

## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

July 7, 2021

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2021

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

Chair Boice called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Chair Court Boice, Vice Chair John Herzog, Commissioner Chris Paasch

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

The pledge was recited by all.

#### 2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice read Beth Barker-Hidalgo's letter to the Board.

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

Paasch – Add Appoint Douglas Baker to Budget Committee, North County Position, as Agenda Item 7H.  
Huttli – Pull Agenda Item 8B

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

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about homelessness issues in Curry County. George Rhodes spoke about housing committee issues. Connie Hunter spoke about having a Commissioner liaison. Gordon Clay stated February is youth leadership month. Volunteering is beneficial to the volunteer and the causes. Debra Paulson, Wreaths Across America, presented a certificate to Boice.

#### 5. PRESENTATION

- A. Veteran Proclamation – Honoring Curry Resident David Lawhon – Vietnam War Veteran – United States Combat Soldier Commissioner Boice

Boice read letter about David Lawhon's experiences in Vietnam and read the proclamation.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of January 22, 2021, Emergency Meeting
- B. Sheriff's Office Private Timber Contract Renewals
- C. Re-Appoint Two (2) Members to the Curry County Transit Advisory Committee
- D. Addendum to the IT (Information Technology) Service Agreement

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- E. Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Facilities Maintenance Worker/Administrative Assistant
- F. Promotion of an Employee – L. Hopkins
- G. New Hire of an Employee – Anne M. Reed
- H. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Appraiser II
- I. Reclassification of an Employee – B. Allen
- J. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Sr. Accounting Specialist
- K. FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Change of an Employee – L. Young
- L. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Appraiser/Analyst II

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

## **7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Road Department Request for Board Review and Comment of Curry County Policy with Road Department Not Maintaining Private Storm Drains and Ditches Outside of County ROW (Right of Way) – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Richard Christensen explained details of request and why it is necessary. A discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, Huttl, and Paasch followed. Huttl stated he will work with Christensen, the City of Brookings, and bring back, if this happens in the next 60 days (Huttl is retiring on March 31, 2021.).

- B. Ordinance Amending Curry County Code Article Six Division Twelve Adopting Noise Standards, Exceptions and Penalties – First Reading – John Huttl, County Counsel and Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer

Huttl explained, summarized, and gave details on noise ordinance. Fortman spoke about details, specifically, additions, advantages, and disadvantages.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to bring back with changes for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion about Burning in Curry County and Starting a Coordinated Partnership with Surrounding Fire Districts – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch stated he spoke to Tyson Krieger, Fire Chief, Gold Beach Fire Department who suggested a workshop to discuss this agenda topic. A discussion with Boice, Huttl, and Paasch ensued about a future workshop.

### **BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7D**

Boice presented Huttl with a five (5) year service award, read the award, and praised Huttl. Representative David Brock Smith called in and thanked Huttl for his service to the County. Sheliá Megson, Chief of Staff, Representative David Brock Smith, also called in and complimented Huttl. Huttl thanked everyone and stated he will be retiring March 31, 2021.

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**D. Courthouse and Jail Project – Commissioner Paasch**

Paasch spoke about where we are on the State level, noted there are serious safety issues in the jail, commented about ways to get funding, noted the need to get final ORW (Architect) plans, stated this will be a five (5) to seven (7) year process, and asked for direction from the Board. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert followed.

**E. Liaison Assignment Duties – Commissioner Paasch**

Paasch stated we can talk about Agenda Item 7E at a later time.

**F. Appoint a Member to the Fair Board – Brad Rueckert, DCO (Director of County Operations)**  
The Board appointed Trista Donaldson to the Fair Board.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to appoint to Donaldson to the Fair Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. 2020 State of the County Address – Commissioner Boice**

Boice stated he will give State of the County address on February 17, 2021.

**AGENDA ITEM 7H ADDED**

**H. Appoint Douglas Baker to the Budget Committee, North County Position**

Paasch stated Baker would like to offer his service. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Huttli, Paasch and Rueckert ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Douglas Baker to the budget committee, north county position. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**AGENDA ITEM 8A WAS DISCUSSED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Resolution Setting Supplemental County Fees Effective February 3, 2021 – John Huttli, County Counsel**

Boice spoke about septic and solid waste fees and opened the Public Hearing. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Huttli, Paasch, and Rueckert followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve Supplemental County Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 8B PULLED**

**B. Public Comment on Transportation Facility Plan Public Transit – John Huttli, County Counsel**

**9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Rueckert stated - -

- Huttli has announced his retirement date and the position has been posted to NeoGov, and
- David Barnes has resigned from the Fair Board.

**10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

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- A. Commissioner Herzog spoke about
  - The condition of county buildings, specifically the Courthouse.
- B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about
  - Huttl leaving.
- C. Commissioner Boice did not give an update.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.
- B. 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 Boice entered Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. exited 5:09 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**12. HIRE ORDERS**

None

- 13. 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.”)


**14. ADJOURN**

Chair Boice adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

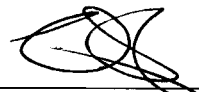
Dated this 7th day of July, 2021.



Chair Court Boice 7-8-21



Vice Chair John Herzog



Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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