

ANNOTATED MINUTES

*Tuesday, February 22, 1994 - 11:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602*

PUBLIC HEARING

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING Conducted by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission in the Matter of Review of Multnomah County's Supplemental Budget Reallocating an Estimate of Approximately \$11.7 Million to County Revenues and Authorizing Expenditures for CareOregon in the New CareOregon Fund; and Increasing the Estimated Receipts from the Sale of Timber on Federal Forest Lands and Passing Through to the Education Service District.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STEIN, KELLEY, HANSEN AND COLLIER ATTENDED HEARING. DAVE WARREN, MARY LOU HENNRICH AND KATHY INNES EXPLANATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS OF TSCC MEMBERS THOMAS HATFIELD, LIANNE THOMPSON AND EXECUTIVE MARGARET BAUER. HEARING HELD, NO ONE WISHED TO TESTIFY. ADJOURNED AT 12:10 PM.

*Thursday, February 24, 1994 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah County Courthouse, Room 602*

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Beverly Stein convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m., with Commissioners Sharron Kelley, Gary Hansen and Dan Saltzman present and Vice-Chair Tanya Collier excused.

CONSENT CALENDAR

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, THE CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-15) WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

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ORDER 94-36.

- C-15 *ORDER in the Matter of the Execution of Deed D940997 Upon Complete Performance of a Contract to Gary Guzman*

ORDER 94-37.

REGULAR AGENDA

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- R-1 *Recognition of the Accomplishment of Multnomah County Employee Michael Dubesa in Attaining Certification as a Certified Professional Public Buyer from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council of the National Institute of Government Purchasing*

FRANNA HATHAWAY EXPLANATION AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO MICHAEL DUBESA. CHAIR STEIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MR. DUBESA'S EFFORTS.

- R-2 *PROCLAMATION in the Matter of Proclaiming Recognition and Celebration of AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH*

COMMISSIONER KELLEY INTRODUCED AND READ PROCLAMATION. COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-2. CHARU NAIR PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. BOARD COMMENTS. PROCLAMATION 94-38 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-3 *RESOLUTION Authorizing Letter of Intent Relating to the Issuance and Negotiated Sale of \$22,000,000 Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Designating an Authorized Representative, Special Counsel to the County and Bond Counsel; Authorizing the Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Education Facilities Revenue Bonds; Providing for a Public Hearing and Designating a Hearing Official*

COMMISSIONER HANSEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-3. DAVE BOYER EXPLANATION AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS. MR. BOYER INTRODUCED UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND FINANCIAL ADVISOR CHARLES CARTER AND COUNTY BOND COUNSEL HOWARD RANKIN. MR. RANKIN RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS. BOARD COMMENTS. RESOLUTION 94-39 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-4 *RESOLUTION in the Matter of Requesting the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) Finance Committee to Consider and Evaluate Options for*

Provision of Additional Funding for Bridges

COMMISSIONER HANSEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-4. CHAIR STEIN EXPLANATION. RESOLUTION 94-40 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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- R-5 *Budget Modification MCSO 12 Requesting Authorization to Reclassify a Fiscal Assistant/Senior Position to a Fiscal Specialist I Position Within the Management and Fiscal Services Unit Budget*

LARRY AAB EXPLANATION. UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANSEN, BUDGET MODIFICATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- R-6 *Ratification of Intergovernmental Agreement Contract 301414 Between the Portland Development Commission and Multnomah County, Providing Pre-Development Services for a Proposed Community Center, Housing Project and Midland Library on Property at 102nd and East Burnside, for the Period January 18, 1994 through March 31, 1994*

COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-6. COMMISSIONER KELLEY AND BOB OBERST EXPLANATION AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS. AGREEMENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-7 *Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Mapping Project*

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-7. SCOTT PEMBLE EXPLANATION. NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-8 *Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Technical Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$26,500 for the Rural Area Plan Program*

