Veterans Service Members and their Families Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the proclamation and asked for Board support.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

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D. Proposal – Curry County Proclamation to Honor Charles Bartlett – Brookings Oregon WWII Veteran Turned 100 and Becomes a “Centurion”. Commissioner Boice

E. Discussion about SB592 (Senate Bill) and Continuing Regulations on the Citizens of Curry County. – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch expressed concern about the bill, specifically, its negative impact on fishing and recreation and stated he would, with Board support, send the letter to Representative David Brock Smith, Senator Dallas Heard, and possibly the Governor’s office.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to send letter of support. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Order Appointing Two (2) Fair Board Members to Fill Vacancies Due to a Term Expiration and a Resignation – Brad Rueckert, DCO (Director of County Operations)

Rueckert summarized the order. Boice, Herzog, Hutt, and Paasch discussed the voting procedure.

The Board named Barnes to the Fair Board with term expiring December 31, 2023 and named Thompson to the Fair Board with term expiring December 31, 2021.

G. 2021 Meeting Schedule – Brad Rueckert, DCO

Rueckert reviewed the proposed schedule. Herzog stated he has a conflict on March 17, 2021.

Boice suggested moving the March 17, 2021 meeting to March 24, 2021.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to approve the schedule until the end of March 2021 with the March 17 meeting changed to March 24, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Rueckert did not give a report.

**9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Question and answer period with a Medford radio station;
- Recent offshore energy meetings; and
- The State of Oregon which has not lost a police officer in about five (5) years.

B. Commissioner Herzog spoke about

- Making the right decision in running for this office and
- Honoring a 100-year-old, WWII veteran.

C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The Medal of Honor signs for Agness have been installed and
- OpenGov software.

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**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:30PM**

- A. Labor Matters with Designated Representatives – Brad Rueckert, DCO  
192.660(2)(f) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
- B. Employment of an Employee – Julie Swift, Personnel and Payroll Coordinator  
192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Chair Boice entered Executive Session at 11:03a.m., recessed at 11:44 a.m., re-entered at 4:00 p.m. exited at 4:31 p.m. (Huttl left the Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. and joined the Executive Session via phone at 4:00 p.m.)

Staff to proceed as directed.

**11. HIRE ORDERS**

- A. Hire Employee – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve hire order. 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 Boice adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021.

  
Chair Court Boice 6-10-21

  
Vice Chair John Herzog

  
Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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