



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

March 28, 2022

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

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MINUTES BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 20, 2021

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Alcorn called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Present were Chair Brad Alcorn, Budget Committee Member Douglas Baker (joined meeting at 9:12 a.m.), Budget Committee Member Court Boice, Budget Committee Member John Herzog, Budget Committee Member Wayne Krieger (joined meeting at 9:06 a.m.), and Budget Committee Member Christopher 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.

2. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

Alcorn - Add information from David Barnes, Treasurer.

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

3. CONTINUE BUDGET DISCUSSION

Barnes suggested, based on the budget shortfall, all elected officials take a pay cut.

Alcorn went over changes Rueckert had listed on a handout. A lengthy, detailed, discussion with Alcorn; Baker; Boice; Shelley Denney, Elections Administrator/Chief Deputy; Herzog; Jim Kolen, Assessor; Renee Kolen, County Clerk; Krieger; Paasch; and Rueckert about those changes ensued. During the lengthy discussion, Boice read a letter (concerning Road Funds) from Richard Christensen, Roadmaster, into the record. As a result of these discussions, the following motions were made and voted on - - -

Regarding the Assessor's Office

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to pursue that other \$100,000 and get that all cleared up on a loan. Motion carried 5-1. (Alcorn - Yes; Baker - Yes; Boice - Yes; Krieger - Yes; Paasch - Yes; Herzog- No).

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch to use a vehicle from Public Health rather than purchase one.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the District Attorney, County Clerk, and Juvenile Department

A discussion with Alcorn; Boice; Herzog; Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director; Paasch; and Rueckert about revenues, changes to the Juvenile Department, and the Public Health contribution followed.

Regarding Non-Departmental

A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert ensued.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to adjust that particular (unappropriated fund) category. Motion carried unanimously.

The Budget Committee also discussed Road Funds, the General Services fund, County Clerk and the Law Library.

Regarding the Sheriff's Department

A discussion with Alcorn, Baker, Boice, Herzog, Krieger, Paasch, Pope, and Rueckert about public safety, the request for four (4) additional deputies, the condition of the jail, courthouse security, road funds, and possible revenue sources ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Alcorn, to leave Sheriff's budget as is (four (4) deputies). Motion does not carry. 3-3 (Alcorn – Yes; Baker – Yes; Boice- No; Herzog – No; Krieger – No; Paasch – Yes).

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to approve Sheriff's budget with two (2) new deputies, including associated costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to take \$50,000 out of Tab 16, Towers. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Special Revenues

Rueckert addressed Special Revenues.

Regarding Fair

A discussion with Boice, Krieger, Paasch, and Rueckert about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fair operations ensued.

Motion by Boice that line item 21, event center department, \$14,307 from the Curry General Fund be removed from the Fiscal Year 21-22. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Krieger, to ask for the \$14,000 on the event center and go \$10,000 on line 14, the General Fund, for the Fair Operations Department so that would be a total of \$24,307. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Community Development

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about staffing, revenues, and vehicle replacement ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to put \$29,000 between the two. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Code Enforcement

A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Paasch, and Rueckert about software program costs, resources, salaries, Public Health contributions, and vehicles followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Krieger, to take \$20,000 out of budget between lines 21 – 40. Motion carried 5-1 (Alcorn – Yes; Baker – Yes; Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Krieger – Yes; Paasch – No).

The Budget Committee discussed Economic Development, County Parks, Emergency Services, and Veterans' Service.

Regarding the Commissioners

A discussion by Alcorn, Baker, Barnes, Boice, Herzog, Krieger, Jim Kolen, Paasch, and Pope about elected official compensation, the Compensation Board recommendations, Sheriff's compensation, and the Treasurer's compensation followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve preliminarily, the Compensation's recommendation, which is two (2) of the elected officials, 30 year long standing, for the Assessor and the Clerk. Motion carried 5-1 (Alcorn – Yes; Baker – Yes; Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Krieger – Yes; Paasch – No).

Motion by Boice, the Treasurer agreed that he would be here as a voluntary person, and we voted on that, with that foreknowledge, and that will free up that part of the budget about \$105,000 total employment costs package everything included, for a deputy treasurer. Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to cap Sheriff's salary to what's needed for the compression issues at 5%. Motion carried unanimously.

The Budget Committee discussed the BOC (Board of Commissioners) Office, Accounting Department, County Counsel, and IT.

Regarding Building Repair and Construction Projects

A discussion with Alcorn, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about the projects budgeted, cutting costs, prioritizing the projects, the need for a maintenance department vehicle, and staff workload followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to accept the Central County Occupancy debt in that department and remove the \$24,000 vehicle from that. Motion carried 5-1 (Alcorn – Yes; Baker – Yes; Boice – No; Herzog – Yes; Krieger – Yes; Paasch – Yes).

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to adopt maintenance priority list. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Further Discussion

A discussion with Alcorn, Baker, Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert about the amount of the reduction, possibility of another meeting, potential revenue generating recommendations, road fund reserves, and public awareness of the seriousness of the budget shortfall ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve the budget as per discussion and votes here today,

May 20, 2021, and Rueckert providing all of us a copy of the final proposed budget and there are no objections. Motion carried 5-1 (Alcorn – Yes; Baker – Yes; Boice – No; Herzog – Yes; Krieger – Yes; Paasch – Yes).

AGENDA ITEM 4 WAS READ INTO THE RECORD DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

4. ROADMASTER LETTER AT 9:30AM VIA GOTOMEETING

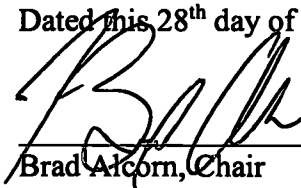
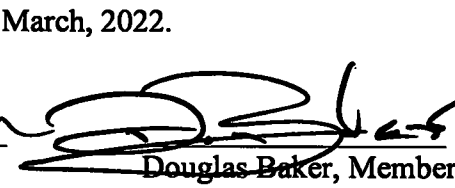
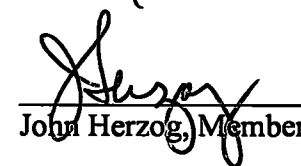
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

6. ADJOURN

Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2022.

 _____ Brad Alcorn, Chair	 _____ Douglas Baker, Member	 _____ Court Boice, Member
 _____ John Herzog, Member	Absent At Signing _____ Wayne Krieger, Member	 _____ Christopher S Raasch Member

Minutes prepared by John T. Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

Curry County Strategic Plan:

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