

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, July 12, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith and Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Sharon Meieran arrived at 9:40 a.m. Chair Deborah Kafoury was excused. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused at 10:23 a.m. and returned at 10:31 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Board Clerk.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ALL RIGHT, GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD COMMISSIONERS MEETING. UNFORTUNATELY, CHAIR KAFOURY IS AT A CONFERENCE AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN WILL JOIN US SHORTLY SO I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF LEADING TODAY'S MEETING, SO I HOPE YOU WILL BEAR WITH ME,

CONSENT AGENDA – 9:30 a.m.

- C.1 Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to fund the Morrison Bridge Main Spans Painting Project.
- C.2 Auctioning of Unclaimed Property and Transfer of Proceeds to General Fund.
- C.3 Appointment to Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Budget Advisory Committee.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? IT'S BEEN MOVED BY COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE SIGNED. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES] JOSH IS IN THE HOT SEAT.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Josh Maurice: GOOD MORNING, I'M JOSH MAURICE. THE LAST TIME I SPOKE HERE I BELIEVE THAT MARCH 22ND I TALKED ABOUT THE TWO POSITIVE

PRINCIPLES OF THE Z3 PARADIGM FRAMEWORK. AND THOSE TWO POSITIVE PRINCIPLES ARE FIRSTLY THIS REPRESENTED BY THE I WITH THE INFINITY SIGN, WHICH IS ABOUT STAYING OPEN TO NEW INFORMATION. PERPETUAL LEARNING. RECOGNIZING THAT WE'LL NEVER KNOW EVERYTHING THAT THERE IS TO KNOW SO WE WILL ALWAYS BE LEARNING MORE. THE SECOND POSITIVE PRINCIPLE OF THIS FRAMEWORK IS REPRESENTED BY THE HEART WITH THE INFINITY SIGN, AND THAT REPRESENTS AN ETHICAL ORIENTATION WHEREBY WE HAVE RESPECT AND CONCERN AND APPRECIATION AND COMPASSION FOR EVERYONE. THIS SCENARIO, THIS PARADIGM FRAMEWORK ALSO INCLUDES TWO COMPONENTS THAT WE COULD CALL NEGATIVE COMPONENTS OR NEGATIVE PRINCIPLES. THESE ARE TWO ASPECTS OF HOW WE CURRENTLY OPERATE THAT CAN BE ELIMINATED WHEN WE IMPLEMENT THE POSITIVE COMPONENTS. SO THESE, IN THIS SCENARIO, REPLACE THESE.

IT'S A PROPOSAL, A RECOMMENDATION FOR US TO GIVE UP THESE TWO THINGS IN FAVOR OF PUTTING THE POSITIVE PRINCIPLES INTO PERVASIVE PRACTICE. WHAT DO THESE SYMBOLS STAND FOR? IN BOTH CASES THE PRINCIPLE BEING DENOTED IS BROADER THAN THE MEANINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SYMBOLS, SO THEY ARE MULTIPLE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE EYE IN THE PYRAMID SYMBOL BUT THE ONE INVOKED IN Z3 IS THAT IT REPRESENTS POLITICAL HIERARCHY AND PYRAMIDAL POWER STRUCTURES. THOSE AT THE TOP CONTROL THOSE BELOW THEM, BUT THAT CONCEPT IS JUST PART OF HOW Z3 DEFINES THIS COMPONENT. WHAT IT'S REALLY ULTIMATELY DENOTING IS ANY VIOLENCE, ANY COERCION, WHETHER IT'S A MINORITY, A PRESSING MAJORITY, A MAJORITY, PRESSING MINORITY, OR ANYONE USING VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ANYONE ELSE. AND AGAIN WITH THIS, TOO, THE SYMBOL IS DENOTING A BROADER CONCEPT THAN WHAT IS, WHAT HAS BEEN THE FAMILIAR DEFINITION. NOT JUST MONEY BUT ALL FORM OF QUID PRO QUO ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE IS MUCH MORE TO SAY ABOUT IT. I POSTED A LOT MORE ON MY BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AND BASICALLY WANTED TO COVER THE BASIC ELEMENTS THAT COMPRISE THIS PARADIGM FRAMEWORK TODAY. AND LET'S HAVE THIS CONVERSATION AND GET THIS BALL ROLLING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. THANKS VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: I AM JOE WALSH. NORMALLY I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. BUT TODAY I AM GOING TO SPEAK AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE TOXIC SWIMMERS. MAYOR HALES ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD HAVE A BIG SPLASH IN THE RIVER. WHICH IS POLLUTED. THERE IS NO ARGUMENT THE RIVER IS NOT POLLUTED. THE ARGUMENT COMES IN HOW POLLUTED IS IT? HOW CONTAMINATED ARE YOU IF YOU GO FOR A SWIM? IF YOU GO IN THE RIVER AND YOU ARE HEALTHY, AND YOU HAVE NO OPEN SORES, MAYBE YOU WILL BE OKAY. BUT IF YOU HAVE AN OPEN SORE LIKE MOST CHILDREN DO, AND THEY ARE DRAGGING THE KIDS INTO THIS NEXT WEEKEND, AND I THINK

SHARON MIGHT EVEN AGREE WITH ME ON THIS. OPEN SORES ARE A SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION. IF YOU GO INTO A SUPERFUND SITE YOU ARE REALLY STUPID. WHY ARE WE DOING THERE? THAT'S THE QUESTION I PUT TO THE MAYOR. WHY ARE WE DOING THIS IN THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS. IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TO JUMP INTO THE WATER TO SAVE SOMEBODY'S LIFE. IT'S GOING IN ON YOUR OWN, AND THEY TAKE SAMPLES OFF THE TOP. ALL THE CRAP IS ON THE BOTTOM.

SO YOU ARE TELLING ME YOU ARE SWIMMING IN A CESSPOOL BUT ALL THE CRAP IS ON THE BOTTOM. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I WAS WITHIN THE LIMITS. 30 YEARS AGO THEY TOLD ME WHEN I WAS IN ENGINEERING THAT ASBESTOS WAS NO PROBLEM. LOOK AT ME. LOOK AT ME. THIS IS ASBESTOS. THEY LIED TO ME. THEY SAID EVERYTHING WAS COOL. EVERYTHING WAS WITHIN LIMITS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST PUT THIS MASK ON. IT WAS A MASK, A SURGICAL MASK. THAT NEVER STOPPED THE ASBESTOS FIBERS. IT'S DOING THE SAME THING TODAY, AND YOU ARE ALLOWING THEM TO BRING THE CHILDREN INTO THE WATER. WHY? THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE, WHY? IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT CONTAMINATION, THE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO INTO THAT WATER. WE USED TO HAVE SIGNS THAT SAID NO SWIMMING. HOW IN GOD'S NAME CAN YOU PUT A SLIDE ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER, WHICH MOST SCIENTISTS SAY IS POLLUTED. THE ARGUMENT IS HOW MUCH. NOT IF IT'S A POLLUTED RIVER. AND WHY DO WE DO THIS? AND WE SIT THERE AND WE DRINK OUR COFFEE, AND WE SAY OKAY, RED LIGHT, NEXT GUY. NEXT GUY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, JOE.