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-8. MR. PEMBLE EXPLANATION. NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-9 *Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Technical Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$25,000 for the Information System Strategic Plan Project*

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-9. MR. PEMBLE

**EXPLANATION AND RESPONSE TO BOARD QUESTIONS. NOTICE
OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- R-10 Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development for a Technical Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$37,800 for the Maps Needed to Implement Recent Farm and Forest Lands Rule Changes Project

COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-10. MR. PEMBLE EXPLANATION. NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- R-11 Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters. Testimony Limited to Three Minutes Per Person.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEMS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES DIVISION

- UC-1 Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the Oregon Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division for a Local Solutions for High School Transition Project Grant in the Approximate Amount of \$80,000, to be Used to Help 30 Plus Developmentally Disabled Young Adults Obtain and Maintain Employment After Leaving High School

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KELLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANSEN, UC-1 WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

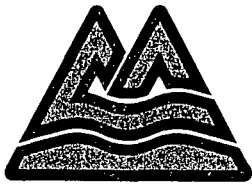
- UC-2 Request for Approval of a Notice of Intent to Apply to the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for a \$100,000 Grant for Funding the Salary and Associated Costs of a Director of Entrepreneurial Activities Within the Multnomah County Library and to Establish a Program of Entrepreneurial Activities Within the Multnomah County Library

COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER KELLEY SECONDED, APPROVAL OF UC-2. COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN EXPLANATION. UC-2 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD CLERK
for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah L. Bogstad
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AGENDA

MEETINGS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 21, 1994 - FEBRUARY 25, 1994

Monday, February 21, 1994 - HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED.

Tuesday, February 22, 1994 - 11:30 AM - Public Hearing.Page 2

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Thursday Meetings of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners are taped and can be seen at the following times:

Thursday, 10:00 PM, Channel 11 for East and West side subscribers
Thursday, 10:00 PM, Channel 49 for Columbia Cable (Vancouver) subscribers
Friday, 6:00 PM, Channel 22 for Paragon Cable (Multnomah East) subscribers
Saturday 12:00 Noon, Channel 21 for East Portland and East County subscribers

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES MAY CALL THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD CLERK AT 248-3277 OR 248-5222, OR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TDD PHONE 248-5040, FOR INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dan Saltzman

RE: Absence from BCC Briefing

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 1994

Dan was absent from the BCC Briefing this morning because of illness.

BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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OREGON

MEETING DATE FEB 22 1994
AGENDA NUMBER PH-1

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

SUBJECT: Tax Supervising Hearing

BOARD BRIEFING: Date Requested: _____

Amount of Time Needed: _____

UNUSUAL MEETING: Date Requested: February 22, 1994, 11:30 time certain

Amount of Time Needed: 30 minutes

DEPARTMENT: Nondepartmental DIVISION Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

CONTACT: Dave Warren / Margaret Bauer TELEPHONE : 248-3822 / 248-3054
BLDG/ROOM: 106/1400 -- 161/724

PERSON(S) MAKING PRESENTATION: Budget staff and Health Department staff

ACTION REQUESTED

☐ INFORMATIONAL ONLY ☐ POLICY DIRECTION ☐ APPROVAL ☒ OTHER

SUMMARY (Statement of rationale for action requested, personnel and fiscal/budgetary impacts, if applicable):

The supplemental budget is to authorize the expenditures for CarcOregon in the new CareOregon fund, and to increase the estimated receipts from sale of timber on federal forest lands and pass it through to ESD.

