



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Approval Date:**

October 6, 2021

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**September 1, 2021**

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herzog at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog, Vice Chair Chris Paasch, and Commissioner Boice.

Also present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### **2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT**

Boice gave the report and spoke about Afghanistan.

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

Paasch – Move Agenda Item 6C to Agenda Item 7M

Boice - Move Agenda Item 7A to after Agenda Item 5B

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 5C

Boice = Move Agenda Items 7K and 7L to Agenda Items 7A and 7A1

Paasch – Move Agenda Items 7K and 7L to after Agenda Item 7B

Boice – Move Agenda Items 6G, 6I, 7G, 7H

Paasch – Consolidate Agenda Items 6G, 6H, and 6I as Agenda Item 7H

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

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Connie Hunter, Da'llen Nedervelt, and Mary Rowe spoke about housing committee issues. Gordon Clay spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics in Curry and Oregon and noted September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention month. Brett Cecil spoke about the Commissioner's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about the Commissioners approving a resolution at the August 18, 2021, meeting.

Paasch read a letter into the record about Afghanistan from the Commandant Berger of the Marine Corp and the Sgt Major Black of the Marine Corp regarding those who served.

#### **5. PRESENTATION**

A. Lieutenant David Denney's 20 Year Anniversary - Sheriff Ward

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Sheriff Ward recognized Denney and spoke about Denney's history with the department. Denney thanked his family and Ward for their support.

B. Curry County Proclamation - Honoring – U.S.A. Veteran Kimberly (Dallas) Ott - Commissioner Boice

Connie Hunter read the proclamation.

AGENDA ITEM 5C WAS PULLED

~~C. Curry County Presentation Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT). New Advancements Healing for our Veterans Curry Citizen and Veterans Advocate Connie Hunter Commissioner Boice~~

D. Curry County – Presentation – CT Lung Scans. – New Advancements-Healing for Our Veterans Berns introduced Paulette Cooper, VA Clinic in Brookings, who spoke about her Army service and resulting medical issues. Berns spoke about cancer statistics, lung cancer, low dose CT scans, and proposed the County offer a one (1) time screening for firefighters.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes Business Meeting June 9, 2021

B. Minutes Business Meeting June 23, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 6C MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7M

C. Community Corrections IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the State

D. Letter Regarding ODFW (Oregon Department of Forestry and Wildlife) In-Stream Water Rights

E. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Community Development Administrative Assistant

F. SOD (Sudden Oak Death) Authorization

AGENDA ITEMS 6G, 6H, 6I CONSOLIDATED WITH AGENDA ITEM 7H.

AGENDA ITEM 6G DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7F

G. Approval to Use ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds for a Finance Laptop

H. Approval to Use ARP Funds for a COVID Sanitizer

I. Approval to Use ARP Funds for COVID-19 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and Sanitizing Products

J. Designation of the Curry Coastal Pilot as the Newspaper of Record for Curry County for FY (Fiscal Year) 2021-2023

K. Amendment to Oregon Sea Grant Subaward – Aquatic Safety

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

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM 7A WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 5B.

A. Curry County Proclamation Honoring United States Veteran – United States Marine – Soldier – Tim Fortner - Commissioner Boice

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Boice praised Fortner's service, read presidential citation, and read Fortner's statement.

B. Discuss Veterans Affairs and Current Status of the County Veterans Services – Commissioner Paasch and Tony Voudu, VSO (Veterans' Services Officer)

Voudu spoke about Railroad building status, deadlines, processes involved and the VA (Veterans Administration). Adali Pitman, Assistant Veterans' Service Officer, shared updates on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting veterans, healthcare IDs, discharge papers, and claims.

AGENDA ITEMS 7K AND 7L DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7C

7K Curry County – Tillamook County – COVID – “Delta Surge” Response – CCC Board Action? - Commissioner Boice

Boice read the Tillamook County message, noted COVID-19 pandemic statistics, and asked if the Board wanted to take action. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Hunter, Nedervelt, Paasch, and Voudu about monoclonal antibiotics, personal freedoms, masks, vaccines, tourists, and Department heads followed.

