

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Owen Building Large Conference Room
March 5, 2019
8:30 A.M.

In Attendance: Chair John Sweet, Commissioner Bob Main, County Counsel Nathaniel Johnson, Business Operations Manager Bobbi Brooks (see roster for others) **Absent:** Commissioner Melissa Cribbins

EXECUTIVE SESSION under the authority of ORS 192.660

This portion of the meeting took place in the small conference room, with Assistant County Counsel Colton Totland also in attendance. Chair Sweet read the statutory authority for the Board to meet in executive session; no media were present.

1B. (2)(h) Consultation with Counsel

Commissioner Cribbins and attorney Ray Buchegar appeared by conference call for this portion of the meeting; Commissioner Cribbins is currently in Washington DC. Potential litigation regarding the Coos Bay Wagon Road was discussed during the phone call and then Commissioner Cribbins and Mr. Buchegar disconnected the call. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Totland then updated the Board on litigation matters that they have been working on.

1A. (2)(e) Real Property Transactions

An easement issues and an appeal of a Planning decision were discussed.

At 9:30, the Board met in the large conference room, where Chair Sweet led the pledge of allegiance and opened the public portion of the meeting.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS (agenda items or general comments) – limited to 3 minutes per person

No one signed up for public comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

3A. Presentation on Air Service Between North Bend & Portland- Southwest Oregon Regional Airport

Executive Director Theresa Cook gave a shortened version of her power point presentation on the need for commercial air service to Portland and how ridership has fallen. She said that the proposed air service is critically important to the economic growth of the south coast, it's supported by most businesses and professional organizations in the area, and it's the most requested service from the community. She then said that this service would also connect people on the coast to other cities in the United States, giving them the ability to fly out of Portland to various destinations. Ms. Cook said that one of the things that the airport needs is letters from the community supporting this service coming to our area. She then discussed a Small Community Air Service Development grant that they have applied for and the financial support they have received from businesses, such as Bandon Dunes, The Mill Casino and Sause Brothers, among others.

Chair Sweet said that he had assured Ms. Cook that the county would not be able to write a check to help them out, but that the commissioners would be willing to write letter of support for their grant, and for this service. He then thanked Ms. Cook for coming today and presenting this information to the Board and to the public.

3B. Request Approval of Merit Step Increase- Coos Health & Wellness (CHW)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

3C. Request Approval to Fill Maintenance Worker IV Position at Step 4- Road

Chair Sweet asked Public Works Director John Rowe to start with an update on road conditions and repairs, after last week's storms. Mr. Rowe said that we had numerous slides, including Sandy Creek Road, Old Broadbent Road and Fairview, with over \$700,000 in damages. He then said that this request is for a promotion from within the department, and it would give Thomas Williams a \$1.10 per hour raise if he is promoted to Step 4.

Commissioner Main moved to approve filling the Maintenance Worker IV position at Step 4. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3D. Request Approval of Advance Tactical Dispatch Training & Authorize Sheriff to Sign- Sheriff

Sheriff Craig Zanni said that he would like to say that he appreciates Mr. Rowe and his crew for the work that they have done since the storms and all the repairs that have already been made. He then said that the Sheriff's Office would host and sponsor this training, and that it fits in with the interrogation of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Main move to approve the training course from Dispatch Training and Consulting in the amount of \$6,000 and to authorize Sheriff Zanni to sign. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Main then asked Sheriff Zanni about an email he received this morning about radio failures. Sheriff Zanni said that the radio system has gone down twice in the past week because it is aging out and needs replaced. He said that it's working now but we need to get a new system soon.

3E. Request Approval of Networking Training- Information Technology (IT)

IT Director Daris Bouthillier said that this request is for two classes for Cisco networking devices and the vendor is offering a buy one get one half price sale right now.

Commissioner Main moved to approve the training from Global Knowledge in the amount of \$5,392.50. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

5B. Request Approval to Purchase Switch- IT

Mr. Bouthillier said that last fall, the FBI released a new CJIS policy, and any building that is not connected to the main building must have encryption, so he needs to replace a switch in the main room in order to stay in compliance.

Commissioner Main moved to approve the purchase of a switch from CDW-G in the amount of \$12,668.05. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR- administrative matters not up for discussion

A. Approval of Minutes

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C. Items Previously Approved (authorize Chair to sign where necessary)

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D. Maintenance Agreements/Licensing (authorize Chair to sign where necessary)

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Commissioner Main moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

5A. Request Acceptance of Grant for Laverne Park Restroom Replacement & Authorize Chair to Sign- Parks

Parks Director Larry Robison said that the current restroom in the campground at Laverne Park was built in the early 1970's and needs to be replaced. He said that this grant is for \$111,000 and the county has to match this amount; \$75,000 will be in cash and the remainder will be labor and services. He then said that once the project is started, it will take about a week to get it completed. Mr. Robison said that the plan is to wait until after the Labor Day holiday weekend before construction begins.

Commissioner Main moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$111,000 and to authorize Chair Sweet to sign. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Mr. Robison then said that last week he appeared before the ATV Allotment committee for the next Riley Ranch grant, and he should know about the grant award by the end of the month. He said that he was able to say goodbye to committee members, as this will be his last appearance before his retirement, but he will stay on the County Opportunity Grant committee as the ADA representative for another two years. He then said that he submitted a grant on behalf of Point Man Ministries for expansion of the wayside memorial, making it a Blue Star memorial wayside.

