



## CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Date Approved:**

July 6, 2022

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

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### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 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

Dana Ross gave an invocation.

The Pledge was recited by all.

#### 2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 6D

Boice - Add Agenda Item 6H ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding for Port of Gold Beach

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about public comments made at the June 8, 2022, meeting. Bonnie Paasch spoke about Boice and Paasch. Yvonne Pettyjohn spoke about elected official pay raises. Michele Martin also spoke about Boice and Paasch. David Barnes spoke about the recent BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) meeting and proposed Curry County get a large fee. Gordon Clay spoke about various topics. Dana Ross spoke about religious matters.

#### 4. PRESENTATION

##### AGENDA ITEM 4A PRESENTED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4B

A. PAF (Personnel Action Form) Presentation to the Board – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

Swift spoke about the five (5) PAFs from the Sheriff's office.

##### AGENDA ITEM 4B PRESENTED AFTER THE FIRST PART OF AGENDA ITEM 6H

B. Abel Insurance (Agent of Record) Presentation – Wendy Abel-Hazel, Abel Insurance Agency  
Abel-Hazel spoke in detail about the specifics of the proposals.

##### AGENDA ITEM 4C PRESENTED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4A

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C. Presentation – Derek Tonn, New Director – Small Business Development Center (SBDC) – Southwest Oregon Community College - Commissioner Boice  
Boice introduced Tonn who spoke about three (3) themes: (a) Regional focus (b) Housing and (c) Childcare. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Tonn about SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College), CCD (Coos Curry Douglas), economic development, and small businesses followed.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting June 8, 2022
- B. Approve Minutes Special Meeting June 15, 2022
- C. Promotion of an Employee – T. Watwood
- D. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position – Planner
- E. Transfer of an Employee – C. Dexter
- F. Approval of Agent of Record Contract – Abel Insurance
- G. Master Payroll 2022-2023

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**AGENDA ITEM 6A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6B.**

- A. Approve Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase RapidView IBAK HDTV System from SWS Equipment LLC for \$187K – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Christensen spoke about the advantages and benefits of the equipment. A discussion with Boice; Christensen; Shane Gutridge, Territory Sales Manager, SWS Equipment, Inc; Herzog; and Paasch about culvert inspection, possible alternatives, costs, and a request for more research followed. The Board consensus was to table this request.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 6A**

- B. Request to use \$600K of ARP Funds for Purchase of Twenty (20) New Vehicles for General Services Vehicle Replacement Fund – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Christensen spoke about the advantages and benefits of the vehicle replacement fund. A discussion with Boice, Christensen, Herzog, Paasch and Sheriff Ward about costs, details, quantities, and the need for a plan followed. Christensen agreed to come to a future meeting with a list of the highest priority vehicles.

Motion by Boice, seconded by , take, that gives the Board ample time to really look into everything that's been communicated today, by (*inaudible*) and say OK we want to stay with this plan, meanwhile we've ordered the vehicles, which we're responsible to replace, and get that plan going, then we've got two (2), three (3), four (4) months to take the responsibility and study this carefully; and yes, get a plan. *Motion dies for lack of a second.*

**Before Agenda Item 6C, Becky Crockett, Planning Director, Made an Announcement.**

12:00 Becky Crockett summarized revenue and expense details of the timber bid that came in the morning of June 22, 2022.

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**DISCUSSED AFTER 6A**

C. Roadmaster Signature Authority to Purchase Eleven (11) New Road Department Vehicles for \$400K – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster  
Christensen spoke about the details of the current fleet.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 6D WAS PULLED**

~~D. Curry County Proclamation – Opposition to the Oregon Department of Forestry Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) – Commissioner Boice~~

E. Support Letter Request to U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley – Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Lost Creek Lake Project – Curry Commissioners - Commissioner Boice  
Boice read parts of Steve Beyerlin's statement such as improvements in technology, failed mitigation program, loss of harvest, Cole Rivers fish hatchery, and the Coquille tribe. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch followed.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, direct Curry County Rogue Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Coordinator Beyerlin to draft a letter and get it to our Board as soon as possible for presumptive approval. Motion carried unanimously.

F. America Rescue Plan Funds to Assist the City of Gold Beach for Curry County Veterans Memorial Maintenance - Commissioner Boice

Boice summarized the issues impacting the Memorial. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about including Anthony Voudy, Curry County Veteran's Service Officer, and others in the planning process; costs; and getting more details followed. Boice will move forward on the project.

G. Consumption Tax – Josephine County and Curry County Matching Plan and Efforts and Plans in Time for the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot – Commissioner Boice

Boice spoke about Josephine County's Consumption Tax plan. A discussion with Barnes, Boice, Christensen, Herzog, and Paasch about what to tax, impact on taxpayers, the Road Fund, timelines, procedures, and possibly using, with State legislature approval, TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) funds for law enforcement followed. Boice stated he has direction to proceed and will get a report back.

**AGENDA ITEM 6H ADDED. INITIAL DISCUSSION STARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER AGENDA ITEM 3, PAUSED, AND CONCLUDED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6G.**

6H Port of Port Gold Beach

A discussion with Boice; Herzog; Bill McNair, President, Port of Gold Beach; and Paasch about the deterioration of the steel high docks, cost to repair, and funding ensued.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Herzog, through the ARP funding County totals that we appropriate, for now, up to \$50,000.00 for the Port of Gold Beach for their high dock scheduled emergency repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

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## 7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

### A. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Offshore energy;
- Rogue River dredging;
- Coast Community Health center in Port Orford;
- McKay's Market in Brookings;
- Directional signage in lower level of annex building;
- Beacon Broadband office;
- Tyson Krieger, Chief, Gold Beach Fire Department;
- Oregon coast trail; and
- Housing.

### B. Commissioner Herzog spoke about the Board's voting procedures.

### C. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Forming one (1) fire district in central county and
- His non-support for wind energy.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### A. 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 2:30 p.m. and exited at 2:59 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

## 9. HIRE ORDERS

(None)

## 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.")

3:01P Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to hire interim finance director. Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2022.

  
John Herzog, Chair

OPPOSED  
Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair

  
Court Boice Commissioner 7-6-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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