



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

May 4, 2022

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2022

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

Paasch = Pull Agenda Item 9B and Agenda Item 10A

Herzog – Move Agenda Item 5I to Agenda Item 6H

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Bemis spoke about Wreaths Across America scheduled for December 17, 2022. Debbie Salzman presented an award to Boice. Bret Cecil spoke about the County budget situation and noted the election is May 17, 2022.

4. PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 4A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA 4C AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 5.

A. Update – Presentation - Curry Cape Blanco Airport – Oregon Dept. of Aviation State by Airports Manager Tony Beach - Commissioner Boice

Anthony Beach, Deputy Director, State Airports Manager, Oregon Department of Aviation (via GoToMeeting) spoke in detail about the Cape Blanco rehabilitation project. A discussion with Beach; Boice; Richard Christensen, Roadmaster; Herzog; Paasch; and Monica Ward, Emergency Management Coordinator; followed.

AGENDA ITEM 4B DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 3..

B. Beacon Broadband Update – Bischoff and Recanzone - Commissioner Boice
Brent Bischoff, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative General Manager/CEO, and
Paul Recanzone, General Manager, Beacon Broadband.

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A discussion with Bischoff; Boice; Cecil; Herzog; Jim Kolen, Assessor; Paasch; and Salzman about Beacon Broadband, the benefits of fiber optics, costs, timelines, County Board support, and the services to be provided followed.

C. Financial Review – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director

A conversation with Boice; Richard Christensen, Roadmaster; Herzog; Paasch; and Rueckert about the March 2022, financial statements; revenues, specifically TLT (Transient Lodging Tax), building permits, SRS (Secure Rural Schools) payments; expenses, specifically, comparative, anticipated; and an upcoming discussion regarding an independent audit followed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting April 6, 2022
- B. Amendment to Personnel Rules – Article 18 Sick Leave
- C. Board of Property Appeals (BoPTA)
- D. Credit Card Request for Parks Department
- E. Declaring a Drought in Curry County (2022)
- F. Acceptance of Boating Safety Advocate Program Contract
- G. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Victim Assistance Program Director
- H. Re-hire of a former Employee – K. Strain

AGENDA ITEM 5I MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6H.

- I. Approval of Adroit Construction Company, Inc. Proposal for Site Assessment Services at County Facilities

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Roadmaster Signature Authority of Amendment #1 of Local Agency Agreement #33365 with State Dept. of Transportation in the Amount of \$2,630,203 for Engineering, Permitting, Right of Way and Construction for Replacement of Morrill Bridge on Floras Creek Road – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen summarized the project.

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

- B. CAFFA (County Assessment Function Funding Assistance) Grant 2022=2023 – Jim Kolen, Assessor
Kolen spoke about the details of the CAFFA Grant and timelines involved.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve CAFFA grant application for the Tax and Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. March Older Americans' Month – Curry Board of Commissioners Proclamation - Commissioner Boice
Boice read the proclamation.

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Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to make Curry County supportive in a proclamation as May of Older Americans Awareness month. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Steve Beyerlin – Southern Oregon Fisheries Consultant – Funding Update - Commissioner Boice
A discussion with Beyerlin, Boice, Christensen, Herzog, and Paasch about the importance of salmon, the tribes, the Cole Rivers Hatchery, USACE (United States Army Corps of Engineers), ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), coalitions, costs, funding, and other counties involvement followed. Boice asked for authorization from the Board to come up with a letter, at least in the draft form, that you would probably, I assume or presume, would support and then we'll bring it before the Board on the 4th (May 4, 2022) and talk about it some more.

AGENDA ITEM 6E DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 7

E. Second and Last Request – Merina Full Independent Financial Analysis - Commissioner Boice
A discussion with Barnes, Christensen, Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about audits, County purchasing procedures, costs, auditor recommendations, and future unknowns ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by , we, for the third time, hire Merina Company, or a similar, if you want to put out a RFP (Request For Proposal) , company to go through our system and tell us how in the world we got here. Boice withdraws his motion.

Motion by Boice, seconded by , to hire this company for an independent evaluation, audit, assessment, whatever we want to call it. Motion dies for lack of a second.

F. Consumption Tax vs Law Enforcement District/Levy – Commissioner Paasch
A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about a consumption tax focusing on tourism, funding public safety, and public trust followed.

G. Changing from Three (3) Commissioners to Five (5) Board – Commissioner Paasch
A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Pope about the costs, advantages and disadvantages of a five (5) member Board, compensation for the Board members, and putting this on the November 2022, ballot ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by , to put a question on the ballot in November, 2022, to change the basic structure of the County Commissioners from three (3) to five (5) with the particulars of that being worked out between this Board at a later date. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

AGENDA ITEM 5I MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6H

H. 5I Approval of Adroit Construction Company, Inc. Proposal for Site Assessment Services at County

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about the jail courthouse project status, Adroit Construction Company, ORW Architecture, costs, funding, and bond capacity ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we pursue the reimbursement to the County for the \$90,000+ that we've already extended on the various portions of this planning for the new jail/courthouse etc. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, through AOC (Association of Oregon Counties), ask for an extension for 30 days to get the report to them that is due, that they've asked for and anticipated, through the end of April, 30-day extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we hire Adroit Construction to do their analysis of our entire facilities (the County offices, courthouse and the jail), conditions, and [the] primary goal is to determine if it can be repaired, what cost that would be in comparison. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7 DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6D AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6E

7. BUDGET HEARING AT 11:00AM

A. Curry County 4H Extension Service District

Present: Chair Peggy Goergen; 4H Extension Service District Budget Committee members Court Boice; Lyn Boniface (via phone); Bryan Grummon; John Herzog; Sheryl McDonald, Administrative Office Manager/Local Liaison, Oregon State University Curry County Extension; and Wiley Thompson, OSU Regional Director. Absent: 4H Extension Service District Budget Committee member Frank Burris.

McDonald gave the budget message and reviewed details of the 4H Extension Service District budget.

Motion by Grummon, seconded by Goergen, to approve as submitted. Motion carried 8-0. (Burris Absent).

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Budgets and special districts and
- Praise for Tyson Krieger, Gold Beach Fire Chief, for his work.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Following County Counsel's advice
- Fire funding using ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds
- OpenGov
- Oregon Anglers Alliance
- SB (Senate Bill) 762 monies and fire season preparation
- Drought Emergency

C. Commissioner Herzog did not give an update.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. ORS 192.660(b) and (h) -- (b) To Consider the Dismissal or Disciplining of, or to Hear Complaints or Charges Brought Against, a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or and Individual Agent Who Does Not Request an Open Hearing and (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.**

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AGENDA ITEM 9B WAS PULLED

- B. ORS 192.660(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. and exited at 1:45 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

AGENDA ITEM 10A WAS PULLED

10. HIRE ORDERS

- A. New Hire – Prevention Specialist Coordinator – Julie Swift Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Motion by , seconded by , to approve Hire Order. Motion carried

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 2:29 p.m.

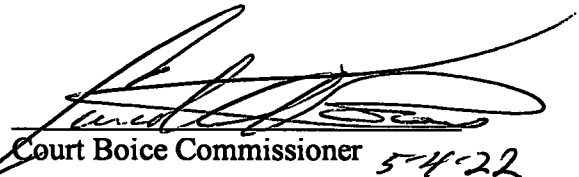
Dated this 4th day of May, 2022.



John Herzog, Chair



Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair



Court Boice Commissioner 5-4-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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