



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date Approved:

October 5, 2022

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex

94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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 Christopher Paasch, and Commissioner Court Boice.

Also Present: Legal Counsel Anthony Pope and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit

The Pledge was recited by all.

Herzog read four (4) Bible verses.

Boice praised former Commissioner Thomas Huxley as well as the recent technological improvements paid for with PEG (Public Educational Governmental) funds.

2. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Boice – Move Agenda Item 4A to Agenda Item 4C.

Boice - Pull Agenda Item 6B

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person)

John Malaer did not speak. Beth Barker-Hidalgo spoke about agenda item 6C. David Barnes spoke about spoke about Herzog and Boice. Diana Cooper spoke about homelessness. David Hubbard spoke about veteran housing.

4. PRESENTATION

AGENDA ITEM 4A DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4B

A. Curry County Government Ethics – Conduct of Public Servants – Personnel Rules – Social Media Participation, Etc. - Commissioner Boice

Boice gave CIS (County Insurance Services) information to Herzog and Paasch about general liability losses in the county. Boice also spoke about Barnes and Skip Hunter's comments at the August 17, 2022, business meeting. A discussion with Boice, Herzog, Paasch, and Sheriff Ward about County personnel comportment ensued.

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AGENDA ITEM 4B DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4A.

- B. Citizen Nonprofit Developer - Pro Bono Volunteer Connie Hunter and Nationally Recognized Veterans Advocate – Proposal to Form a Non-Profit Organization Specific to and for Curry County - Commissioner Boice

Boice and Hunter spoke about the advantages and disadvantages of nonprofit companies, County revenues issues, and grant writing.

AGENDA ITEM 4C DISCUSSED BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 4A.

- C. Presentation – Introduction – the Curry County Finance Team – Frank Jerome, Elizabeth Knight, and Julie Swift - Commissioner Boice

Boice introduced Frank Jerome, Finance Director. Jerome introduced Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, and Elizabeth Knight, Senior Accounting Clerk.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Business Meeting September 7, 2022
- B. Appoint BOPTA (Board of Property Tax Appeals) Member
- C. Safety Committee Appointment
- D. SAR (Search and Rescue) Vehicle Purchase
- E. Plan Commission Appointment
- F. Appointment to Transit Advisory Committee
- G. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position –Deputy District Attorney I
- H. Adopt a Position Description for an Existing Position –Deputy District Attorney II
- I. Status Change of an Employee – Kaylee Strain
- J. Reclassification of an Employee – Monica Ward – Emergency Management Director
- K. Re-hire of a Former Employee – B. Wallace
- L. Re-hire of a Former Employee – B. Halcumb
- M. Master Payroll 2022-23 Amendment #1 206

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

A brief discussion with Boice, Herzog, and Paasch about the Port Orford water system, the Port Orford watershed, and water resources followed.

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Boice, to approve \$25,000 out of ARP Funding for the Association of Oregon Counties water needs forums. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6B PULLED.

- ~~B. Request for American Rescue Plan Funding – ECONorthwest – Curry \$5,000 Contribution – Salmon Values – Economic Study – Commissioner Boice~~

- C. Curry Homeless Plan – Discussion - Commissioner Boice

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Boice, Elehue Freeman, and Herzog spoke about issues with homelessness, suggestions to resolve the issues, the Hobo Code of Ethics, and funding sources.

D. NACo Veterans and Military Services Committee - Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach to Local Veterans Service Officers - (CVSO – Act (H.R. 4601) – Commissioner Boice
Boice and Paasch briefly discussed the letter.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to officially approve it (letter) now. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Letter of Support for City of Port Orford for Grant Funding - Commissioner Boice
Boice read a letter from Monica Ward, Emergency Management Director, letter.

Motion by Boice, seconded by Paasch, to get that letter signed City of Port Orford water. Motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Herzog commended the departments he is the liaison to - -

- Parks;
- CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District);
- Maintenance;
- Commissioner's office;
- County Counsel; and
- Economic Development.

B. Commissioner Boice spoke about - -

- AOC report;
- Possible October 19, 2022, business meeting in Brookings at 5 p.m.;
- Fire Training Center;
- Forest landscape restoration;
- Colonel Michal Helton, Steve Beyerlin and the Cole Rivers fish hatchery;
- Dredging operations;
- Jackson, Josephine County and Beyerlin raise; and
- Colleen Roberts re-election.

C. Commissioner Paasch did not have an update.

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)(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 11:19 a.m. and exited at 11:29 a.m.

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Staff to proceed as directed

9. HIRE ORDERS

A. New Hire – Sr. Planner – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

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

B. New Hire – Victim Assistance Program Director – Julie Swift, Payroll and Personnel Coordinator

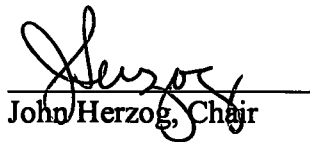
Motion by Paasch, seconded by Boice, to approve Victim Assistance Program Director hire order. Motion carried unanimously

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.")

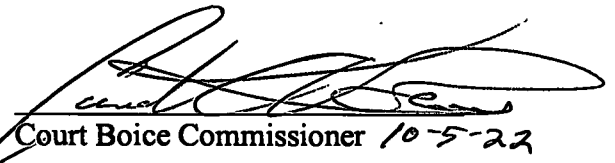
11. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2022.


John Herzog, Chair


Christopher S Paasch, Vice Chair


Court Boice Commissioner 10-5-22

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative

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