



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

April 6, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 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

Paasch - Move Agenda Item 5H to Agenda Item 9 (Executive Session)

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rowe spoke about agenda publish date, non-denominational prayer, and Brookings Harbor Food Bank. Pamela Winebarger and Olivia Davis spoke about Brookings Harbor food bank services and ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds application. Skip Hunter, speaking for himself, spoke about the food bank. Connie Hunter spoke about housing committee, water study, food bank, and VA (Veteran Administration) focus group participation. Bret Cecil spoke about Ukraine, COVID-19 pandemic statistics, and housing projects. Kirk Nelson spoke in favor of safe injection sites

4. PRESENTATION

(None)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting March 2, 2022
- B. Appoint Compensation Board Member
- C. USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) 'US Forest Service' Forest Patrol Agreement Renewal
- D. Transfer of an Employee – T. Ringulet
- E. 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit
- F. Roadmaster Signature Authority for Interagency Agreement with State HWY Department not to Exceed \$50, 000.

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G. Adopt a Position Description for a New Position – Planning Permit Technician I

AGENDA ITEM 5H MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM 9

H. Curry County Parks

I. Emergency Management SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) Grant

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Collection of Curry County Parks – Summer Matteson, Economic Development Coordinator

Matteson spoke about TLT funds, their uses, funds not being collected by Parks, administration compensation, and County Parks not paying TLT.

Amended motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog we are reaffirming and supporting that Parks will contribute to TLT revenues for the County moving forward. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Designating 34 Acre Parcel as County Forest - Becky Crockett, Planning Director

Crockett stated Coos County has agreed to help us manage the timber on the property, designating that property as part of the County Forest.

Motion Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve the request to designate as County Forest. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Request for Board Approval to Spend Road Budget Funds Up to \$3,500 in Labor, Materials and Equipment for Agness Medal of Honor Community Kiosk at Agness Park and Library – Richard Christensen, Roadmaster

(Christensen not at meeting.)

A discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch followed.

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

D. Curry County – America Rescue Plans Funding -Association of Oregon Counties – Water Needs Forums – Planning - Commissioner Boice

A lengthy discussion with David Barnes, Treasurer; Boice; Herzog; C. Hunter; Paasch; and George Rhodes about timelines, water needs, number of counties involved, complexity of the process, housing needs, developers, surface water, ARP fund allocations; and bringing resources to the County ensued.

Motion by Boice we appropriate \$25,000 to connect with Association of Oregon Counties for a water planning, water forum program that starts immediately and water needs water planning. Motion dies for lack of a second.

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- E. 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Scheduled Payments to Counties – AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) – Natural Resources Committee - PILT (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) and SRS (Secure Rural Schools) program - Commissioner Boice

A discussion with Boice, Paasch, and Sheriff Ward about the funds, their uses, and timber followed.

- F. Banning Injection Sites in the County – Commissioner Paasch

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to ask county counsel to come forward with an ordinance banning all injection sites in the county and list the drugs we will consider to be illegal drugs.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Curry Affordable Housing Project – Commissioner Paasch

A discussion with Boice, Crockett, Herzog, and Paasch about when the money will be allocated, the timeline for allocation, what the money will be used for, and leveraging potential funding options.

Boice stated he will not support this only because he thinks asking for extra two (2) to three (3) months here and there will not be a detriment. Boice also stated he can go either way on this, but he will oppose it today.

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Herzog, to approve housing allocation for this money not to be spent yet but to be allocated on the second tranche to come in two (2) years. Motion carried 2-1 (Herzog – Yes; Paasch – Yes; Boice – No).

7. PUBLIC HEARING AT 11:00 AM

A. CTR (Curry Transfer and Recycling) Presentation – Luke Pyke, District Manager, CTR
Pyke requested a 4.7% rate adjustment increase (which includes what is picked up at transfer stations) due to rate increases from vendors. Pyke also spoke about yard debris, specifically, the rate at transfer sites will not be raised and as Curry County is a quarantine County, yard debris cannot be hauled outside the County - it must either be burned or composted at a high temperature. A discussion with Boice, Cecil, Herzog, and Pyke followed.

- B. Proposed Curry Transfer and Recycling Rate Increase – Anthony Pope, County Counsel

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to approve CTR rate increase. Motion carried unanimously.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- A. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- Boice joining NACo (National Association of Counties) and public meeting laws.

- B. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- Wild Rivers Coast Foundation and grant writing program;
- Rouge Forest partners;
- Siskiyou Mountain Club;
- Oregon Coast Trail;
- AOC housing coordinator position;
- Courthouse jail update;

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- Cape Blanco airport funding;
- HBOT (Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy);
- Food security; and
- USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and economic development.

C. Commissioner Herzog did not have an update.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the Employment of a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent
- 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 1:01 p.m.; recessed at 2:03 p.m.; reentered 3:42 p.m.; and exited at 3:50 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed.

10. HIRE ORDERS

- New Hire – Appraiser Trainee - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

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

- New Hire – Administrative Assistant - Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

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

- 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.")

Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to accept parks agreement (Agenda Item 5H) as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2022.



John Herzog, Chair



Christopher S. Paasch, Vice Chair



Court Boice Commissioner 4/6/22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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