



## **CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Date Approved:**

February 2, 2022

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

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### **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 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 9:02 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**

Boice – Pull Agenda Item 5A

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

#### **3. ELECTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OFFICERS FOR 2022**

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to appoint Herzog as Chair. Motion carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Herzog – Abstain).

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Paasch, to appoint Paasch Vice Chair. Motion carried 2-0 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

Boice read two (2) letters (a) Gordon Clay letter about Curry County COVID-19 pandemic statistics and (b) ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) letter about winter road conditions.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Connie Hunter spoke about healthcare workforce issues and veteran issues. Nancy Sue Rose spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics from Canada and vaccinations. Sheriff Ward gave a status update of the Sheriff's Department's accomplishments in 2021. Lt (Lieutenant) Hensley gave an update and spoke about 2021 County jail issues. Bret Cecil spoke about COVID-19 pandemic statistics and vaccinations. Boice introduced Jerry O'Sullivan CEO, ADAPT Health, who spoke about the status of the program transition.

**AGENDA ITEM 5A WAS PULLED**

**5. AWARD/RECOGNITION**

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

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Consumption Tax – David Barnes, County Treasurer  
Barnes spoke about a consumption tax, specifically, general details and timelines, and asked the Board for consensus to form an ad hoc committee. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, and Paasch followed. The Board gave Barnes their consensus to move forward.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B WAS PULLED.**

- B. Curry County – Presentation – Update from Steve Beyerlin – Curry Salmon Recovery Coordinator and Leonard Krug, President of Oregon Anglers' Alliance - Commissioner Boice
- C. Curry County – Presentation – Andy Smith – County Solutions – AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) – Water Needs Forums – Commissioner Boice  
Boice introduced Andy Smith (via GoToMeeting), Director, County Solutions, AOC who introduced (via GoToMeeting) Harmony Burright, Consultant, AOC. Smith spoke about the waters need forum and counties roles. A discussion with Boice, Burright, and Smith about community water needs, timelines, and collaborative stakeholder efforts followed.

**AGENDA ITM 6D WAS POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 19, 2022 DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES.**

- D. Curry County – Lone Rock Resources – Introduction – Presentation – Toby Luther (CEO) and Brennan Garrelts (Logging Manager) - Commissioner Boice

**(Pacific High School Government Class with teacher Phoebe Skinner join audience.)**

- E. November, 2021, Financial Review – Brad Rueckert, Finance Director  
Rueckert presented a review of the November, 2021, financial statements. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch and Rueckert about financial statement details, open positions, and possible changes followed.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Sr. Department Specialist
- B. Promotion of an Employee – A. Adkins
- C. Reclassification of an Employee – B. Crockett
- D. Transfer of an Employee – V. James
- E. Appoint Budget Officer for FY (Fiscal Year)
- F. Adding and Spending Unexpected Revenue – Forest Patrol
- G. Management Representation of Fiscal Affairs - Curry County 4-H Extension Service District

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

## **8. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

A. Sheriff's Office and Road Department Request for Approval of Expenditure for Tower Maintenance Repair – Captain McDonald and Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Capt. McDonald summarized the details of the request and Christensen recommended Board approve request.

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

B. Curry County - Capping Road Fund Reserve Access for Balancing the Curry Budgets - Proposed County Ordinance – Suggest Possible First Reading on February 2, or February 16, 2022 - Commissioner Boice

Boice gave reasons for the necessity of the ordinance. After a spirited discussion between Sheriff Ward and Boice, a discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, and Paasch about road fund usage ensued. The consensus was to further discuss the ordinance at a workshop.

C. Assign Commissioner Liaison Roles for 2022 – Anthony Pope, County Counsel  
Pope handed out the 2021 Commissioner Liaison List.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to make the 2021 Commissioner Liaison List the 2022 Commissioner Liaison List. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. 192.660 (2) (e) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions
- B. 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 1:19 p.m.; recessed at 2:03P; reentered at 3:52 p.m. and exited at 4:52 p.m.

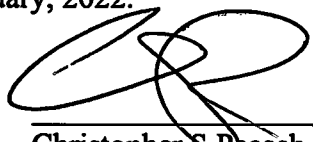
Staff to proceed as directed

## **10. ADJOURN**

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2022.

  
John Herzog, Chair

  
Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair

  
Court Boice Commissioner 2-3-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant