



CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approval Date:

October 21, 2020

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

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PARTIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020

(The following minutes are partial and are intended to document what specifically transpired for Items 8G and H. The minutes for the remainder of the meeting will be approved at a later date.)

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chair Paasch, Vice-Chair Boice, and Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: John Huttli, County Counsel; Julie Schmelzer and Brad Rueckert, Directors of County Operations; and Administrative Assistant, John Jezuit.

8.G. 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit – CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Special District)

Schmelzer summarized the conversation from the Budget Committee Meeting from earlier in the day noting while improvements have been made there are still some areas of concern, and, explained the staff's proposed corrective action plan. She also indicated the corrective action plan, and a resolution accepting that plan, will need to be forwarded to the state. There was minimal discussion.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the proposed corrective action plan and adopt the resolution presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8.H. 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit – Curry County

Schmelzer spoke in detail about the results of the audit and noted that due to the length of time the audit took to be prepared, the state was withholding 10% of the county's funds from the state. After the meetings for the day she would file the meeting minutes, and other associated paperwork, which should result in the funds being restored. She praised staff in that the audit found no deficiencies, and rather just recommended best practices. Although no corrective action plan is required when there are no deficiencies, she added she felt it necessary to develop a plan to ensure the best practices are indeed implemented.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the proposed corrective action plan and resolution presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes, solely as they apply to items 8.G and H. were read into the record.

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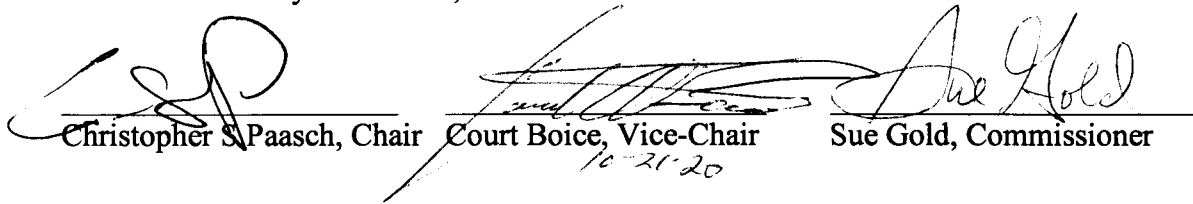
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Motion by Gold,0 seconded by Boice, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURN

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

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.


Christopher S. Paasch, Chair Court Boice, Vice-Chair Sue Gold, Commissioner
10-21-20

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

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Date Approved:

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paasch at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Christopher Paasch, Vice-Chair Court Boice, Commissioner Sue Gold.

Also present: Legal Counsel John Huttel, Julie Schmelzer and Brad Rueckert Directors of County Operations, and Administrative Assistant John Jezuit.

The Pledge was recited by all.

2. LINE OF DUTY CASUALTY REPORT

Boice gave the report, read a press release from the Douglas County Sheriff's office asking for help in locating a teenager from east Douglas County who was last seen a week ago, and gave a brief COVID-19 pandemic statistics report.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmelzer – Pull Agenda Item 8I

Boice -- Pull Agenda Item 5C

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Barnes spoke about Boice's ethics charges, commented on Boice's recent vindicated E-Mail,

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~~and otherwise expressed disappointment with Boice.~~ "and stated that in spite of his recent claims Mr. Boice was NOT vindicated by OGE (Oregon Government Ethics Commission), and that three (3) of the five (5) charges fell outside the scope of OGE's authority and were not considered by them. Mr. Barnes related that the terms fraud, lie, cheat and steal are ones he associates with Boice, and alluded to the possibility the remaining two charges were only dismissed (the most serious one against the recommendation of the OGE principal investigator) due to familial connections."

Boice, under direction from Huttel, directed his comments about Barnes' concerns to the Chair.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sam Vitale - Veterans Service to Country Proclamation – Final Reading Commissioner Boice Boice read proclamation and spoke about Carl Shepley's Vietnam service. Vitale spoke about his actions to honor Vietnam Veterans.

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Motion by Boice, seconded by Gold, to adopt the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Wreaths Across America – Update from Veteran Volunteer Don Bemis - Commissioner Boice Bemis spoke about his involvement in the Wreaths Across America project, commented on the support received from Curry County, and noted the wreath laying ceremony on December 19, 2020, in Brookings.