This hearing will be conducted by the Tax Supervising Commission. Budget and department staff, and the Chair and County Commissioners will probably be asked questions ranging from technical financial inquiries to program and policy discussions. A quorum of the Board should be in attendance.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Beverly Stein

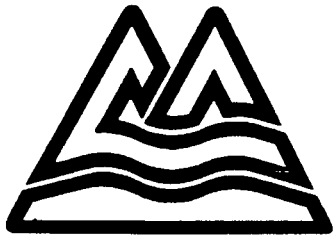
OR

DEPARTMENT MANAGER: _____

ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Any Questions: Call the Office of the Board Clerk 248-3277/248-5222

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dave Warren *DCW*
DATE: February 10, 1994
REQUESTED PLACEMENT DATE: February 22, 1994
SUBJECT: Tax Supervising and Conservation Hearing on Supplemental Budget

I. Recommendation/Action Requested:

I request that Commissioners attend the hearing at 11:30 on February 22, 1994 where the Tax Supervising Commission will review the supplemental budget.

II. Background / Analysis

The TSCC hearing is a requirement for a supplemental budget that does anything other than increase the revenues in an existing fund less than ten percent. Because the Approved Supplemental Budget creates an entirely new fund, and establishes a significantly different program, the County must submit the proposal to Tax Supervising for its review.

The Supplemental Budget is primarily to record the implementation of Care Oregon. I have attached the memorandum I sent to Margaret Bauer to explain the context for the supplemental budget. If you need copies of the Supplemental Budget itself for review prior to the meeting, please contact me (248-3822) or Kathy Innes (248-2306).

III. Financial Impact:

The Supplemental Budget adds an estimate of approximately \$11.7 million to County revenues and authorizes the expenditure of this additional amount.

There is no financial impact to the hearing itself.

IV. Legal Issues

ORS 294.480 establishes the parameters for supplemental budgets, and defines the basic supplemental budget processes; ORS 294.480 (3) and (4) say when the Board can adopt the supplemental budget without going before TSCC and the circumstances calling for a Tax Supervising hearing.

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V. Controversial Issues

I do not know of any. The Oregon Health Plan, and the rationing of services it entails, may be subjects of policy or program level questions.

VI. Link to Current County Policies:

N/A

VII. Citizen Participation

The Tax Supervising hearing is a public meeting designed to be a formal avenue for citizens to review the supplemental budget, both as an opportunity for public testimony and because the Tax Supervising Commission is itself a body made up of citizens convened to provide citizen input to budget processes.

VIII. Other Government Participation:

The State of Oregon is involved with CareOregon and several other counties and jurisdictions are potentially subcontractors under CareOregon. Intergovernmental agreements will give the Board a chance to review the relationships with these jurisdictions. They will not be part of this hearing.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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TO: Margaret Bauer, Administrative Officer
FROM: Dave Warren, Budget Manager
DATE: January 31, 1994
SUBJECT: Supplemental Budget

The Supplemental Budget includes two items: revenues and appropriations associated with CareOregon, and additional Forest Reserve receipts in the County School Fund.

CAREOREGON

CareOregon is the fancy name for the Oregon Health Plan that has been much discussed during the last two years. It involves provision of a set of medical services to a population of Oregonians who meet State of Oregon income guidelines based on the Federal Poverty Level.

The program is funded with Medicaid payments. Medicaid is a Federal entitlement program. Individuals who meet the income requirements have a right to medical services. Medicaid funding comes from a "pot" of money accumulated at the State level, 2/3 Federal dollars, 1/3 State dollars. Because this pot of money cannot cover everyone, there are two ways to restrict its use: limit the number of eligible people or limit the kinds of services that the pot will pay for. Historically, the limitation has been applied to the number of people. This has been accomplished by progressively lowering the income level of those who are eligible. Prior to the Federal acceptance of the Oregon Health Plan, that income level had declined to between 60% and 65% of the Federal Poverty Level. That means that in order to be a Medicaid eligible client, a person or family income could not exceed 65% of the Federal Poverty Level. [Note, this is an oversimplification because there are separate categories for pregnant women, , etc., and their income eligibility requirements differ. However, it is a good general guideline.]

The Oregon Health Plan restricts Medicaid use by limiting the kinds of services that will be covered. This allows expansion of the number of people who can be served, although it means that some medical treatment will not be provided to any of them.

The set of covered services has been prioritized by the State Department of Health to de-emphasize treatments for catastrophic health problems that have low recovery rates and to emphasize prevention and "basic" medical care.

Multnomah County now provides primary care medical services to Medicaid-eligible clients in two ways. Under a capitation plan, the County receives a monthly payment for primary care services from the State

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Office of Medical Assistance Payments (OMAP) for each enrollee. In addition, when the County provides primary care services to clients who are Medicaid eligible but are not enrolled in a PCO, the County bills OMAP on a fee for service basis. Under the Oregon Health Plan, the Medicaid payment system will change.

OMAP has contracted with Multnomah County as a fully capitated health organization. The contract obligates Multnomah County to provide medical care, both primary care, specialist care, and hospital care, for all eligible Oregonians who enroll in CareOregon. Multnomah County will receive an average of \$119 per month for each CareOregon client (a weighted average, the capitation rates differ depending on the Medicaid eligibility category). Multnomah County, in turn, is subcontracting with other health care providers throughout the state to provide the medical care to which the eligible population is entitled. The County acts as the manager of contracts to provide the care and is responsible for claims administration.

The total number of Medicaid eligible clients will increase as a result of the Oregon Health Plan because clients will be eligible if they have income up to 100% of Federal Poverty Level. Eligible citizens can enroll in a variety of health plans throughout the state -- the choice is theirs. In Multnomah County, and in many cities along the Willamette Valley corridor, if they choose a public health provider, their care will be paid through CareOregon. The number who enroll in CareOregon will determine the revenue stream for the capitated system.

The County believes, based on projections by the Oregon Primary Care Association, that the enrollment in CareOregon will look like this:

Month	Capitated Clients (CareOregon)	Fee for Service Clients
February 94	5,800	7,000
March 94	7,048	5,834
April 94	8,412	4,668
May 94	10,016	3,502
June 94	11,304	2,336
July 94	12,592	1,170
August 94	13,882	0
September 94	14,587	0
October 94	15,292	0
November 94	15,292	0
December 94	15,292	0

The revenue figures in the Supplemental Budget are based on the above assumptions about CareOregon enrollment through June 1994.

The Supplemental Budget creates a fund exclusively to track the revenues and expenditures associated with this plan. The fund will be accounted for on an enterprise basis. This is important because it is not the Board's intention to subsidize the State health program with local tax revenues. Setting up the operation in a separate fund will allow the financial position of the plan to be tracked accurately and easily.

The expenditures in the CareOregon Fund include management staff to operate the program, overhead costs to reimburse expenses incurred by Multnomah County, and contractual payments for health care. Because the contracts have not yet been signed with all subcontractors, the following numbers represent the County's estimate of the distribution of the total revenue we believe will be available this fiscal year.

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The most important subcontract will be with the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). OHSU will provide the required hospital inpatient component of CareOregon. OHSU will, in turn, contract with other hospitals around the state for hospital treatment to be provided to CareOregon clients who do not reside in the metropolitan area. The contract with OHSU will transfer approximately \$48 per month to OHSU for each CareOregon enrollee, nearly \$2 million for the remainder of this fiscal year based on the estimated CareOregon enrollment.

Because one of the major providers of primary care services to eligible enrollees will be the Multnomah County Primary Care Clinic system, the CareOregon Fund will make payments to the Federal/State Fund (where we account for the County clinics) in the same way it pays any of the other primary care subcontractors in the state. This payment is expected to be about the same amount as the Medicaid revenue the County received under the previous payment procedures.

About \$7 million is budgeted for payments to other health care providers around the state and for specialist services for the balance of this fiscal year.

COUNTY SCHOOL FUND

The Adopted 1993-94 Budget estimated the Forest Reserve Yield in the County School Fund at an amount considerably lower than the actual receipts have turned out to be. By statute, this revenue (1/4 of the total from the Forest Reserve Yield, revenue from timber cut on Federal forest lands) must be passed through to the Education Service District. The supplemental budget action corrects the revenue estimate and authorizes the payment.