

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex
94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon
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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES December 21, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order 6:00 p.m.; present were Chair John Herzog, Vice Chair Brad Alcorn, and Commissioner Jay Trost

Staff present: Director of County Operations and County Counsel Ted Fitzgerald, County Counsel Assistant Rabiah Lee, and Administrative Assistant Natasha Tippetts

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners discussed a letter that was brought forth by Treasurer Dave Barnes to the Department of Administrative Services Statewide Financial Management Services. The provided letter would approve Treasurer Barnes and Deputy Treasurer Vicino to be signatories. Commissioners added this to the Consent Agenda.

Economic Development Director, Miranda Plagge, requested item 6A be removed.

County Counsel, Ted Fitzgerald expressed the need to remove item 6C after being contacted by the Wild Rivers Animal Rescue attorney.

Commissioner Alcorn requested Ted Fitzgerald as Director of County Operations to provide a brief update on County operations. Item is set to be added to 6A (replacing Rural Roots Contract).

Trost motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Alcorn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Julie Hopkins – Spoke on behalf of Wild Rivers Animal Rescue.
- Amanda Trover – Spoke on behalf of Wild Rivers Animal Rescue.
- Kim Schlack – Spoke on behalf of the Wild Rivers Animal Rescue.
- Barbara Williams – Expressed opinion on Wild Rivers Animal Rescue services.
- Becky Jacobs – Expressed opinion on Wild Rivers Animal Rescue services.
- Audrey Trevaskis – Expressed opinion on Wild Rivers Animal Rescue services.
- Nancy Chester – recused Public Comment Form

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- Vicky Shaw – Recused Public Comment Form
- Garry Wiatt – Expressed opinion on Wild Rivers Animal Rescue services.
- Mark Nast – Expressed opinion on Wild Rivers Animal Rescue services.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes for Business Meeting on December 6, 2023
- Approve Minutes for BOC-DCO Meeting on November 2, 2023
- Approve Minutes for BOC-DCO Meeting on November 10, 2023
- New Hire - Donaldson
- New Hire – Srimongkol
- New Hire – Romsa
- Appoint Fair Board Member - Donaldson
- Approve SPIRE Grant – Aquatic Safety
- Appoint Flood Hazard Administrator
- Appoint Mountain Drive Special District Member
- Approve letter to Department of Administrative Services – Signatory Authority

Trost motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Alcorn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chair Herzog called a break at 6:33 p.m
Regular Session proceeded at 6:45 p.m.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- Amendment to County Fee Schedule (County Clerk)
Ted Fitzgerald provided background information from Agenda Routing Slip

Chair Herzog opened Public Hearing. No comments were made. Chair Herzog closed Public Hearing.

Trost motioned to approve the proposed fees for the Curry County Clerk’s Office. Alcorn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- Director of County Operations update

Director of County Operations, Ted Fitzgerald provided an update on County operations. Communication with Department Heads and Electeds have been going well. Many changes have been made in regards to staffing and procedures for efficiency.

Commissioner Trost commented on the different meetings with Department Heads and Electeds that have created significantly better communication. Relationships between staff and Electeds are building and will hopefully create a better line of communication out to the public.

B. ODOT Agreement – N. Bank Rogue River Road
Chair Herzog read Agenda Routing Slip information

Trost motioned to approve the ODOT ER Agreement. Alcorn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ELECTED OFFICIAL UPDATES

Treasurer Barnes – Expressed gratitude towards the Board for including his last minute item on the Consent Calendar.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Alcorn – Expressed concerns for social media comments.

Herzog – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trost – Provided update on the Nelson Research. Commended Commissioner Alcorn for being able to live stream on Facebook and keep citizens informed as much as possible.

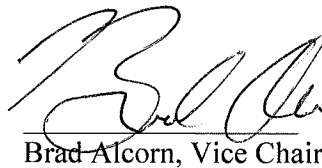
- 9. OTHER** *(ORS 192.640(1) "... notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.")*

10. ADJOURN

Chair Herzog adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2024


John Herzog, Chair


Brad Alcorn, Vice Chair


Jay Trost, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by Natasha Tippetts, Administrative Assistant