AGENDA ITEM 5C PULLED

C. Call In – Presentation - Association of Oregon Counties Executive Director Gina Nikkel
Commissioner Boice

D. PAF (Personnel Action Form) Presentation to the Board – Julie Swift
Swift presented three (3) new hires from the Sheriff's Department: Jacob Stout, Jayde Stout, and Bryce Starbird.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Business Meeting September 23, 2020
- B. Minutes Special Meeting October 14, 2020
- C. Assigning Emergency Check Signing Authority to the County Accountant
- D. Dyer Partnership Task Order 21; \$23,000; Survey and Planning Work at US 101 and North Bank of the Rogue River
- E. Amendments to the Personnel Rules
- F. Adoption of a Position Description for an Existing Position – Assistant Finance Director
- G. Promotion of an Employee – Cena Crook
- H. Adoption of a Position Description for a New Position Accounting Clerk -Finance
- I. Reclassification of an Employee – Carrie Dexter

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance Amending the Property Registration Ordinance (Ord. No. 20-01) – Julie Schmelzer, DCO, (Director of County Operations)

Paasch called hearing to order and opened public comments

Schmelzer summarized the amendment, stated this is the first (1st) reading, and spoke about the impact of the ordinance on the County budget. Paasch noted there were no public comments and closed the public comments. Boice stated he is a very strong supporter of the battle against blight in the County; praised the Code Enforcement staff, and expressed a reluctance to support the ordinance in the future. Gold stated she doesn't think blight in other counties is as bad as it is here. Huttel noted the County has gotten feedback from the public and is amending the ordinance to reflect the feedback. Paasch closed the hearing.

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Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve the amended property registration ordinance.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance Amending the Implementation of the TLT (Transient Lodging Tax) Ordinance (Ord. No. 19-13) – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer highlighted details of the amendment to the ordinance. Paasch opened public comment, noted there was none, and closed public comment. Gold, citing a citizen concern about the Sheriff's department not getting their share, suggested the amendment address this matter. Huttli asked about bringing back the amendment with the change.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve amending Ordinance 19-13 with the amendment for Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Contract Approval – ~~Fourth Request~~ - Curry County and Sequoia Consulting ... F.E.M.A. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Qualifying – Non Congregate Housing and F.E.M.A. Reimbursements Commissioner Boice

Boice clarified Agenda 8A: It is not the fourth (4th) request, but rather the second (2nd) time the topic has been voted on and the fourth (4th) time it has been brought to the Board.

Boice spoke about why he is persistent on this; stated Rachael Maddock-Hughes, Principal and Founder Sequoia Consulting, comes highly recommended by two (2) counties that are incredibly well managed; commented on the benefits of having Maddock-Hughes watch over us; expressed his frustration with the Board's lack of enthusiasm regarding this contract; stated he does not want to delay this action any further; and noted the County is not prepared for a major COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. Gold stated she objects to the cost of Sequoia Consulting; noted the County has (1) received funding from OHA (Oregon Health Authority) for the homeless, which could be used for non-congregate housing, and (2) a housing coordinator who could write grants; stated she wants to see a RFP (Request for Proposal) for a grant writer; and commented she is against this. Schmelzer referred the contract to Huttli for review and acknowledged the County has received OHA funding. Huttli stated he has issues with the contract, such as travel time costs, hourly rate, and insurance; suggested changes to resolve those issues; noted there are circumstances when the County can enter a contract without a RFP; and commented he is looking for direction from the Board. Barnes stated he is against voting on a contract the public hasn't seen and feels the hourly rate is too high. Paasch questioned the hourly rate; recommends compensation, if possible, be based on a percentage (%) of the grant; agrees the County needs a grant writer; and emphasized he wants to see a contract.

Motion by Boice to approve the contract, as amended per Huttli's instruction, with Sequoia Consulting. Motion Dies for Lack of Second.

B. World Famous Langlois Oregon – ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) – Curry County – Cypress RV & Campground Right-A-Way Agreement – 2nd Request Commissioner Boice

Boice praised and emphasized the amount of work the Allen family has put into this RV park, noted it really is a bright spot in north county, and believes Huttli was OK with contract. Huttli stated he, as well as Shala M Kudlac, outside Assistant County Counsel, have reviewed the contract; noted the contract is an agreement between the County and ODOT; stated he has questions about the red cedar giraffe, specifically installation and maintenance; observed the County also must enter into an

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agreement with the giraffe owner; and noted the contract is a work in progress. Paasch suggested a workshop on this involving the Planning Department, the Allen's, and ODOT. Gold asked about permits and agrees with a workshop. Schmelzer stated there was no input regarding permits for the red cedar giraffe from the building department, expressed concern about liability issues and signage, feels the Road Department needs to be involved, and agrees with a workshop.

