



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

August 17, 2022

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 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 9:01 a.m. Present were Chair John Herzog and Commissioner Court Boice.

Absent: Vice Chair Chris Paasch

Also Present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

Herzog gave an invocation.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Herzog – Pull Agenda Items 5E and 5F

Pope – Add as Agenda Item 5I IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with Portland State University for a salary study

Boice – Add as Agenda Item 5K discussion and approval of letter of support to Coquille tribe conservation hatchery program.

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

Boice gave a Line of Duty death report.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

Mary Rowe spoke about the impact of a consumption tax and ARP (American Rescue Plan) fund allocations. Bret Cecil spoke about the County Fair and publish date of the business meeting agenda. David Barnes, Treasurer, spoke about the success of the Fair and praised the Fair staff.

Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, introduced the new Finance Director, Frank Jerome, who started on August 1, 2022.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting July 20, 2022
- B. Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Maintenance and Construction Inspector
- C. Promotion of an Employee – J. Bonotto
- D. Supplemental Budget Request
- E. Formation of a County Consumption Tax Task Force
- F. Temporary Fee Reduction – Fire Defensible Space
- G. Checking Signing Authority to Frank Jerome, Finance Director

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion of the Referral of a Measure to the Electors for an Opt-Out of Measure 109
Regarding Psilocybin Service Centers and Manufacturing – Becky Crockett, Planning Director
Crockett spoke about details of the request to opt out of measure 109. A discussion with Boice, Cecil, Crockett, Herzog, Pope, and Sheriff Ward about impact of Measure 109, timeliness, and costs ensued.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to refer this to the electors for an opt out Measure 109. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

- B. Exterior Wall on Sheriff's Office Contract – Commissioner Herzog
Herzog introduced Charles Buchanan, Assistant Facilities Director, who gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the concerns. A discussion with Boice, Buchanan, and Herzog about the contract, costs, and timeline followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve this east wall Sheriff's office repair project. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

- C. Roadmaster Signature Authority on State Agreement #8995 for ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) for \$2.1M Myrtle Creek Bridge Replacement Project – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen spoke about details of the project.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to approve the signature authority state agreement #8995 on the Myrtle Creek Bridge project. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

- D. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase One (1) New CAT 299D3XE Skid Steer with One (1) New Felling Trailer for \$184K – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen summarized the advantages and benefits of the package. A discussion with Boice, Christensen, and Herzog about the many uses of the equipment and cost savings to the road department ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, on the skid steer with the one (1) new trailer for \$184,000 to approve that today. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

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AGENDA ITEM 5E PULLED.

- E. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase Two (2) New Kenworth Dump Trucks, One (1) with Sander and Plow, the Other with Plow for \$677,434.55 – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

AGENDA ITEM 5F PULLED.

- F. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase New Kenworth T880 Tractor with Lowboy Trailer and Two (2) Belly Dump Trailers for \$580K – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

- G. Board Approval to Use Historic Road Department Logo Instead of Current County logo – Richard Christensen

A discussion with Boice, Christensen, and Herzog about the current County logo and the historic Road Department logo followed. The Board decided to this bring back in the future.

- H. Curry Suicide and Awareness Prevention Council's Proposal to Use Grant Funds – Board of Commissioners Approval - Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the productivity of the group and asked for approval of grant money.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, that the Board approve this \$480.00 for the Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council to approve for these two (2) expenditures. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

- I. Helping with the VWM (Vietnam War Memorial) – Oregon State Capitol Grounds – Appointing County Chairs – Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the work being done on the VWM at the State Capital.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to authorize or approve Boice's participation in this (as Curry County Chair of the VWM Fund). Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

AGENDA ITEM 5J WAS ADDED.

5J. IGA with PSU (Portland State University) for a Salary Study – Anthony Pope, County Counsel
Pope noted the County is required to have a salary study every three (3) years and asked the Board to approve the quote received from PSU to complete the salary study. A discussion with Boice, Cecil, Pope, and Swift about the history of previous wage studies and PSU's earlier work followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, [to approve] the Portland State salary study. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Absent).

AGENDA ITEM 5K WAS ADDED.

5K. Coquille Fall Chinook Conservation Hatchery Program – Commissioner Boice
10:43 Boice spoke about the Coquille Tribe's recommendation, fish counts on the Coquille River that are absolutely shockingly low and noted he will come back with a letter in support of this. A discussion with Boice, Matt Hall, and Herzog followed.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Boice spoke about -

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- Veteran's Mail Boat Tour Sunday, August 7, 2022;
- Meeting with Coast Guard representatives on dredging Port of Gold Beach;
- Rouge River-Siskiyou National Forest and the current fire season;
- BLM (Bureau of Land Management) raised fire levels to Extreme on BLM lands;
- Oregon State Parks trail planning at west end of Floras Lake;
- McVay Park in Brookings;
- Housing;
- Kudos to Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant; and
- Garbage and trash issue.

B. Commissioner Herzog did not have a report.

C. Commissioner Paasch was absent.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 192.660(2)(d) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Carry on Labor Negotiations.
- B. 192.660(2)(e) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions.
- C. 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.

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. and exited at session 12:24 p.m.

8. HIRE ORDERS

None

- 9. **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.")

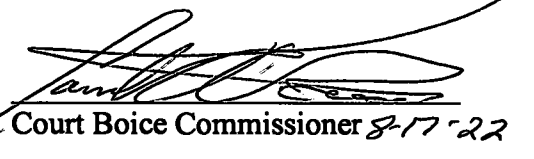
10. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2022.


John Herzog, Chair

Absent
Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair


Court Boice Commissioner 8-17-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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