



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

October 6, 2021

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**September 15, 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 Court Boice.

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

The Pledge was recited by all.

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

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

Herzog announced event center vaccination dates for all three (3) vaccines.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about housing and Agenda Item 6E. Gordon Clay gave a report about local COVID-19 pandemic statistics. Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics. David Barnes spoke about parking and safety.

#### 4. PRESENTATION

A. USACE (United States Army Corp of Engineers) and the Rogue River Current and Future – Commissioner Paasch

Greg Speer, USACE, showed a detailed presentation about Rogue River dredging, scheduling, and hydrographic survey. A discussion with Boice, Paasch, and Speer about dams, the jetty, commercial fishing, fire damage to the watershed, costs, funding, and future dredging plans followed.

B. Curry County – Presentation – Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT). New Advancements- Healing for our Veterans – Curry Citizen Connie Hunter - Commissioner Boice

Hunter spoke about the benefits of HBOT and observed anything good for veterans is good for the community at large. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Hunter ensued.

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C. Curry County – Wreaths Across America – 2021 Updated – Don Bemis – Commissioner Boice

Don Bemis and Deborah Solomon (? (inaudible)) spoke about the 2021 Curry County Wreaths Across America ceremonies scheduled for Saturday December 18, 2021, in Brookings and in Gold Beach.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Business Meeting July 7, 2021
- B. Minutes Business Meeting July 21, 2021
- C. Approve Credit Card for Amanda Trover, Code Enforcement Officer
- D. Adopt Job Descriptions to Reflect Change in Supervisor
- E. Supplemental Budget to Reflect Additional Carry Forward from Prior Year in Veterans Department

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

## 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval for Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase \$192,646.25 Mower Max Boom Mower through BuyBoard National Cooperative Purchasing – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

Christensen explained reasons for the new mower; the impact on the road department; and, using proceeds from the sale of the current mower, he requested purchasing two (2) mowers instead of 1 (one). A discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, and Paasch about safety issues, operational efficiencies, and costs ensued. Boice stated he is just going to take a hardline on spending.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve purchase of two (2) Mower Max Boom mowers. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice No).

- B. Housing Committee Update – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator  
Matteson spoke in detail about the housing committee structure and showed her proposal for an update. A discussion with Boice; Becky Crockett, Planning Director; Herzog; Hunter; Matteson; and Paasch about possibly dissolving the Committee, restructuring the committee, and not taking action today followed.

- C. TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Review Committee – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson observed the Board has not established a review committee as per the TLT ordinance.

- D. Caselle Software Upgrade – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director  
Rueckert spoke about the advantages and benefits of upgrading the Caselle Software, specifically restoring functionality, increasing efficiency, and reducing the amount of time (man-hours) spent on payroll. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about costs,

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improvements, and timelines ensued. Boice expressed at beginning of our meeting is, and on this subject, was just additional time to read these seven (7) pages.

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

E. Curry County – Grant Writer, Covid Recovery Community Assistant, Housing Development Specialist - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Hunter, Paasch, and Swift about grant writing, lost grant opportunities, costs, and funding followed.

F. Curry County - Curry County – Coos, Curry, Douglas Business Development Letter of Support – Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI) Grant Proposal - Commissioner Boice

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve on county stationary. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Curry County - In the Matter of Declaring a Local Drought Emergency within Curry County and Requesting a Governor’s Declaration of a State of Emergency – Commissioner Boice  
Boice explained the need for the emergency declaration. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about drought conditions, salination, and local conditions ensued. Paasch does not think it’s a state of emergency.

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

H. Safety Committee – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch spoke about the safety committee, the mod (modification (workmen’s compensation)) rate, and introduced Carrie Dexter, Accounting Clerk – A/P & Payroll. Dexter emphasized the safety committee is a program which could save the county money. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Dexter, Herzog, and Paasch about the safety committee, Herzog on the roof, and understanding County safety policies impact on insurance premiums followed.

I. Appointment of Alternate ARP Fund Stakeholder Committee Member – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

The Board did not take any action on Agenda Item 6I.

## **7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

A. Commissioner Boice spoke about in detail about the statewide benefits of AOC (Association of Oregon Counties).

B. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

C. Commissioner Paasch did not have an update.

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**8. 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
- B. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Herzog entered executive session at 1:28 p.m. and exited at 3:27 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed

**9. HIRE ORDERS**

- A. Re-hire of a Former Employee – Custodian

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

- B. New Hire – Facilities Maintenance Worker

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

- C. New Hire – Deputy Treasurer


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

**10. 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.”)

**11. ADJOURN**

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2021.

  
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 Chair John Herzog

  
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 Vice Chair Christopher S Paasch

  
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 Commissioner Court Boice 10-6-21

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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