



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:  
September 15, 2021**

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2021

**Please Note: For detailed information on any agenda item, refer to Audio/Video.**

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

Chair Boice called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. Present were Chair Court Boice, Vice Chair John Herzog, and Commissioner Chris Paasch

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

The pledge was recited by all.

#### AGENDA ITEM 2 MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 5

#### 2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

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

Herzog - Pull Agenda Item 8C

Boice - Move Agenda Item 2 Line of Duty Casualty Report to Agenda Item 5 Presentation

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 5B Back the Blue

Boice - Add Agenda Item 8D Report to Board Citizens Update on Recent Curry Litigation

Boice - Add Agenda Item 13A Resolution Supporting Protection of Constitutional Rights during Future Oregon Emergencies.

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

Boice read the protocol for speaking at Commissioner meetings and Pope commented

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe commented on ARP (American Rescue Plan) Stakeholder Committee membership.

Sheriff Ward introduced new Emergency Services Coordinator, Monica Ward who stated she was glad to be here. Gordon Clay expressed concern for the property tax rate and issues impacting suicide statistics. David Barnes spoke about Agenda Item 8C which was pulled from the agenda.

Boice displayed Oregon Department of Justice complaint. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Paasch, and Sheriff Ward followed.

Connie Hunter spoke about PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and veterans.

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**5. PRESENTATION**

- A. Proclamation Honoring David Hitzman – Commissioner Boice  
Boice read the proclamation and thanked Hitzman for his service.

AGENDA ITEM 5B WAS PULLED

- B. Curry County – Back the Blue - Commissioner Boice

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Business Meeting February 3, 2021
- B. Minutes CCPTSD (Curry Public Transit Service District) Budget Hearing June 9, 2021
- C. Minutes Special Meeting June 30, 2021
- D. Housing Committee Appointments
- E. Appoint Member to CCD Board of Directors

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

**7. PUBLIC HEARING AT 10AM**

- A. South County Parks and Recreation Tax District Formation  
Boice asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to move forward to a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading on July 28, 2021. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

**8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request for Board approval of \$14,851.20 Road Department Purchase of 2,240 Lineal Feet of 12” Storm Drain for South County Storm Drain Repairs – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Christensen summarized the request.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve request. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Defining the Duties of the Director of Operations and Director of Finance – Commissioner Herzog

Herzog stated when running for election he was not a proponent of a Director of Operations for the County or a County Administrator. A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; Rueckert; and Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator; about (1) transitioning away from the Director of County Operations position, (2) Rueckert, (3) the Director of Finance position, (4) Commissioner liaisons, (5) salary, and (6) personnel rules followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, effective July 12, 2021, Brad Rueckert will be transferred to the position of Director of Finance with no change in salary, the position of Director of County Operations will be eliminated, and County Counsel will assume all non-financial and supervisory responsibilities. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No.)

AGENDA ITEM 8C WAS PULLED

- C. Importance of the Integrity of Commissioner Statements – David Barnes, Treasurer

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D. Courthouse Capital Construction and Improvement – Commissioner Paasch  
Paasch summarized the details of the courthouse project (not the jail and Sheriff’s office) thus far. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch followed.

## **9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Rueckert spoke about

- The audit which was completed on time this year and
- Stated he enjoyed working with all department heads.

## **10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- An upcoming river trip;
- Senate bill 192 opposition;
- The marbled murrelet;
- ARP funds;
- Grants; and
- The marijuana tax.

B. Commissioner Herzog did not have a report.

C. Commissioner Paasch did not have a report.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Boice entered executive session at 11:15 a.m. and exited at 12:05 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

## **12. HIRE ORDERS**

A. New Hire – Legal Assistant

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to hire Legal Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

B. New Hire – Litter Patrol Crew Leader

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to hire Litter Patrol Crew Leader. Motion carried unanimously.

C. New Hire – Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to hire Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

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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.")

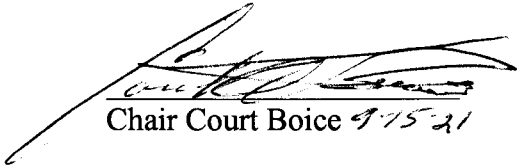
AGENDA ITEM 13A WAS NOT DISCUSSED

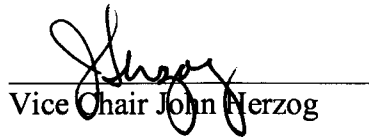
A. Resolution Supporting Protection of Constitutional Rights during Future Oregon Emergencies.

**14. ADJOURN**

Chair Boice adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.

  
Chair Court Boice 9-15-21

  
Vice Chair John Herzog

  
Commissioner Christopher S Paasch

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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