7L. Curry County – Updating Curry Citizen Housing Committee before ARP Deadline Proposals - Commissioner Boice and Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Matteson displayed a Word document asking the Board to amend the housing committee ordinance, specifically, the way committee is structured to make it less formal. Matteson suggested TaskForce/Work Groups and Advisory Groups with experience focusing on various housing concerns. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Hunter, Matteson, Nederveldt, and Paasch about the number of committee members, the merits of Matteson's proposal, the future of the committee, and committee results followed.

C. Roadmaster Signature Authority for Dyer Partnership Task Order #27 Not to Exceed \$10,000 for County Contract Engineer Assistance with Delivery of 2021 FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant Application – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Christensen explained Task Order # 27.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Roadmaster Signature Authority for \$10,000 AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) Grant Agreement to Cover Costs for County Contract Engineer Dyer Partnership to Deliver 2021 Oregon FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) Grant Application for Curry County Road Department

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Sign Roadmaster Letterhead to Oregon Department of Transportation Requesting its \$304,280.82 in State Funds 2021 South County Paving Projects – Richard Christensen

Christensen stated this a follow up to last meeting.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Motion carried unanimously.

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- F. Approval to Join BuyBoard National Cooperative for Future Purchase of Heavy Equipment – Richard Christensen

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS 6G, 6H, 6I CONSOLIDATED WITH AGENDA ITEM 7H

G. Revision of County Temporary COVID Personnel Rules – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director  
Rueckert explained need for personnel rules changes specifically, Section E. A discussion with Paasch, Rueckert, and Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, about sick leave and paid administrative leave followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice - Absent).

H. Approval to Use ARP Funds for Employee Quarantine Time – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director  
Rueckert spoke about funds to be used for paying employees out on quarantine. A discussion with Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about the amount ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to put into reserve \$100,000 for COVID-19 temporary quarantine. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice - Absent).

AGENDA ITEM 6G DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7L

6G. Approval to Use ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds for a Finance Laptop

A discussion with Boice, Paasch, and Rueckert about need for a Finance Department laptop so that employees, if necessary, may work remotely ensued. Boice stated he is asking for a delay of a couple weeks, maybe four (4) weeks.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to purchase laptop from ARP funds. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

6H. Approval to Use ARP Funds for a COVID Sanitizer

A discussion with Paasch and Rueckert followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve 6H. Motion 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – Absent).

6I. Approval to Use ARP Funds for COVID-19 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and Sanitizing Products

A discussion with Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve up to \$5,000. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – Absent).

- I. Curry County - Thank You to U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley for Supporting Critical Funding for Repair and Modernization of the Cole Rivers Hatchery - Commissioner Boice  
Herzog observed Boice is not here.

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J. Curry County - Curry County – Coos, Curry, Douglas Business Development Letter of Support – Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI) Grant Proposal - Commissioner Boice  
Paasch suggested both Agenda Items 7I and 7J be put off to next meeting for Boice to re-present.

AGENDA ITEMS 7K AND 7L MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7C.

K. Curry County – Tillamook County – COVID – “Delta Surge” Response – CCC Board Action? - Commissioner Boice

L. Curry County – Updating Curry Citizen Housing Committee before ARP Deadline Proposals - Commissioner Boice and Economic Development Coordinator Matteson

AGENDA ITEM 6C MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 7M

7M. Community Corrections IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the State

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog to approve 6C. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – Absent).

**8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about Afghanistan.

B. Commissioner Boice was absent.

C. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 – Anthony Pope, County Counsel  
Herzog entered executive session at 1:32 p.m. and exited at 2:17 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

**10. HIRE ORDERS**


None

**11. 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.”)

**12. ADJOURN**

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2021.

  
Chair John Herzog

  
Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch

  
Commissioner Court Boice 10/6/21

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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