5C. Request Approval of Medical Debt Settlement Agreement & Release- County Counsel

Mr. Johnson said that the Board is aware that he has been in negotiations to settle an inmate hospital bill and we now have an agreement ready to sign. He said that the agreement in front of commissioners today is a redacted version of the agreement, so as not to release the name of the inmate, but he has a full version ready to go.

Commissioner Main moved to approve the settlement agreement and release as presented in the amount of \$17,000. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Chair Sweet recessed the regular Board meeting and opened the governing body portion of the meeting.

CCAT GOVERNING BODY

6A. Request Approval to Renew Insurance Agreement

Transit Manager Sergio Gamino stated that it's that time of year to pay the annual insurance premium for the rolling stock and transit properties.

Commissioner Main moved to approve renewing the insurance agreement with SDIS in the amount of \$32,609. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Chair Sweet adjourned the governing body meeting and reopened the regular Board meeting.

Caroline Barr, Human Resources Officer, stated that she had a late, late agenda item that she would like to Board to consider, but Commissioner Main said that he would like to wait on this matter, as he has more questions that he would like answered before he approves the request.

Chair Sweet said that he has a letter that Commissioner Cribbins would like the Board to discuss regarding proposed gun legislation.

Commissioner Main moved to approve adding a late, late agenda item. Chair Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

5D. Letter Opposing Proposed Legislation- BOC

Commissioner Main stated that this letter is to address oddly proposed bills in the legislature.

Commissioner Main moved to approve the draft letter opposing proposed gun legislation. Chair Sweet seconded the motion.

Chair Sweet then read the letter in its entirety: "Coos County agrees with legislators of both parties that innocent people being killed or injured by gun violence is unacceptable. However, legislation being proposed will likely have unintended consequences for the County's residents and their way of life. Many of our ranchers have gun racks in their trucks, just like other tools. Holding them liable if someone steals a gun out of their truck and uses it to commit a crime will have a devastating impact on their ranches and families. There are many differences between the needs of urban and rural areas, and these proposed laws are written from the urban point of view.

In this region of Oregon, firearms are not a luxury. For the people of Coos County, they are considered a necessity. We are aware of multiple examples of legislation being proposed this legislative session that could have grave impacts on gun owner's rights. While we believe that these laws infringe on our citizens' constitutional rights, we do not have the authority to decide if these laws are constitutional, or the expertise to make that judgment. That power rests in the hands of the Oregon and U.S. Supreme Courts.

As the highest elected officials in Coos County, it is critically important to safeguard our citizens' constitutional rights. As a rural county, with a small population and many pressing issues, finding adequate resources is a constant challenge. California and Washington have recently enacted sweeping laws regulating firearms, and we fear that similar laws in Oregon could jeopardize our citizens' constitutional rights and way of life. Many rural counties in Oregon have similar concerns and have reached out to us for support.

We are willing to help lead on these issues, but we need the outside legal and advocacy expertise that your organization offers. Urban legislators have not taken the time to understand the need and use of firearms on rural ranches and farms. Coos County and the State of Oregon need your help. We are seeking your advice and resources to help us educate our state and the legislature regarding this important issue. Please let us know if we can count on your help.

We look forward to your response."

Eldon Rollins said that he disagrees with the letter; there are a lot of people in Coos County who don't believe that guns are a necessity. Phil Thompson said that he wholeheartedly agrees with Commissioner Cribbins' letter and supports any effort to stop the legislation. Dick Mork said that he also agrees with the letter, stating that the people have a constitutional right to firearms.

Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

7. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Main stated that time have changed from when he was in college; no one got shot but he and his roommates all had rifles in their closets for duck hunting. He then said that last week the commissioners held a worksession to discuss the future of SCINT, and budget worksessions began. He said that he attended the Eel Creek Tenmile STEP meeting, a luncheon at OCCI and the Coquille Chamber awards banquet. Commissioner Main then said that he also attended the Confederated Tribes grant awards lunch, the O&C meeting in Salem, and that he testified in Salem on a proposed bill.

Chair Sweet said that the county wrote a letter opposing the Coquille Tribe historic preservation district, so he attended the SHIPO meeting at The Mill Casino. He said that there is information available in down town Coos Bay for any property owners interested in opposing this proposed district. He then said that he attended the Bandon Crab Feed last weekend, as well as the basketball tournament coach's dinner that private parties put on each year for the coaches and escorts. Chair Sweet thanked Mr. Bouthillier for putting on the cyber security class for county employees, and stated that Commissioner Main has yet to take this class. He then said that the county was notified yesterday that the black cottonwood tree at Dement Park has now been recognized as the biggest in the state.

Chair Sweet adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Brooks
Business Operations Manager



Commissioners Approval for Submission to the Board

ROSTER

Meeting: Boz meeting

Date: 3/5/19

Name:

Address:

PHIL THOMPSON

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7. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

This agenda does not limit the ability of the Commissioners to consider additional subjects. The Board reserves the right to place a time limit on public testimony on any matter. The meeting place is handicapped accessible; if special accommodation is needed, please contact the office at least 24 prior to the meeting.