



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

May 12, 2021

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

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Special Meeting Minutes

April 16, 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 and Brad Rueckert Director of County Operations

Absent: Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Herzog – Add Executive Session before Agenda Item 4D

Boice – Start Executive Session at 11:30A

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barnes clarified his previous comments about former Treasurer Debbie Crumley. Barnes also spoke highly of Crumley's assistance in getting him up to speed. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about the Chair position regarding the Board of Commissioners and expressed concern with the threatening nature of a recent Boice comment.

Note: The Following Comments Were Made after the Vote to Transfer Public Health to OHA (Oregon Health Authority). Sheriff Ward reiterated Paasch's comments, specifically, this is the biggest mistake the Board will make. Barnes re-stated what Paasch and Ward said: This is by far the biggest mistake you'll ever make in your four (4) years in office.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Resolution to Send Local Public Health to State of Oregon Health Authority

Pope read the resolution. Paasch stated this will be the single biggest mistake this Board makes.

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

AGENDA ITEMS 4B AND 4C WERE DISCUSSED TOGETHER.

B. Approve Hiring Administrative Assistant Public Health

C. Approve MOU (Memo of Understanding) Josephine County

Pope stated because the Board has resolved to transfer Public Health to OHA, agenda items 4B and 4C no longer needed.

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D. Discussion on Board of Commissioners Chair

Herzog stated the motion made at the April 14, 2021, Business Meeting to remove Boice as Chair and replace Boice with Herzog died for lack of a second.

Paasch gave a detailed explanation of his actions when inspecting the recent Hwy 101, north of the Patterson bridge, closure; commented on Boice advising a business to hold off on paying an environmental health fee; and emphasized business is business. Herzog noted this is a good reminder for the Board; and commented while he supports reviewing environmental health fees, the decision must be made by the Board. Boice observed businesses are hurting, noted he is doing anything he can to help; and stated he will bring this before the Board at the April 28, 2021, Business Meeting.

5. 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)(f) To Consider Information or Records that Are Exempt by Law from Public Inspection.

Herzog asked Executive Session be Board and Counsel only.

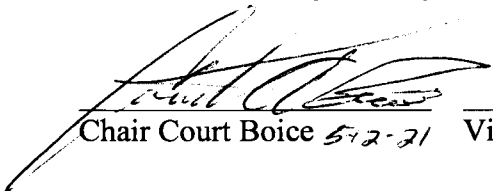
Chair Boice entered Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. and exited at 11:35 a.m.

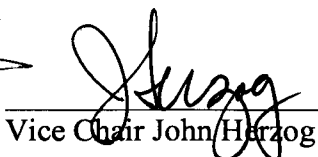
6. OTHER (ORS.192.640(1) ". . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")

7. ADJOURN

Chair Boice adjourned meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2021.


Chair Court Boice 572-21


Vice Chair John Herzog


Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by: John T. Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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Curry County Strategic Plan:

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life 4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure