



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 2/21/2013
 Agenda Item #: R.3
 Est. Start Time: 9:55 am
 Date Submitted: 2/6/13

Agenda Title: Informational Board Briefing on Multnomah County Library District – forecast, budget process, and upcoming actions

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: February 19, 2013 **Time Needed:** 40 min.
Department: Library **Division:** Library Administration
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Becky Cobb, Library Deputy Director; Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer; Karyne Kieta, Deputy Director, County Management; Mike Jaspin, Economist

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In November 2010, the voters amended the Multnomah County Charter and established a method under which the Board of County Commissioners may form a library district upon voter approval. In Resolution 2012-104, passed in August 2012, the Board referred to the voters the formation of the Multnomah County Library District with a permanent rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A majority of voters approved the formation of the library district during the November 2012 election. Pursuant to the County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners will be the governing body of the library district, sitting as the Multnomah County Library District Board.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There will be no fiscal impact in FY 2013. In FY 2014 and beyond, the library district will have a dedicated funding source and will not rely on General Fund contributions from Multnomah County.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

As the Multnomah County Library transitions to the Multnomah County Library District, a number of decisions will need to be made and actions taken by the Board of County Commissioners and/or the Library District Board. This briefing will address the roles of the Board of County Commissioners and the Library District Board, and will provide context for the policy decisions that will be deliberated and voted on in the near future. Issues

addressed will include:

- Forecast of funds available to Library District and potential impact of compression due to property tax limitations;
- Library District budget process and significant dates; and
- Upcoming actions that may require Board decisions.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

There were a number of public hearings and community listening sessions in the months leading up to the November 2012 vote on the library district. The Board of County Commissioners conducted an online survey in July 2012, and the library recently completed a survey to elicit community input on hours and services. There is a hearing scheduled on March 7, 2013, during which the Board of County Commissioners and the Library District Board may vote on the actions described during this briefing and the one held on February 14, 2013. In the coming months, there will also be work sessions and hearings regarding the library budget. Additional details will be provided at the briefings regarding the plan for communications to community stakeholders, employees, and the public regarding the transition to the Multnomah County Library District.

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: Feb. 6, 2013