



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

January 19, 2022

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

December 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

Paasch – Pull Agenda Item 5M

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 4B

Pope – Herzog has a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 5N and cannot vote on the item.

Boice – Pull Agenda Item 4C

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

Boice gave COVID-19 pandemic update based on Gordon Clay's COVID-19 statistics.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic vaccination rate statistics and the impact on Curry County. Ann Vileisis thanked the Board for supporting HR 980. Diana Cooper spoke about measure 110 and Curry County. Connie Hunter spoke about the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about Animal Control and people having the freedom of living their lives.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Lieutenant John Ensley's 30-year Anniversary – Sheriff Ward

Sheriff Ward praised Lt. Ensley and presented a 30-year anniversary certificate. Lt Ensley commented on the award and his career.

AGENDA ITEM 4B WAS PULLED

B. Curry County – Union County – Veterans – Oregon Housing Project – Presentation -
Commissioner Boice

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AGENDA ITEM 4C WAS PULLED

C. Curry County – Veterans Honoring Community Servant – Connie Hunter – Association of American Vietnam Veterans of America - 2021 Fellowship Award of the Year – AVVA - John Birch, Jennifer Ellis, and Commissioner Boice

D. Curry County – OHA (Oregon Health Authority) - Curry Local Mental Health and Curry Local Public Health Updates - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with (*in order of speaking*) Danna Drum, Local and Public Health Manager, OHA; Steve Allen, State Behavioral Health Director, OHA; Virginia Williams, CEO Curry Health Network; Ben Messner CEO, Advanced Health; Jim Gardner, COO, Advanced Health; Kera Hood, Director of Behavioral Health, Advanced Health; Erin Porter, Director of Behavioral Health, Allcare Health; Jerry O’Sullivan, CEO Adapt Health; Dawn Gray, COO Coast Community Health; and Dana Black, Southern Oregon Field Representative, Office of US Senator Jeff Merkley; about the transition of Curry County Public Health to OHA (Oregon Health Authority).

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting December 1, 2021
- B. Re-Appoint Member to the Compensation Board
- C. Support for the Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act
- D. District Attorney Contract for External Examinations (Michelle Greene)
- E. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Office Manager – Road Department
- F. Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Cost Accountant – Road Department
- G. Promotion of an Employee – A. Reed
- H. Re-hire of an Employee – D. Carpenter
- I. FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Status Change – L. Cary
- J. County Pet Policy
- K. Re-Appoint Fair Board Members
- L. EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) Approval

AGENDA ITEM 5M WAS PULLED.

M. Support for the Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act

N. IT Contract Renewal (*Herzog cannot vote on Agenda Item 5N*)

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4A AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4D

A. Code Enforcement – Adoption of Warning of Violation Policy – Craig Anderson, Planning Director

Anderson spoke about giving a warning before charging double fees.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to adopt policy presented by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Appoint Central County Position to the Tourism and Promotions Committee – Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Assistant
Boice read the order and Plagge advised both applicants are qualified.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to appoint Samuel Waller III to the Tourism and Promotions committee. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Colvin Building IT Plan – Wendy Lang, Juvenile Director
Lang spoke about the need to and benefits of updating Colvin Building IT. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Lang, and Paasch about considering the upgrade, costs, and funding followed.
- D. Curry County – Discussion – Ordinance Against “Drug Addiction Enablement Programs” - Commissioner Boice
Boice gave a brief history of the topic. A discussion with Boice; Herzog; O’Sullivan; Paasch; and Tony Voudy, Veterans Service Officer, followed.
- E. Appointment of Alternate ARP Fund Stakeholder Committee Member – Anthony Pope, County Counsel
Pope explained the need for the appointment.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to fill the American Rescue Plan Committee with Hank Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Approval of Contract Negotiation with ADAPT and Designating Authorized Signatory – Anthony Pope
Pope stated (1) he and O’Sullivan have agreed on everything, (2) he is working on drafting a contract, and (3) he is asking, once the agreement is done, for permission to have Herzog sign lease agreement.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, we want to delegate that authority, Counsel Pope, to proceed with the lease with ADAPT health care and anything you need, I think this Board has given you full approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Tentative 2022 BOC (Board of Commissioners) Meeting Schedule – Anthony Pope, County Counsel
Pope explained the proposed 2022 meeting schedule.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to keep meetings on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesdays of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. County Finances – Analysis – Plans to Begin Rebuilding the Curry Financial Foundation – Rob Moody – Merina+Company – at the Request of Commissioner Boice
Boice gave a brief history of Merina+Company and introduced Rob Moody (via GoToMeeting), CPA, Partner Merina+Company. Moody introduced Jordan Henderson (via GoToMeeting), Professional Engineer, Project Management Professional. Merina+Company; and Courtney Seto
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(via GoToMeeting), Consultant, Merina+Company. A lengthy discussion with David Barnes, County Treasurer; Boice; Henderson; Herzog, Paasch, and Seto about Curry County financial issues, revenues, expenses, mandatory State services, timelines, and Merina+Company costs ensued.

Motion by Boice I think this is the absolute smartest thing we can do, it is a bold step, and it is imperative we do it immediately so that we can get it to the Budget Committee by March and to accept the Merina contract for \$47,000. Motion dies for lack of a second.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- \$160,000,000 awarded to ports in Oregon, but nothing for Curry County ports.
- USACE (United States Army Corp of Engineers) and dredging
- Animal control and code enforcement
- Higher Learning, a state supported educational agency

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Giving false testimony in a county meeting
- HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment) letter of support
- Grant writer
- Janitor position in Maintenance Department
- Spending
- Rental relief program
- Portable media
- South Coast Lumber

C. Commissioner Herzog spoke about

- County revenue problem
- Need to tighten purse strings

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent.
- B. 192.660(2)(e) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions.
- C. ORS 192.660(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 1:17 p.m. and exited at 3:25 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

9. HIRE ORDERS

- A. (None)

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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**

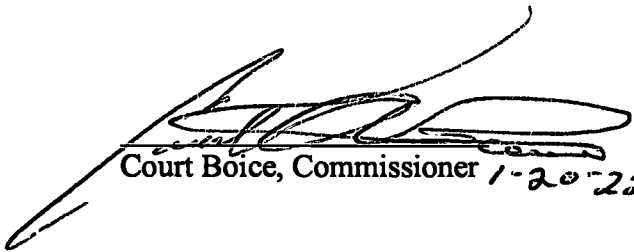
Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022.

John Herzog, Chair



Christopher S Paasch, Vice-Chair



Court Boice, Commissioner 1-20-22

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