



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

June 22, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 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, Vice Chair Chris Paasch, and Commissioner Court Boice.

Also Present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit
Dale Donnelly gave an invocation

The Pledge was recited by all.

Boice stated this is the National PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Awareness Month, June in United States of America.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice – Move Agenda Item 5F to Agenda Item 6L

Pope - Add Agenda Item 9C Executive Session 192.660(2)(e)

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about use of ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds and future tax increase. Gordon Clay spoke LGBTQT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Queer Transgender) month, County housing issues, and taxing districts. David Barnes spoke about an upcoming BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) meeting. Bonnie Paasch spoke about various issues and their impact on the community. Dale Donnelly read a Bible verse. Da'llen Nedervelt spoke about the homeless population and ARP funds.

4. PRESENTATIONS

(None)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting May 18, 2022

B. CAP (Corrective Action Plan) for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit Including the Single Audit

C. New Hires – Juvenile Litter Patrol Seven (7) Crew Members

D. New Hire – Seasonal Parks Assistant

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E. Promotion of an Employee – J. Wills

AGENDA ITEM 5F MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 6L

F. Award an Audit Proposal

G. Appoint One (1) Member to the Port Orford Cemetery Maintenance District Board

H. Credit Card Request

I. Credit Card Limit Increase for Miranda Plagge

J. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Economic Development Assistant

K. Supplemental Budgets – Elizabeth Knight, Senior Accounting Clerk

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Renewal of Network Maintenance Agreement (DGI) – Anthony Pope, County Counsel
Dan Springer, Chief Information Officer, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc spoke about renewal options and costs. A discussion with Boice and Pope about costs and discounts followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve discussion action item 6A renewal of Network Maintenance Agreement Coos Curry Electric with the company DGI. Carried 2-0 (Boice – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Herzog – Abstain)

B. ARP (American Rescue Plan) Allocation for CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) and Evacuation Plans – Monica Ward
Monica Ward spoke about details of both grants. A discussion with Boice; Becky Crockett, Planning Director; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; and Ward about Title III funds, timelines, and ARP funds ensued.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve direction from the Board to use one or the other for additional funding we need for the 25% copay for these grants. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Award Tidewater Contractors Inc in the Amount of \$661,120.60 for 2022 Central County Paving Project on North Bank Rogue River Road – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen summarized details of bid, project, increased costs, and location.

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

D. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract between Curry County and the Dyer Partnership Project No. 117.00 – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster
Christensen introduced Aaron Speakman P.E. (Professional Engineer), Dyer Partnership Engineers and Planners, Inc, who explained details of rate increase.

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

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E. Roadmaster Signature Authority for Oregon Department of Transportation Requesting \$263,440.20 in State Funds to Be Used for 2022 Central County Paving Projects. Christensen explained changes in fund exchange agreement

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

F. Approval to Loan General Vehicle Replacement Fund up to \$600k in Road Funds and Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase Seventeen (17) New Ram Quad Cab 4X4's and Three (3) New Dodge Durango's for General Services Department – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

A discussion with Barnes; Boice; Christensen; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; Garrett Thomson, Building Official; and Sheriff Ward about Enterprise Fleet Management, road department staffing, new vehicle needs, delivery timelines, maintenance costs, and operational efficiency ensued. Christensen stated this item will be on the June 22, 2022, Business Meeting agenda.

G. Consolidation of Special Districts – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch spoke about the work being done to consolidate fire districts, specifically central county fire districts. A discussion with Boice and Paasch about the benefits of consolidation and timelines followed.

H. Finance Director – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch spoke about the impact of the resignation of Brad Rueckert, Finance Director. A discussion with Barnes; Boice; Herzog; Renee Kolen, County Clerk; Paasch; and Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, about outsourcing, advertising for the position, and appointing an interim Finance Director followed.

AGENDA ITEM 6I DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEMS 7A, 7B, AND 7C

I. Signature Authority for County Accounts – David Barnes, Treasurer

Barnes explained the check writing process and spoke about the need for an emergency check signer. Kolen stated she will be the emergency signer on checks.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, the County Clerk be the backup signature authority on Curry County accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Southwest Oregon Veterans Tour of Honor – Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about the facilities on the tour and asked the Board for \$5,000 basically on ARP funds or could be from TLT (Transient Lodging Tax). A discussion with Boice, Herzog and Paasch about exposure ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, \$5,000 out of \$4,400,000 is pretty much a drop in the bucket but it's seed money and it would be a good message to the other five (5) counties, I'm asking the Board to, that gives TLT if in fact they wanted to take this project on, I assume that they would have interest, but it gives us a certain amount of credibility that we're taking this real seriously and let's don't put it off. Herzog withdraws his second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