C. COVID-19 Pandemic Hazard Pay for Law Enforcement – Commissioner Paasch

Paasch spoke about the history of the COVID-19 pandemic hazard pay for law enforcement, noted pay is retroactive to September 6, 2020 (when the original order expired), and suggested follow up questions be directed to Rueckert. Boice asked about adding Code Enforcement to the order. Swift asked about extending the order if funding is extended and stated the agreement applies to the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve continuing hazard pay for law enforcement for duration of funding. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss Applying for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds for Railroad Street Building in Brookings – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer explained the proposal to get funding and the steps needed, such as a Public Hearing; noted the grant would be ninety (90%) of the cost of the project; and commented the County has already put money into the Railroad building. Gold asked about matching funds and advised considering various options after a professional evaluation of the building. Boice spoke about problems with the building such as its small size and poor parking, mentioned considering a tear down and a rebuild rather than rehab, stated he is working with Oregon Business on the Port of Brookings Harbor waste water treatment plant, and commented he also wants to pursue central and north county projects. Paasch stated the County needs to apply for the grant. Huttel recommended involving professionals to determine the remodel/rebuild option.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to move forward with grant with remodel/rebuild options. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Designate Property as Public Park Land – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer gave the details of the property in consideration; stated Kudlac has reviewed and approved; and noted the steps Josephine County follows using this process. Boice commented there is some discussion about whether the County can do this relative to special tax districts and asked about including a County Forestry Department.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Paasch, to approve as public park land. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Sheriff's Sale December 1, 2020 – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Schmelzer explained the purpose of sale, described the properties, and noted where the monies will be allocated.

Motion by Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve Sheriff's sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items 8G and 8H

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G. 2018-19 FY (Fiscal Year) Audit – CCPTSD (Curry County Public Transit Service District) – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

H. 2018-19 FY Audit – Curry County – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

Were Approved as Partial Minutes at the October 21, 2020 Business Meeting and Have Been Filed with the Clerk as:

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AGENDA ITEM 8I WAS PULLED.

I. On-Site Wastewater Treatment Program Fees – Julie Schmelzer, DCO

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Schmelzer spoke about

- The troubles effecting the County's live streaming, the actions taken to resolve streaming issues, and need for a new server;
- The return of the signed Social Security Bar contract with the City of Brookings;
- The increase in Boice Cope County Park revenues compared to last year;
- An upcoming aging and stability workshop; and
- An advisory board for public health matters.

10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

A. Commissioner Gold spoke about

- Loans for small businesses;
- The buses being delivered to Gold Beach Central School District 1 and the Homeless Coalition;
- The COVID-19 pandemic in the County.

B. Commissioner Paasch spoke about

- The Rogue River clean out and possibility of looking at Elephant Rock;
- Forward movement on the issues impacting the fish hatchery;
- Huttel, specifically, commending him for hard work on issues the County faced last week;
- A parade on Saturday, October 17, 2020 with patriots and American Flags.

C. Commissioner Boice spoke about

- A list of resident's accomplishments;
- His consumption tax 15-15 plan and the importance of getting more revenue;
- Floras Lake pictures and suggested a signage change;
- The effect of noxious weeds on watersheds, and the major species act by Senator Barraso;
- Debating Gold.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Zoom Meeting with ORW Architecture at 11:00AM

192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records exempt from public records laws

Chair Paasch entered Executive Session at 11:02 a.m.; recessed at 11:55a.m.; entered at 2:53pm; and exited at 2:58 p.m.

Staff to proceed as directed

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12. **HIRE ORDERS**

None

13. **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 Gold, seconded by Boice, to approve partial minutes of October 21, 2020, business meetings. Motion carried unanimously. j

14. **ADJOURN**

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

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020.

Absent At Signing



Christopher S Paasch, Chair

Court Boice, Vice Chair

Sue Gold, Commissioner

Minutes prepared by: John Jezuit, Administrative Assistant

** referred to item 4 Public Comments
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