



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

August 4, 2021

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

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MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING

April 14, 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 Anthony Pope, 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

Pope – Pull Agenda Item 10A

Pope - Add Executive Session 192.660(2)(a) as Agenda Item 10C

Rueckert - Add MOU (Memo of Understanding) with Josephine County to be discussed after Executive Session.

Boice – Move Agenda Item 6J to Agenda Item 7G

Boice – Move Agenda Item 6B to Agenda Item 7H

Boice – Move Agenda Item 6F to Executive Session

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gordon Clay spoke about local COVID-19 pandemic statistics and suicide statistics impacted by alcohol consumption. Connie Hunter spoke about information regarding veteran's impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and stated May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Resolution Proclaiming April Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month – Jackie Antunes, Executive Director, Wally's House

Antunes spoke about Wally's House statistics regarding child abuse and how the COVID-19 pandemic affected those numbers. Boice read the resolution after Agenda Item 7D and before Agenda Item 7E. The Board amended the resolution. The Board unanimously supported the amended resolution.

B. Every Child Needs a Family – Exploring Foster Parenting – Presentation by Bonnie Ell - Advanced Health Curry Coordinator... Commissioner Boice

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Ell spoke about children in foster care in Oregon and Curry County and noted the need for foster families.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes Special Meeting January 4, 2021

MOVE AGENDA ITEM 6B TO AGENDA ITEM 7H

B. Approve Minutes Business Meeting January 6, 2021

C. Approve Minutes Special Meeting April 7, 2021

D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Victim Assistance Program Director

MOVE AGENDA ITEM 6E TO AGENDA ITEM 7F

E. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Emergency Management Coordinator

MOVE AGENDA ITEM 6B TO AGENDA ITEM 10C

F. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Building Official

G. Appointment to Safety Committee

H. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Chief Deputy Assessor – Assessor

I. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Administrative Secretary – Assessor

MOVE AGENDA ITEM 6J TO AGENDA ITEM 7G

J. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Administrative Assistant – PH (Public Health)

K. Budget Committee Re-Appointment 4H and Extension Service District

L. Adopt Four (4) Position Descriptions for Existing Positions in the Jail – Corrections Corporal, Deputy I, and Nurse; and Lieutenant, Corrections Division.

M. Adopt Three (3) Position Descriptions for Existing Positions in the Clerk's Office – Deputy Clerk I, Deputy Clerk II, and Chief Deputy Clerk

N. Reclassify Four (4) Employees – Clerk's Office

O. Re-hire of a Former Employee – Brenda Starbird

P. Re-hire of a Former Employee – D. Sigvartsen

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Hiring Deputy Treasurer – David Barnes, Treasurer

Barnes commented about recent issues concerning the Treasurer's office, noted the need for someone besides him who knows how to do the job, and spoke about detailed suggestions.

B. Order Amending Procedure to Appoint Camp Hosts – Commissioners

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A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert ensued. Boice stated the reason he opposed this is the Commissioners, if anything goes, we have the public liability.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, repeal order 20866. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice - No).

C. Port of Brookings Harbor - Curry Resolution of Support for Wastewater Plant Funding
Boice read the resolution.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to support the funding efforts of the wastewater treatment plant for the Port of Brookings Harbor. Motion carried unanimously

D. Initiation of a South Coast Parks & Recreation District (Special District) – Brad Rueckert, DCO (Director of County Operations)

Rueckert spoke about formation of the district. A discussion with Boice; Shelley Denney, Elections Administrator/Chief Deputy; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; Rueckert; and Jay Trost, Deputy Public Works & Developmental Services, City of Brookings about the process, funding, and timelines followed. The Board agreed to put this on the April 28, 2021, business meeting agenda.

E. Appointment to Tourism Promotions Committee – Brad Rueckert, DCO
Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert briefly discussed the appointments.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Klaus Gielisch to the south county position. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to appoint Laurie Van Zante to the at large position. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – Abstain).

AGENDA ITEM 7F COVERED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7E.

7F. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position-Emergency Management Coordinator
Captain McDonald asked the Board to approve the job description.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6B MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7H

7H. Approve Minutes Business Meeting January 6, 2021

Boice, Herzog, and Paasch discussed the Public Comment Agenda Item on the January 6, 2021, minutes.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve January 6, 2021, minutes as written. Motion carried 2-1. (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice - No).

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rueckert did not have a report.

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9. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- The Red Cross;
- Shaun Gibbs, Executive Director SCDC (South Coast Development Corporation) and Theresa Haga Executive Director/Finance Manager, CCD Business Development Corporation;
- His priorities to stop the wasteful spending, HB (House Bill) 2251, and Rogue Siskiyou fire training center;
- HB 3375 offshore wind (energy) production;
- The Ford Family Foundation; and
- Freeman Marine.

B. Commissioner Herzog spoke about

- The broadband bill and its benefits;
- AOC (Association of Oregon Counties); and
- The jail and courthouse building issues.

C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Herzog being the Housing Committee liaison as Paasch has conflicts with his other liaison responsibilities;
- Capital funding request for Curry County courthouse;
- OHA (Oregon Health Authority) letter regarding their current assessment of Public Health;
- Request to add topic to Agenda Item 12 Other; and
- Dredging mouth of the Rogue River.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 10A WAS PULLED

- A. 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.
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AGENDA ITEM 10C WAS ADDED

- C. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent.

Chair Boice entered Executive Session at 1:34 p.m.; recessed at 3:19 p.m.; re-entered at 3:27 p.m.; and exited at 4:00 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

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Boice stated the next meeting will be 9 o'clock Friday morning (April 16, 2021). Rueckert deferred MOU (Memo of Understanding) with Josephine County until the Friday, April 16, 2021, meeting.

11. HIRE ORDERS

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.")

Paasch noted he sees things that disturb him and requested Boice to resign as Chair of the Board. Boice declined Paasch's request.

Motion by Paasch to remove Boice as Chair of the Board and replace Boice with Herzog. Motion died for lack of a second.

13. ADJOURN

Chair Boice adjourned meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.

Curry County Board of Commissioners


Chair Court Boice 8-4-21


Vice Chair John Herzog


Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by John T. Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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