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K. ARP Funding – Curry County School Safety, Curry Volunteer Fire Departments and Curry Ports – Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about school safety, ports, and fire districts. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about priorities, funding, and procedures ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by , Curry County school districts additional security and safety measures for \$50,000 would basically be split three (3) ways 61% for south county, 28% for central county, and 11% for north county, you can measure it on enrollment that might slightly effect the percentages, the 2nd one I've asked for on American Rescue Plan funding is for volunteer fire departments, we have fifteen (15) in Curry County, they're not even paid, sometimes they have to pay for their own training, and that \$150,000 would be split the same 61% for south county, 28% for central county, and 11% for north county, and then the three (3) ports I'm very excited about the work that's being done, and they have excellent Board of Commissioners on those three (3) ports, and well managed but they're always up against it, and the original emphasis for the American Rescue Plan funding was for infrastructure, and they have some infrastructure projects in this agenda item, if the public is interested, has a letter from each one, I just really encourage anyone to read, that might have the time, so Board, my motion is \$50,000 for the schools American Rescue Plan funding, Curry County volunteer fire departments \$150,000, and Curry County ports \$150,000 the only difference is the ports would be split, would be my recommendation, \$50,000 for each one, they're all basically the same size. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to appropriate out of the American Rescue Plan funding \$50,000 for the schools pledge; Curry County volunteer fire departments \$150,000 pledge, you know the percentages; and the Curry County ports \$150,000 pledge and that would be up to \$50,000 for each of the three (3) ports. Motion fails 1-2 (Boice - Yes; Herzog – No; Paasch – No).

AGENDA ITEM 6L WAS AGENDA ITEM 5F

6L. 5F Award an Audit Proposal

Rueckert summarized details of the proposal. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Rueckert followed.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to award the audit proposal as stated in the Consent Agenda to Moss-Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AT 11:00AM (See Separate Agendas)

AGENDA ITEM 7A DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7B

A. Curry County Budget Hearing at 11:00AM

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice to adopt the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Herzog proposed giving all elected officials a 3% raise. A discussion with Barnes; Boice; Herzog; Paasch; Pope; Rowe; Julie Swift; Payroll and Personnel Coordinator; and Sheriff Ward about praise for the work of the budget committee and Brad Rueckert, Finance Director; elected official compensation; and the impact of an elected official raise on any tax proposal followed.

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Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, seven (7) elected officials get a 3% cost of living allowance or whatever and those who want to decline that are more than welcome as long as it (3% raise) is equal to all elected officials. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

Paasch stated he will not take the raise.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to [accept] budget as amended. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

Motion Herzog, seconded by Boice, to set appropriations. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, to categorize and impose tax. Motion carried 2-1 (Boice – Yes; Herzog – Yes; Paasch – No).

B. CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District) Budget Hearing at 11:20AM
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to adopt the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to set appropriations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to impose tax. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7C DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7A

C. 4H OSU (Oregon State University) Extension Service Budget Hearing at 11:30AM
Herzog opened the public hearing.

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

There were not any public comments. Herzog closed the Public Hearing. Sheryl McDonald, Administrative Office Manager/Local Liaison, Oregon State University Curry County Extension spoke of details of the 2022-2023 FY (Fiscal Year) budget and read the resolution.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to adopt the budget of 4H OSU Extension Service. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to impose the tax. Motion carried unanimously.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Dredge in the Rogue River and
- Plans to extend the jetty.

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- B. Commissioner Boice spoke about
- Columbia and Tillamook County water planning;
 - AOC (Association of Oregon Counties);
 - CFLR (Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration) for fuels abatement;
 - Oregon Coast trail;
 - 6th annual fire awareness meeting; and
 - Housing committee
- C. Commissioner Herzog did not give an update.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent
- B. ORS 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.

AGENDA ITEM 9C WAS ADDED

- C. ORS 192.660(2)(e) To Conduct Deliberations with Persons Designated by the Governing Body to Negotiate Real Property Transactions.

Chair Herzog entered Executive Session at 1:35 p.m.; recessed at 2:01 p.m.; re-entered at 2:27 p.m.; and exited at 2:42 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

10. HIRE ORDERS

- A. New Hire – Facilities Maintenance Worker (A)

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Hire Order for Facilities Maintenance Work (A). Motion carried unanimously.

- B. New Hire – Facilities Maintenance Worker (B)

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Hire Order for Facilities Maintenance Work (B). Motion carried unanimously.

- C. New Hire – Litter Patrol Crew Leader

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Hire Order for Litter Patrol crew leader. Motion carried unanimously.

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.”)

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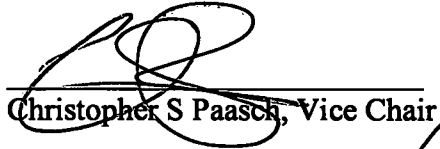
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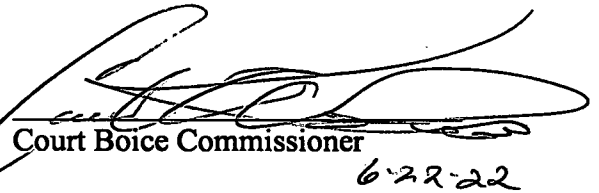
12. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2022.



John Herzog, Chair

Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair

Court Boice Commissioner
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Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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