



**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Date Approved:**

**July 21, 2021 j**

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

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**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**February 17, 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 gave the report.

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

Paasch – Add Wayne Krieger application to Budget Committee Agenda Item 7F

Boice – Pull Agenda Item 6A

Rueckert – Add Summer Sears contract extension as Agenda Item 7G

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lee Grierson spoke about the proposed noise ordinance. Mary Rowe spoke about the recently formed Housing Committee. David Barnes made critical comments about certain provisions of the proposed noise ordinance.

**5. PRESENTATION**

A. Proclamation – Curry County Honoring Vietnam Combat Veteran Glenn Turner – Tremendous Bravery and Valor! Commissioner Boice

Boice recognized Glenn Turner and read the proclamation. Turner spoke about his experiences in Vietnam.

B. Curry County Oregon – Board of Commissioners State of the County – 2020 Recap  
Commissioner Boice

The State of the County video was shown.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM 6A WAS PULLED**

A. Appoint Three (3) Members to LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council)

B. In Stream Water Rights

C. FTE (Full Time Equivalency) Status Change of an Employee - A. Hughes

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

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

### **AGENDA ITEM 7A WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7D AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7E**

A. Approve a Resolution to Purchase SAR (Search and Rescue) Equipment, One (1) Sno-Cat, Using Title III Funds – Sheriff Ward

Sheriff Ward spoke about the need for a Sno-Cat due to a recent rescue operation in a snow-covered environment, commented on the benefits and advantages of a Tucker Sno-Cat, noted the purchase would be made using Title III funds, and observed the Sno-Cat can go anywhere on the coast. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Huttli and Paasch about how to proceed followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve purchase of one (1) Sno-Cat using Title III funds. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Letter in Support of Maintaining Current Funding of Oregon's SBDC (Small Business Development Center) - Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson gave details about the need for letter of support and asked the Board to approve.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve letter of support for maintaining current funding of Oregon's SBDC. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Letter of Interest in McVay Rock State Park – Anthony DeRock, Parks Coordinator

DeRock handed out the letter and summarized it. A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Paasch; Rueckert; and Anthony Vouidy, Veterans' Service Officer, followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to approve letter of interest in McVay Rock State Park. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Board Meeting Recording of Minutes – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch spoke about recent audio and video technical issues occurring during Board meetings, noted he has reached out to some companies, and commented on options available. A discussion with Boice; Eric Feliciano, President, MediaNook; Herzog, Huttli, Matteson, Paasch, and Rueckert ensued. The Board decided to continue discussion at a later date.

E. Ordinance Amending Curry County Code Article Six Division Twelve Adopting Noise Standards, Exceptions and Penalties – Second Reading – John Huttli, County Counsel and Dave Fortman, Code Enforcement Officer

Huttli stated he had made some changes. Fortman stated the ordinance allows a balance between rural and urban areas in the County. A lengthy discussion with Boice, Fortman, Herzog, Huttli and Paasch followed with emphasis on amending the ordinance and adding exemptions for specific situations.

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Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to approve noise ordinance with amendments and exemptions as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Appointing a Member to the Budget Committee, Central County Position - Brad Rueckert, DCO  
Rueckert stated an application from Wayne Krieger arrived this morning.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to appoint Wayne Krieger to the budget committee, central county position. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Herzog – No)

AGENDA ITEM 7G WAS ADDED

G. Extend Summer Sears contract

Rueckert asked the Board to approve Summer Sears contract extension. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about the work Sears has done, Finance Department issues, and the benefits of using OpenGov software followed. Boice objected to the cost of OpenGov and suggested using Caselle software.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to extend Summer Sears contract. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice - No).

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Rueckert spoke about - -

- Part-time janitor contract funded by COVID-19 pandemic relief funds;
- The compensation committee;
- A workshop on February 24, 2021;
- The Blue Room as a meeting room; and
- The County Counsel job has been posted.

**9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Paasch spoke about Roy Davis, Port of Brookings Harbor Commissioner, who passed away on February 3, 2021.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Vandalism at the Democratic party office;
- COVID-19 pandemic update;
- Port of Port Orford pictures; and
- The five (5) letters he put on Herzog's and Paasch's desk.

C. Commissioner Herzog did not have a report.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Consider Employment of an Employee

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

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**B. Commissioner Boice**

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 4:20 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 5:11 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**11. HIRE ORDERS**


A. New Hire of an Employee – Community Development Assistant

**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 5:12 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2021.

  
Chair Court Boice 7/21/21

  
Vice Chair John Herzog

  
Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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