Lightning: I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY WATCHDOG. I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF THE SUPERFUND SWIM CLUB. I HAVE JOINED MR. WALSH. AGAIN WHY DON'T YOU GO AND EAT THE FISH, SO WHY WOULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILDREN IN THERE IF YOU WON'T EAT THE FISH. I WENT TO ALL THE EPA MEETINGS ON THE SUPERFUND CLEANUP PROCESS. I SAT ACROSS FROM THEM AND TALKED TO PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND TALKED TO THEIR TOP REPRESENTATIVES. SAT ACROSS FROM THEM IN A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE EPA. I LOOKED AT THEM, AND I SAID YOU KNOW, I KEEP HEARING THESE PEOPLE SAY YOU CAN SWIM IN THE RIVER. I WAS IN A GROUP OF TWO PEOPLE SITTING ACROSS FROM ME, AND THEY BEGAN LAUGHING. THEY SAID YOU ARE QUITE THE COMEDIAN, AREN'T YOU. I SAID WOULD YOU STEP IN THE RIVER AND SWIM IN IT, TAKE YOUR KIDS? AND THEY LAUGHED IN MY FACE. WE DON'T WASTE OUR TIME WITH DISCUSSIONS LIKE THIS WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THIS SERIOUS WITH THE DATA PROVIDED IN FRONT OF US. DON'T EVEN BE FUNNY. GET TO YOUR POINT AND LET'S MOVE THIS MEETING FORWARD. THAT'S THEIR RESPONSE TO ME. WHAT MR. WALSH IS SAYING, IF YOU CAN SHOW ME THE DATA THAT SAYS THAT THE RIVER HAS A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH AND IT'S SAFE, SHOW ME THE DATA. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE PEOPLE JUMPING UP

OUT OF THEIR CHAIRS AND SAYING NO, WE HAVE DATA THAT SAYS THIS. WE TESTED THE SEDIMENT THAT SAYS THIS, AND LET ME TELL YOU, YOU DON'T WANT TO SWIM IN THAT RIVER. I SAID TO MR. WHEELER YESTERDAY, I SAID YOU CAN SAY THIS AS AN ADULT, PEOPLE CAN GO OUT THERE, IF THEY ARE OVER 18, I CAN'T STOP THEM.

Lightning: BUT DON'T TAKE YOUR KIDS IN THE WATER. DO NOT TAKE YOUR KIDS IN THE WATER UNTIL YOU SEE DATA, AND THEY TESTED THAT SEDIMENT, AND THEY SAY, IT'S GOOD. GO AND SWIM. GO AND SWIM. I CAN ASSURE YOU IF YOU SAY THAT TO THE EPA AND SOME OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES RIGHT NOW, THEY WILL LAUGH IN YOUR FACE. THEY WILL SAY YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. GET OUT OF THE ROOM. WE DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU. DO NOT ENDANGER THE CHILDREN. AS AN ADULT YOU WANT TO JUMP IN, GO AHEAD. DON'T TAKE YOUR CHILDREN. ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL BAN, THE USE OF EXOTIC ANIMALS AND TRAVELING ANIMAL DISPLAYS, I AM A LITTLE APPALLED THAT YOU ARE GIVING THE MOVIE INDUSTRY THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO DO THIS. THAT'S THE DOLLAR. YOU WILL WANT THE NICE MOVIES IN THESE AREAS MADE. YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO DO THAT. NO, I DON'T. IT'S ABOUT THE ANIMALS. IT'S ABOUT THE PROTECTING OF THE ANIMALS. THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, TAKE YOUR MOVIE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND WE DON'T ALLOW IT HERE. SORRY. YOU LOST YOUR MONEY. I KNOW HOW YOU WILL VOTE TODAY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Kathleen Brennan: NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. I AM KATHLEEN BRENNAN. I AM A NATIVE PORTLAND OREGONIAN. I AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM HOMELESS. I LIVE -- I DON'T LIVE THERE. I REST MY HEAD AT A SHELTER, IS A WOMEN'S SHELTER AT 435 NORTHWEST GLEASON, AND IT'S MANAGED BY TPI, TRANSITION PROPERTIES, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS I BELIEVE THE BOARD'S THAT WE, AS GUESTS, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WORK AT SHELTER IN ORDER TO LIVE THERE. I AM BRINGING UP THE POINT TO THE BOARD THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO WORK THERE, AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE ARE REQUIRED TO WORK WHAT IS KNOWN AS CHIPINS OR CHORES WHICH IS NOT CALLED WORK BUT SEEMS TO RESEMBLE WORK QUITE A BIT. WE ARE NOT DOING THESE CHIPINS OR CHORES. WE ARE WRITTEN UP AS A VIOLATION OF THE RULES OR BEHAVIOR. AT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS OF WARNINGS, WE ARE EXITED FROM THAT FACILITY. THESE WARNINGS THAT ARE USED TO INCLUDE EXIT ARE THE FAILURE TO DO CHORES OR THE FAILURE TO DO WORK. PEOPLE ARE BEING EXITED AS A RESULT OF NOT DOING CHORES. I WAS THE FIRST TO CHALLENGE THIS AND HAVE FIVE WRITE-UPS MYSELF. I AM ON THE VERGE OF BEING EXITED. THAT WAS CEASED WHEN I CAME IN AND SPOKE WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE. MY QUESTION TO THE BOARD, WILL YOU PLEASE CHECK WITH TPI, SPEAK WITH THEM REGARDING THEIR CHIP-IN PROCEDURES AND HOW THAT RELATES TO EXITING. ALSO IS THERE ANY

OVERSIGHT WHATSOEVER IN THIS SHELTER INDUSTRY? BECAUSE THE NEXT QUESTION IS, I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ALSO ACCORDED THE BREAKFAST AND A DINNER, SOME TYPE OF MEAL, WHICH I DON'T BELIEVE IS BEING DONE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY OR WHOLE HEARTEDLY WITH ANY SORT OF PROCESS OF ANY CARE OF ANY SORT. BUT IF YOU WOULD LOOK INTO THE EXITING AS A RESULT OF NOT DOING WORK AND THE MEALS I WOULD BE GRATEFUL AND MANY OF MY SISTERS WOULD BE SO AS WELL.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, AND I HAVE NATHAN CLARK, DO YOU WANT TO RAISE YOUR HAND? IF YOU WANT TO CHAT WITH NATHAN AND WE CAN HAVE FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR QUESTION. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. THE FIRST I WAS THINKING I WOULD GET AWAY WITH TWO THINGS. BLACK LIVES MATTER. ABOLISH ICE. EVEN FOR THOSE WHO THINK ABOLISHING ICE MIGHT BE TOO EXTREME OR NOT POSSIBLE OR BAD FOR AMERICA, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM, AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS ABOUT REFORMING THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP BY THE NEIGHBORS OF THE ICE BUILDING, OCCUPY ICE PDX, BUT IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT TODAY AT WILLAMETTE PARK, PEACE FELLOWSHIP AND EMERGING, WE'LL BE CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY.

ONCE A MONTH THERE WERE MINDFULNESS WALKS FOR THE PAST 12 MONTH, MINDFULNESS WALKS AROUND THE ICE BUILDING, AND THE ICE BUILDING IS A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE RIVER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TOXIC RIVER CLUB TO COME DOWN THERE. I HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE RIVER, SO I WON'T CLAIM TO EITHER, BUT IN ADDITION TO THOSE TWO THINGS I FIRST MENTIONED, BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND ABOLISH ICE, MISS BRENNAN JUST REMINDED US THAT WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTDOORS. AND SHE GAVE A CLEAR REASON SO MANY OF THEM ARE OUTDOORS BECAUSE THERE IS INSUFFICIENT OVERSIGHT OF NOT VERY COMPETITIVE FIELD OF SHELTER PROVISIONS. SHE DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO MENTION GEORGE DEVINDORF. IT'S AN INTERESTING WORLD WHERE ALL OF YOU AT 79,000 A YEAR OR LESS WORK SO HARD TO PAY GEORGE OVER 100,000. HE MIGHT MAKE MORE ON THE MAYOR. THERE IS REALLY NO PROGRESS ON HOMELESSNESS. WHAT HAPPENS IS WHEN PEOPLE DIE FROM SUICIDE OR CHRONIC ILLNESS IN PUBLIC HOUSING, WE PUT A HOMELESS PERSON IN THEIR PLACE. AND WE COUNT THOSE PEOPLE. AND THERE IS SOME HOPE. WE ARE GROWING A FEW. THERE IS UNIONS COMING UP ON MLK, AND THE MAYOR JUST RECENTLY PAID 200,000 SOME A UNIT TO LIVE ON 105TH AND BURNSIDE. AND SO THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. NEXT WEEK, I WILL TRY TO SPEAK MORE COMPREHENSIVELY ABOUT THE ISSUES RAISED

ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHELTER SYSTEM AND HOW PEOPLE ARE EXITED WITH THE WEATHER. THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS BEYOND THE LABOR REQUIREMENT. THERE IS A CLEAR LABOR REQUIREMENT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK TWO BLOCKS TO WITNESSED THE PEOPLE BEING HELD TO CLEAN THE BATHROOMS. IF THEY HAVE OBVIOUS CERTIFIED DISABILITY ISSUES, WE TRY AND MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS SOMETIMES, BUT I BET IF THERE WAS AN AUTIT OF EVERYBODY EXITING OUT, YOU WOULD FIND THAT THE CO-CONSPIRATORS ARE THROWING DISABLED PEOPLE OUT OF SHELTERS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

R.1 Ordinance Amending MCC §§ 11.250-11.256 Relating to Vehicle Registration Fee. Presenters: Ian Cannon & Courtney Lords

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION. GOOD MORNING.

Ian Cannon: GOOD MORNING VICE CHAIR STEGMANN AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM IAN CANNON, DIRECTOR OF THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. THIS MORNING WE ARE ASKING YOUR APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE. THIS \$19 PER YEAR, PER VEHICLE FEE WAS ADOPTED IN 2009 TO FUND THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. SINCE THAT TIME, THE COUNTY HAS COMPLETED A MAJOR UPDATE TO OUR WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, WHICH IN ADDITION TO DESCRIBING THE MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF OUR HISTORIC BRIDGES, REFLECTS OUR REGION'S INCREASING UNDERSTANDING OF THE HIGH PROBABILITY AND DEVASTATING IMPACT FROM A CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE EARTHQUAKE. THE TOP PRIORITY IN THIS PLAN IS TO DEVELOP A SEISMICALLY RESISTANT BURNSIDE CROSSING OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER TO ALLOW EMERGENCY RESPONSE, REUNIFICATION AND RECOVERY AFTER SUCH AN EVENT.

AS WE'VE BEEN ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS ON THE FEASIBILITY PHASE OF THIS EARTHQUAKE READY BURNSIDE BRIDGE PROJECT, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED THE MESSAGE TO MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE OREGON LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW THAT ALLOWS MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO USE OUR EXISTING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE COUNTY'S OTHER WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND IN ADDITION TO THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. THE AMENDMENT BEFORE YOU WILL MAKE THE COUNTY'S CODE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE LAW AND ALLOW THE COUNTY TO USE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD QUICKLY WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE OF THE EARTHQUAKE

READY BURNSIDE BRIDGE PROJECT. I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS DOES NOT CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE, \$19 PER VEHICLE PER YEAR, AND THIS DOES NOT CHANGE WHO PAYS THE FEE, THE EXISTING FEE IS GENERATING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE BONDS ON SCHEDULE AND SUPPORT THE NEXT PHASE OF THE EARTHQUAKE READY BURNSIDE BRIDGE PROJECT. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. WHEN WILL THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE BOND BE PAID OFF? APPROXIMATELY?

Ian Cannon: ABOUT 2032.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: 2032, SO THIS \$19, WILL IT BE -- HOW DO THE NUMBERS WORK? IF THAT'S NOT PAID OFF UNTIL 2032, ARE WE TAKING A PORTION OF THAT \$19 TO FUND?

Ian Cannon: THE REGISTRATION FEE, WHEN WE ESTABLISHED IT ORIGINALLY, WE WERE CONSERVATIVE WITH OUR ESTIMATES AROUND HOW MUCH REVENUE IT WOULD GENERATE. AND THEN BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO GET FAVORABLE RATES ON THE BONDING FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE, IT'S, ACTUALLY, AND THEN THERE'S BEEN GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES REGISTERED. WE'RE GENERATING A BIT MORE REVENUE OR ACTUALLY A BIT OF 2 MILLION A YEAR, REVENUE BEYOND WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE THE PAYMENT ON THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE BOND.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: AND THIS IS A PERMANENT FEE?

Ian Cannon: YEAH. THERE IS NO SUNSET. THE ORDINANCE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: OKAY. GREAT. ALL RIGHT. AND ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SECOND READ IS APPROVED AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED.

R.2 Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 13 – Animal Control to Ban the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Displays and/or Acts. Presenters: Jackie Rose, Director, Multnomah County Animal Services; Andrea Kozil, Community Advocate; Sharon Harmon, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon Humane Society; Dr. Lisa Wathne, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION. GOOD MORNING.

Jackie Rose: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD JACKIE ROSE, DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL SERVICES. VICE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, LET'S DO THE INTRODUCTIONS AND THEN I WILL MOVE FORWARD.

David Blankfeld: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I AM DAVID FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Andrea Kozil: GOOD MORNING. I AM ANDREA KOZIL. CONSTITUENT.

Jackie Rose; AND WE ARE HERE AGAIN. I THINK THAT WE ARE HERE ABOUT THREE WEEKS OR SO AGO. WE ARE ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE OF CHAPTER 13, WHICH WOULD BAN THE EXOTIC ANIMALS FOR TRAVEL AND DISPLAYS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ALL RIGHT, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I HAVE A QUESTION.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU. SO I KNOW THAT WHEN WE HAD THE FIRST READING, THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP DURING THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND I WONDERED IF THERE WAS ANY FOLLOW-UP OR WORK DONE BASED ON THAT, ON THE ORDINANCE?

Commissioner Meieran: AND JACKIE CAN ALSO RESPOND TO THIS, BUT YOU KNOW, WE HAD A NUMBER OF PRESENTERS THAT DAY, AND A FEW QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP, MOSTLY RELATED TO THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE, THAT CAME UP THEN AND SINCE TO MY OFFICE. A LOT IS RELATED TO WHAT WAS COVERED UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AND IN MOST CASES, WE WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ORDINANCE AND WHAT SPECIES WERE EXEMPT AND TURNS OUT A LOT OF -- MOST PEOPLE HAD CONCERNS WERE ACTUALLY NOT COVERED, AND SO I THINK THAT WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ORDINANCE IS WITH THE EXISTING CODE, SO WE HAVE THE BAN, AND YOU CAN CONFIRM ON THESE ANIMALS, THESE ANIMALS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS TRANSPORTING THEM FOR THE PURPOSE, THESE VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSES, SO I DON'T REMEMBER IF THERE IS OTHER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. WE DID RESPOND TO EVERYONE WHO CAME THAT DAY.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS CONVERSATION, AND SOME EDUCATION THAT NEEDED TO BE HAPPENING.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. THIS HAS BEEN A COUPLE WEEKS SINCE WE HAVE HAD THIS. HAS ANYONE BEEN INJURED WHO HAS BEEN ON

ONE OF THESE TRAVELING KINDS OF THINGS WITH THE EXOTIC TIGERS AND THAT KIND OF THING? HAS ANYONE BEEN INJURED?

Andrea Kozil: LOCALLY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR BACK IN HISTORY I WOULD HAVE TO GO TO REALLY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. IN A RECENT PAST THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY INJURIES IN REGARDS TO THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE EVENTS WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE FORCED TO PERFORM OR ON DISPLAY. BUT THERE SHOULD BE A NOTE THAT IS AROUND THE COUNTRY, THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF CASES OF PEOPLE BEING INJURED AND SOME EVEN KILLED BY EXOTIC ANIMALS WHO HAVE EITHER BROKEN FREE FROM THE RESTRAINTS OR CAGES OR EVEN WHILE PEOPLE ARE RIDING ELEPHANTS OR INTERACTING WITH ANIMALS. THERE HAVE BEEN LIMBS LOST AND INJURIES AS WELL.

Commissioner Smith: I WAS DOING RESEARCH ON THIS. THIS WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, WHY WE WERE TAKING THIS UP TODAY. THE OTHER ISSUE MISS JACKIE, DOES MULTNOMAH COUNTY, DO WE REGISTER EXOTIC ANIMALS OR IS THAT USDA OR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE?

Andrea Kozil: ACTUALLY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY UNDER THE CURRENT ORDINANCE THEY ARE BANNED. WE DO NOT ALLOW PEOPLE TO OWN OR HARBOR EXOTIC ANIMALS, SO THAT'S WHY THIS IS REALLY KIND OF AN EXTENSION, IF YOU WILL, AN AMENDMENT TO OUR EXISTING ORDINANCE. THIS IS SIMPLY TO PROHIBIT FOLKS COMING INTO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF BRINGING A TRAVELING ACT FOR DISPLAY AND ENTERTAINMENT. ONE IS NOT ALLOWED TO OWN THESE IN OUR COUNTY AS IT IS. AND JUST TO SPEAK TO THE AREA OF INJURIES, ANDREA IS CORRECT, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE HAD ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENCE HERE. THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THIS, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC SAFETY IS ABSOLUTELY A TOP CONCERN OF OURS. THE DRIVING FORCE REALLY IS ABOUT THE TREATMENT OR THE INHUMANE TREATMENT THAT THESE ANIMALS EXPERIENCED DURING THESE EVENTS, AND THE TRAVELING AND THE WAY THAT THEY ARE HANDLED AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THEM.

Commissioner Smith: WE HAVE THIS, OKAY, I WAS NOT REAL CLEAR ON THIS, SO WE BAN THIS ALREADY.

Jackie Rose: WE BAN PEOPLE OWNING OR HARBORING ANY EXOTIC ANIMALS. I SHOULD NOT SAY ANY, BUT A LONG LIST THAT'S BANNED HERE. THIS IS SIMPLY ADDING TO PEOPLE COMING INTO OUR AREA THAT ARE FROM ANYWHERE ELSE OR POSSIBLY LIVING HERE BUT THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE TRAVELING IN, USING MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A VENUE TO DISPLAY THESE ANIMALS, TAKE PHOTO-OPS AND ENTERTAINMENT AND THE IMPACT UPON THOSE ANIMALS FOR THAT KIND OF ACTIVITY.

Commissioner Smith: THIS WAS LIKE A LOOPHOLE THAT PEOPLE COULD USE IF THEY WERE TRAVELING, THEY COULD DO IT HERE, AND SO SOMEONE BROUGHT UP IN THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ABOUT -- ARE YOU OKAY? SOMEONE BROUGHT UP IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT THERE IS AN EXEMPTION FOR THE MOVIE FOLKS, IS THAT TRUE?

Jackie Rose: THAT'S CORRECT. AND THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY CARVED OUT BECAUSE AGAIN THE CONCERN FOR THIS WAS ABOUT ANIMALS ON DISPLAY. THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IS NOT USING ANIMALS ON DISPLAY. THEY MAY BE UTILIZING THE ANIMALS IN THAT ACTIVITY, THE PRODUCTION OF THAT FILM. ONE CAN ALWAYS ARGUE IF THOSE ARE CARED FOR ADEQUATELY OR NOT BUT IT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE. THIS IS ABOUT THE ANIMALS BEING UTILIZED FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY.

Commissioner Smith: THEY HAVE TO BEING TALKING DIFFERENT THINGS TO BE IN HE WAS MONTH. I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE SAYING THIS IS THE TREATMENT NOT NECESSARILY THE DISPLAY. IT'S ALL ROLLED INTO ONE, RIGHT?

Jackie Rose: WELL, NO, I WOULD CHALLENGE THAT AND FLIP IT ON ITS HEAD AND SAY THAT THE CONCERN IS FOR THOSE ANIMALS BEING CONTINUALLY TRANSPORTED, PLACED IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY ARE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY. AND WHAT THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT IS FOR THOSE ANIMALS. ANIMALS ARE BEING UTILIZED IN THE FILM INDUSTRY. ONE COULD MAKE AN ARGUMENT, ARE THEY BEING CARED FOR PROPERLY OR NOT? I THINK THAT'S A TOTALLY SEPARATE ISSUE. THOSE ANIMALS ARE NOT ON DISPLAY. THEY ARE NOT BEING UTILIZED FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT. SOMEONE IS NOT BEING CHARGED TO COME AND TAKE A PHOTO-OP WITH A 3-MONTH-OLD TIGER CUB. THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY THE DIFFERENCE. WE CAN ALWAYS QUESTION WHETHER THE ANIMALS ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY CARED FOR IN ALL KINDS OF VENUES, BUT THIS WAS SPECIFIC TO TRAVELING ACTS FOR ENTERTAINMENT, FOR DISPLAY.

Commissioner Smith: I AM NOT SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FEE FOR SERVICE. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ACTUAL TREATMENT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, THEY JUST DON'T GO AND GET SOME ANIMALS FROM THE ZOO AND SAY I WILL PUT YOU IN MY MOVIE. THEY ARE, ACTUALLY, THEY GO TO PEOPLE WHO TRAIN ANIMALS TO DO CERTAIN THINGS. SO, I MEAN, IF YOU ARE GOING TO GO DEEP ON THE TREATMENT, SOME FOLKS HAVE TO TRAIN THEM TO BE IN A MOVIE. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE IN A MOVIE, SO THERE IS THE OTHER THING. I JUST THINK THAT WE ARE OPENING UP PANDORA'S BOX ON THIS, AND WE ARE GIVING SOME FOLKS A PASS AND OTHER FOLKS NOT, AND I AM JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY. THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IS A HUGE BUSINESS, AND THAT'S WHERE WE MAKE A LOT OF OUR MONEY. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS, LET'S DO THIS. LET IT BE FOR EVERYONE. WE DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE WE ARE PLAYING FAVORITES.

IF THE ISSUE IS THE TREATMENT OF THE ANIMALS, LETS TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS. LET US DO THAT.

Jackie Rose: ONE INDUSTRY OVER THE OTHER SHOULD NOT GET A PASS. WHY WOULD WE LET THE MOVIE INDUSTRY HAVE A PASS AND NOT LET THE TRAVELING CIRCUS HAVE A PASS BECAUSE THEY ARE MAKING MONEY, TOO. THEY ARE ALL MAKING MONEY THAT INCLUDE ANIMALS THAT HAVE TO BE TRAINED AND CARED FOR. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THEY ARE BEING CARED FOR. WE JUST KNOW THAT THEY ARE COMING HERE TO DO A MOVIE IN OREGON. I JUST THINK THAT WE ARE NOT BEING FAIR. IF OUR TRUE ISSUE IS THE CARE OF THE ANIMAL, THEN WE NEED TO MAKE THIS BLANKET ORDINANCE OVER EVERYONE. NOT, YOU KNOW, PLAY FAVORITISM TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN AMENDMENT THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE EVERYONE. INCLUDING THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. I SEE I DON'T HAVE A SECOND BUT IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT WE CANNOT DO THIS. WE CANNOT SINGLE OUT ONE PARTICULAR GROUP OVER THE OTHER IF WE REALLY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANIMALS.

Jackie Rose: I APPRECIATE THAT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I HAVE A QUESTION. THIS SEEMS LIKE A LARGER ISSUE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER. I DON'T THINK THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, WHO HAS JURISDICTION TO REGULATE THE MOVIE INDUSTRY AND HOW ANIMALS ARE USED.

David Blankfeld: I THINK THAT'S A FAIR QUESTION. THE COUNTY CERTAINLY HAS THE JURISDICTION TO REGULATE MATTERS OF COUNTY CONCERN, SO I THINK THAT WE DEFINITELY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTE THIS AMENDMENT. WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PRECLUDE THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE NOT LOOKED INTO, THAT WAS PART OF THE DISCUSSION WHERE THE POLICIES GOING TO BE. WHERE THE CARVEOUTS ARE GOING TO BE, AND THE DECISION WAS MADE THAT WE WILL KEEP THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IN.

Commissioner Meieran: SO THOSE ARE GREAT POINTS THAT ARE RAISED. THE REASON THIS WAS BROUGHT, YOU KNOW, THIS WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY CONSTITUENTS AND BY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE VERY CLEAR, AND WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THIS. VERY CLEARLY THE TRANSPORT BACK AND FORTH AND INTO THE SMALL CAGE THAT THEY ARE SITTING AT, THE HOT, YOU KNOW, I WENT AND VISITED THEM AT THE HOT SORT OF FAIRS AND THINGS. IT IS VERY CLEAR IT CREATES A PARTICULAR STRESSOR. THIS IS WHAT WE FOCUSED ON DOING THIS. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ENGAGE WITH YOU ABOUT A SECOND. IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE DOING ANYTHING ADDITIONAL. IT'S AT LEAST A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS IN TERMS OF THE ANIMAL CARE. IT'S NOT -- IT IS IMPROVING THE CARE OF ANIMALS. IT IS NOT BY NOT INCLUDING THE MOVIE

INDUSTRY, IT'S NOT TAKING AWAY FROM ANYTHING BUT A VERY DIFFERENT SET OF ISSUES THAT PERTAIN TO THE DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES, AND THEY DO WARRANT A SEPARATE TYPE OF TREATMENT. ALL, OF COURSE, BEING INVOLVED IN CONCERN FOR ANIMALS. BUT THIS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE ANIMALS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: AND I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. WHAT ABOUT -- THERE WAS A PERSON THAT TESTIFIED REGARDING THE REPTILES. A REPTILE SHOW. DOES THIS HAVE ANY EFFECT?

Jackie Rose: THE ONLY REPTILES OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD BE CROCODILES AND ALLIGATORS. ALL THE OTHERS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS BAN.

Commissioner Stegmann: WHICH IS ALREADY A BAN.

Jackie Rose: THAT'S CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: I KNOW ECONOMICS IS ECONOMICS. WE SEE THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, THEY ARE A BIG THING. THEY BRING A LOT OF MONEY INTO THIS COMMUNITY. BUT ALSO YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT EVEN SMALLER FOLKS WHO HAVE SMALLER BUSINESSES WHO MAY USE EXOTIC ANIMALS AS WELL WHO ALSO MAY BE IMPACTED BY THIS COLD BY ELIMINATING THIS. SO I JUST THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A BIT MORE CONVERSATION BEFORE WE GET TO THIS POINT. AS WE SEE THERE ARE MORE ISSUES COMING UP TODAY THAN WHEN WE ORIGINALLY TALKED ABOUT IT A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT I WAS NOT REALLY AWARE OF. I JUST ANY THAT WE NEED MORE CONVERSATION. THERE IS SOME ISSUES THAT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO TACKLE BECAUSE WE ARE SINGLING FOLKS OUT AND SMALLER BUSINESSES VERSUS A BIG MOVIE INDUSTRY. I DON'T KNOW. I CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS. AND I WANT THEM PROTECTED. IT SEEMS TO ME, THOSE IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY OR OTHER COUNTIES, THEY MAY OWN THEM AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT CLACKAMAS AND COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, AND THOSE COUNTIES HAVE. THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE COLD. THERE ARE SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO USE IT. SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD -- AND I WAS JUST THINKING IN MY HEAD, WE HAVE NOT HAD AN INCIDENT, AN INJURY, WHY TODAY?

Commissioner Meieran: LET ME RESPOND. SO THIS IS SOMETHING, THIS IS NOT JUST COMING UP OUT OF THE BLUE. THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT I STARTED WORKING ON AFTER I GOT ELECTED. THIS HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR IN THE MAKING. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT MULTIPLE MEETINGS, AND WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTREACH, AND, YOU KNOW, OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE INPUT FOR THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE ORDINANCE. AND LIKE I SAID, I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO TAKE THE LEAD ON EXPANDING IT, BUT

THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE EVALUATION AND THOUGHT PUT INTO THIS. LIKE I SAID, IT HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR IN THE MAKING.

Commissioner Smith: THE MOVIE INDUSTRY? WE DID LOOK? IF YOU LOOKED AT THE MOVIE INDUSTRY AND THE IMPACT IT IS GOING TO HAVE?

Commissioner Meieran: NO, WE CONSIDERED IT WITH A DIFFERENT ISSUE SO IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT ON I WOULD SUPPORT THAT. BUT FOR THIS ONE LIKE I SAID IT ADDRESSES WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT. IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT FOR THE ANIMALS, AND YEAH.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME [READS NAMES].

Darrell Campbell: GOOD MORNING. I AM DARREN CAMPBELL, AND I AM THE STATE AND LOCAL LOBBYIST FOR A GROUP CALLED A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE, WHICH IS A 501C3 CHARITY. WE USE A NUMBER OF EXOTIC ANIMALS AS WELL AS INDIGENOUS SPECIES, AND OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN ZERO. WE TRAVEL AROUND SOMEWHAT. WE COME INTO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TWICE PER YEAR. ONCE FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL AND ONCE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR. AND AT THOSE EVENTS WE DO HAVE STATIC DISPLAYS WHERE WE DO HAVE ANIMALS, AND IT IS ALL ABOUT EDUCATION. IT IS ABOUT TEACHING PEOPLE, ABOUT CONSERVATION. WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS ISSUE GO BACK TO THE POINT OF DISCUSSION BECAUSE COMMISSIONER, I GUARANTEE YOU WE HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSION. I DON'T THINK THAT THE ROSE FESTIVAL HAS, AND I KNOW THAT THE USDA HAS NOT PROVIDED OUR TIGER PERMITS AND OUR BIG CAP PERMITS AND LOOK AT ALL THE EXOTIC ANIMALS. STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED. WE DID NOT KNOW IN THIS WAS GOING ON UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE LAST HEARING. I APOLOGIZE I WAS NOT ABLE TO REARRANGE MY SCHEDULE TO MAKE SURE THAT I WAS HERE THAT DAY, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE GOTTEN QUITE A FEW LETTERS AND EMAILS. IN REGARDS TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, WHEN A MOVIE COMES TO TOWN OR A PRODUCTION COMPANY TO TALK ABOUT OR HAVE TV COMMERCIALS DONE, THEY GET THEIR COUGAR OR THEIR TIGER FROM US. SO INSTEAD OF US COMING TO TOWN TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT CONSERVATION AND ABOUT THE SPECIES AND HOW TO KEEP THAT SPECIES ALIVE AND GET IT OFF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST, WE'RE BRINGING A CAT IN TO DO SOMETHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT, AND THAT IS TO HAVE A PRODUCER WHO WANTS TO TRY AND GET A CAT OR ANIMAL TO DO SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE NOT USED TO DOING AND NOT TRAINED TO DO. IT BECOMES A FAR MORE DANGEROUS SITUATION. IF WE ARE TRULY TRYING TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND THE BENEFIT THESE ANIMALS, WE WOULD NOT GO DOWN THIS ROAD. WE WOULD TRY AND FIND SOME CLEAR CUT POLICY

THAT MAKES SENSE TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE ANIMALS ARE BEING CARED FOR. THIS DOES NOT DO THAT. THIS JUST SAYS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THIS. THAT'S IT. AND WHAT IT DOES IS IT TAKES MONEY THAT THE ROSE FESTIVAL TODAY OR THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR FAIR PAYS OUT OF THE POCKETS, AND THEREFORE OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF THE OTHER ANIMALS THAT WE CARE FOR. IT DRIVES US FARTHER AND FARTHER INTO A DESPERATE STATE. WITH THAT, I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO THIS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Lighting: YES, I AM LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY WATCHDOG. I DO AGREE WITH THE POSITION THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH IS TAKING. [INAUDIBLE] YOU WOULD PROCEED FORWARD WITH ANOTHER AMENDMENT. I DON'T SEE WHY WE COULD NOT DO THAT TODAY AND IMPLEMENT SOMETHING PERTAINING TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, THE EXEMPTION. AGAIN, MY POSITION FOR THE ANIMALS, IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE A STAND ON THIS AND WE WANT TO PREVENT THE DISPLAYS FROM SEVERE AND EXTENDED CONFINEMENT AND DEPRIVED OF NATURAL MOVEMENT AND FREE EXERCISE AND NATURAL BEHAVIORS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ANIMALS IN GENERAL, THERE IS NO REASON THAT YOU WOULD ALLOW THE MOVIE INDUSTRY TO HAVE AN EXEMPTION.

WHAT THAT DOES AND AS STATED BY A GOOD SPEECH FROM THE PRESENTER UP HERE IS THAT THE BUSINESSES OUT THERE WOULD STILL HAVE A LOOPHOLE TO PROVIDE THESE ANIMALS TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, SO WHAT YOU JUST BASICALLY LEFT THERE IS A LOOPHOLE FOR THE MOVIE INDUSTRY TO GO TO THEIR SERVICES AND BRING THESE ANIMALS AND TRAVELING IN. YOU LEFT A LOOPHOLE OPEN FOR THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. THAT NEEDS TO BE CLOSED. IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT VERY CLOSE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING HOW DO THEY CARE FOR THE ANIMALS? HOW HAVE THEY DONE IN THE PAST AND OTHER LOCATIONS. IS IT REALLY ABOUT LOSING THE ABILITY FROM THE MOVIE INDUSTRY TO SAY TO YOU, IF YOU DON'T ALLOW US TO HAVE THE ANIMALS, WE WILL GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WILL. SO THIS IS REALLY COMING DOWN TO THE END OF THE DAY THE DOLLAR SIGNS. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU WOULD ALLOW THIS EXEMPTION IN HERE. THAT IS THE ONLY REASON IF IT WAS ABOUT THE ANIMALS YOU WOULD DO AN AMENDMENT. YOU WOULD MAKE THE CHANGE TODAY AND THEN LET THE MOVIE INDUSTRY COME BACK. BUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS LEAVE THE LOOPHOLE. YOU WANT TO ALLOW THEM TO CHALLENGE IT AFTER THE FACT, WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. MAKE THE CHANGE TODAY. STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE ANIMALS, NOT THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. THAT'S WHAT I ASK. THE INTEREST OF THE ANIMALS. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. I AM REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE FULLY SUPPORT WHAT COMMISSIONER SMITH IS ATTEMPTING TO DO, IF MY UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT IT IS THE WELFARE OF THE ANIMAL THAT SHOULD BE THE PRIME CONCERN HERE, AND NOT SOME TECHNICAL TERM. I HAVE ANIMAL, A RESCUE ANIMAL AT HOME, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE SOMEBODY ABUSING ANIMAL. I CAN'T IMAGINE IT. AND WHEN I SEE IT, I CAN'T EVEN SEE IT IN A MOVIE. I WILL WALK OUT. I WILL WALK OUT OF THE ROOM. I WILL DO SOMETHING. ALL CONCERNED IS THE WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS, AT LEAST IT SHOULD BE. THAT'S IT. I MEAN THAT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. THAT'S SIMPLE. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS DOES THAT.

THEY ARE PLAYING WAR GAMES HERE. JUST SAY YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS. NO EXCEPTIONS. THE MOVIE INDUSTRY DOESN'T HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN EXCEPTION, AND HERE'S WHY. AS MR. LIGHTNING SAID, IS IT MONEY? THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN THINK OF. YOU ARE AFRAID YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE BUCKS? AND MAYBE YOU WILL. IS THAT WORTH THE WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS? I THINK SO. JUST FOR A CHANGE TRY DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE NOT SET UP TO DO WHEN YOU WALKED IN THIS CHAMBER. DO THE AMENDMENT. TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS. THE MOVIE BUSINESS SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. AT ALL. SOMETIMES WE JUST FEEL LIKE WE DON'T TALK TO YOU. WE JUST GO ON THE RECORD. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE ARE GOING ON THE RECORD ON THIS ONE. IF YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE PROTECTING THE ANIMALS YOU ARE NOT. THIS IS A PHONY RESOLUTION. IT'S BEEN WORKED ON FOR A WHILE. IT'S PHONY. FIX IT. AMEND IT. IN THE MOVIE INDUSTRY, YOU ARE NOT EXEMPT. IT'S AMAZING. THAT YELLOW LIGHT IS REALLY LONG TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR COMING. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Meieran: I ACTUALLY WANTED TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT FORWARD, WHO CARE SO DEEPLY AND SUPPORTED THIS ORDINANCE. ANDREA KOZIL WHO ORIGINALLY APPROACHED MY OFFICE AND CONTINUOUSLY PUSHED TO GET THIS DONE, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON THIS. LISA WATHNE AND OTHERS FROM THE HOIST OF -- HOW MAIN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES WHO PROVIDED EXPERTISE IN CRAFTING THE LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE. SHARON HARMON. DR. BARR, WHO PROVIDED HELPFUL TESTIMONY IN THE FIRST READING, AND JACKIE ROSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES WHO WORKED ON THE CONCEPT ALONGSIDE US THE WHOLE WAY. DAVID [INAUDIBLE] FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO ADVISED US ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO

DRAFTING OF THE ORDINANCE. THE REASON IT TOOK OVER A YEAR, I THOUGHT THIS WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD. IT'S NEVER STRAIGHTFORWARD. AND REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S INPUT, THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE AND TESTIFIED TODAY, AND TO TESTIFY THREE WEEKS AGO, AND THE PEOPLE WHO CONTACTED MY OFFICE WHO I WAS ABLE TO CORRESPOND WITH AND VOICE CONCERNS, ASK QUESTIONS, AND VOICE SUPPORT. FINALLY KYLE SCHWAB, I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S LISTENING, WHEREVER HE IS, BUT HE IS NOW WITH [INAUDIBLE] RATHER THAN MY OFFICE BUT HE WORKED THE MOST CLOSELY ON THIS TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. SO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: SO I WANTED TO JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. I APPRECIATE THE TESTIMONY AND THE GENTLEMAN FROM WALK ON THE WILD SIDE BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT EDUCATION IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER I DO SEE WHERE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IS COMING FROM, THAT THIS IS JUST A FAIRLY SMALL EXTENSION IN OUR ALREADY EXISTING CODE. IT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM EVERYWHERE WITH EVERY ANIMAL. BUT IT IS JUST AN AREA WHERE THE COUNTY DOES HAVE SOME AUTHORITY WHERE WE CAN JUST REACH A BIT FARTHER, AND I FEEL THAT IT DOES MORE GOOD, AND IT DOES LITTLE HARM. NO HARM. SO I HOPE THAT THE WALK ON THE WILD SIDE, I HAVE SEEN YOUR DISPLAYS AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE BENEFICIAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOR PEOPLE AND CHILDREN TO SEE AND TO CARE AND LEARN ABOUT ANIMALS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND OTHER, MORE HUMANE WAYS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THAN TAKING THEM ON IS A TRAVELING OR DISPLAY. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU HAD GONE, I ASSUME, TO LIKE THE ROSE FESTIVAL. WE HAVE ALL SEEN ANIMALS, AND IT WILL BE ALMOST 100 DEGREES TODAY. THINKING ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS MUCH LESS ANIMAL BEING IN A CAGE FOR ANY LENGTH TIME IS INHUMANE IN MY OPINION. SO WITH THAT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED? THE SECOND READING IS APPROVED, AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED.

[Commissioner Smith was excused for the vote.]

R.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for up to \$900,000 per year for 5 years from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention REACH program. Presenters: Jessica Guernsey, Public Health Operations Director; Marc Harris, Development Administrator.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Marc Harris: WE ARE HERE TO APPLY FOR [INAUDIBLE] APPROACHES FOR FUNDING. AS YOU KNOW OUR YOU ARE CURRENT GRANT COMES TO A CLOSE IN SEPTEMBER AND THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE HAVING FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THAT PROGRAM. THE NEW PERIOD WOULD BE FOR FIVE YEARS WITH 900,000 A YEAR AVAILABLE. WE PLAN ON CONTRACTING OUT

A THIRD OF THOSE FUNDS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR CURRENT EFFORTS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON WITH THE ACHIEVED COALITION AND OTHER PARTNERS. THE FOCUS WILL BE 50 CENSUS TRACKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO MEET THE CDC REQUIREMENTS, AND JESS WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE KEY AREAS OF WORK AND HOW IT BUILDS UP WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Jessica Gurnesy: WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. I AM GOING TO TALK HIGH LEVEL. AS MARC MENTIONED WE WILL BE BUILDING OFF THE CURRENT WORK OF THE ACHIEVED COALITION AND THE REACH GRANT ESTABLISHED. WE ARE GOING TO BE EXTENDING THE WORK INTO SOME ADDITIONAL KEY STRATEGY AREAS THAT INCLUDE NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND COMMUNITY LINKAGES TO CARE. A COUPLE THINGS OF AN IMPORTANT NOTE WITH THE COMMUNITY LINKAGES, THIS HAS A STRONG CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY POWERED CHANGE. OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND SO WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING THAT OUT. AND ANOTHER THING WORTH NOTING IS I REMEMBER BACK IN THE BUDGET PRESENTATION, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, I THINK YOU ASKED IN LIEU OF NEW MONEY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, MODERNIZATION, AND WHICH WE CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR, HOW ARE WE MODERNIZING OUR APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH WITHOUT THAT? THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF US FOCUSING ON KEY CAPABILITY AREAS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN LIEU OF THAT MONEY. WE ARE USING THAT FRAMEWORK AND BUILDING OFF THE SUCCESSES OF REACH SO WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENCE FROM THE BOARD? ALL RIGHT.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: OKAY. PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Board Clerk: CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. WHILE OBVIOUSLY THIS IS R.3, IT'S A SLAM DUNK, YES VOTE. THERE IS AN IMPORTANT CONTEXT AROUND IT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HIS ALLIES HAVE AN UNSPOKEN, UNEXPLICIT POLICY OF WANTING TO SEE MORE PEOPLE OF COLOR DIE, JUST GENERALLY BUT DIE BEFORE THEY COLLECT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY. THIS GRANT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT MAKE IT ANY BIGGER BUT WE NEED THIS 900,000 GRANT TO ENSURE LONGEVITY AND GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE BRIEFINGS, THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS NOT SO GREAT AT KEEPING PROPER GRANT MONEYS FLOWING. WHILE YOU APPROVE THIS, I HOPE THAT

YOU WILL REACH OUT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ELLEN ROSENBLOOM. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE INVESTING MORE FTES THROUGH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T BACKTRACK THE SLACK, FALL-OFF, AND LET OUR NEIGHBORS DIE AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CUTS FUNDING AND THE GRANT PROGRAMS. VOTE YES AND GET THIS GRANT MONEY GOING BUT REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME EXTRA WORK AS YOU ARE DOING WITH THE CURRENT LITIGATION, AND YOU REALLY NEED TO BUDGET AN FTE AND ALSO LOOK FOR PRIVATE PARTNERS TO STEP UP. IN REALITY I DON'T LIKE TO SEE THE MEMORIAL TRUST BECAUSE THEY DO SO MANY GOOD THINGS BUT THERE SHOULD BE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ELLEN, OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON STATE, AND THE ACTUAL TASK FORCE WORKING ON TRACKING HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ACTIONS THAT UNDERMINE EQUITY AND PUT THE LIVES OF OUR NEIGHBORS AT RISK. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? I JUST WANTED TO SAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR EAST COUNTY I SEE SO MUCH OF THE WORK THAT THE REACH GRANT HAS DONE TO BENEFIT EAST COUNTY, LIKE THE TOBACCO CESSATION, THE NUTRITION, I WAS JUST AT AN EVENT WHEN YOU PROBABLY KNOW VERY WELL THAT ROCKWOOD IS LITERALLY THE MOST UNHEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE STATE OF OREGON. SO THIS GRANT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL CONTINUE DOWN THIS PATH AND THAT YOU WILL GET THIS GRANT. THANK YOU FOR COMING. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. ALL RIGHT. THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

R.4 Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland Auditor for Temporary Initiative Petition Processing Partnership.
Presenter: Tim Scott, Elections.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R4. GOOD MORNING.

Tim Scott: GOOD MORNING. VICE CHAIR STEGMANN AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM TIM SCOTT, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS. I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE ELECTIONS DIVISION TO WORK TO GO WITH THE AUDITOR'S ELECTION DIVISION IN ORDER TO PROCESS TWO PETITIONS. WE WORKED TOGETHER ALL THE TIME, SO WHAT'S UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS? THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS RECEIVED TWO PETITIONS AT THE SAME TIME. IT IS NO BIG DEAL IF YOU ARE THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, BUT IT'S A BIG DEAL IF YOU ARE THE CITY OF PORTLAND. IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PROCESS, DO THEIR PORTION, THE PREPROCESSING OF THE PAGES, IN ORDER TO GET THEM TO US SO WE CAN DO THE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION, ALL WITHIN THE 30-DAY WINDOW, ALLOWED BY CITY CODE, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER A

BIT. AND WHAT THEY ARE ASKING OF US IS TO ASSIST THEM WITH THE INITIAL STEPS OF THE PREPROCESSING OF THE PETITION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THAT SO THAT WE CAN GET ONTO THE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION SO THAT WE CAN GET THIS DONE BY AUGUST 6. THE IGA IS SPECIFIC TO THESE TWO PETITIONS. IT'S NOT CREATING ANY SORT OF ONGOING RELATIONSHIP. THERE IS NO COST TO THIS TO THE COUNTY, ONLY REVENUE. WE WOULD BE HIRING OUR EXPERIENCED, LONG-TERM, TEMPORARY STAFF WHO ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS TYPE OF WORK TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PORTLAND WORKING UNDER THEIR PROJECT MANAGER DEBORAH SCROGGIN WHO HAS BEEN THE ELECTION CLERK, AND WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HER. SO WE WOULD LIKE YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] ALL RIGHT. THE ORDER IS ADOPTED. I AM ON THE WRONG ONE. THE IGA IS APPROVED.

R.5 Order Authorizing Public Sale of Tax Foreclosed Property and Execution of Sale Documents. Presenters: Michael Vaughn, DART & Mike Sublett, Tax Title Program.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. GOOD MORNING.

Mike Sublett: GOOD MORNING VICE CHAIR STEGMANN AND COMMISSIONERS, MIKE SUBLETT, PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND I AM JOINED BY CARLA, THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY. BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IS AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR AND DIRECTOR FOR EXECUTION OF THE SALE DOCUMENTS. AS YOU KNOW THE COUNTY OBTAINS REAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE CLOSURE OF THE TAX LIENS. THERE ARE THREE PROPERTIES BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING, AND I WILL JUST QUICKLY ADDRESS EACH ONE. PROPERTY NUMBER ONE, YOU MAY RECALL WAS IN YOUR BOARD ORDER FROM FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. THROUGH THE CONCERNS OF THE BOARD, AND CONCERNS OF THE PROGRAM, IN FULLY TRANSITIONING THE OCCUPANT THAT PROPERTY WAS PULLED FROM OUR PUBLIC SALE IN APRIL. WE CAN REPORT THAT OF ALL THE, THE OCCUPANT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED, STABILIZED, AND SO THIS PROPERTY IS BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR REAPPROVAL. AT A HIGHER PRICE. MINIMUM BID. THAN WAS ON THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY.

THE SECOND PROPERTY WAS DEEDED TO THE COUNTY IN OK, AND THE OCCUPANT HAS SIGNED A LEASE AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING WITH THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT CANDIDLY FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, AND THAT'S NOT UNIQUE TO THIS PROPERTY. IT'S A THEME THAT I WANT TO REITERATE IS A PARTNERSHIP, AN EFFORT OF SO MANY DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY ON THIS PORTFOLIO. IN THIS CASE, I WILL CALL OUT MELANIE ELLIOTT WHO WORKED WITH THE OCCUPANT OVER THE COURSE OF NINE MONTHS, AND SUCCESSFULLY HAS TRANSITIONED HER TO A NEW LEASEHOLD THAT'S SUSTAINABILITY AND VERY WELL MAINTAINED. THE SECOND PROPERTY, AND THE PROPERTY NUMBER THREE, THIS IS A PROPERTY, ACTUALLY THREE DIFFERENT TAX ACCOUNTS, THREE LOTS THAT WILL BE OFFERED AS ONE PARCEL. THESE WERE REQUIRED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. AND SO IT'S NOT EXCEPTIONAL BUT IT'S BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE WE HAVE HAD TWO SALES IN ONE YEAR, BUT WE THINK THAT IT'S PRUDENT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE TO HAVE A SALE OF THE PROPERTIES RATHER THAN HOLD THEM OVER TO WHAT WOULD BE CUSTOMARILY A SPRING SALE. IF THE BOARD APPROVES TODAY, THEN WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC SALE IN THIS ROOM ON AUGUST 15 OF NEXT MONTH. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS I AM DELIGHTED.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I JUST HAD A QUESTION. YOU SAID THAT YOU KNOW, IF WE DIDN'T DO THE SALE THEY WOULD BE HELD OVER TO THE SPRING AND THEY WOULD BE SITTING THERE EMPTY. OKAY. I WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT. THANK YOU.

Mike Sublett: YES.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: OKAY. LET'S SEE IF NO OTHER COMMENTS ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE ORDER IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.6 Animal Services Follow-up Audit. Presenters: Steve March, County Auditor; Nicole Dewees and Jennifer McGuirk, Sr. Management Auditors, Kim Peoples, DCS Dir., Jackie Rose, MCAS.

Steve March: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. WITH ME ARE JIM -- I AM HAVING ONE OF THOSE MORNINGS, ONE MORE CUP. JIM MCGUIRE AND NICOLE DEWEES. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP AUDIT OF -- THAT WE HAVE DONE

PREVIOUSLY WITH ANIMAL SERVICES AND FINISHED IN 2016. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE TEAM.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT.

Nicole Dewees: I AM NICOLE DEWEES, WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFERS. BEFORE I BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THEIR DEDICATION TO SERVING THE PUBLIC AND CARING FOR ANIMALS. WE CONDUCTED AS STEVE SAID AN AUDIT 2.5 YEARS AGO AND WE CAME BACK FOR A FOLLOW-UP AUDIT. WHILE MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED, YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT IN GREEN, A LITTLE OVER A THIRD WERE COMPLETED. THERE IS STILL SIGNATURE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. BEFORE I GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE AUDIT I WANT TO GIVE YOU BACKGROUND ABOUT WHAT IT ENTAILS. EVERY AUDIT IS A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS. WE ARE EXPERTS IN INTERVIEWING, MAKING OBSERVATIONS, AND RESEARCH, AND DATA ANALYSIS. FOR THIS PARTICULAR AUDIT WE CONDUCTED DOZENS OF INTERVIEWS. WE SPEAK WITH MANAGEMENT, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND BECAUSE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS CAN BE CANDID WITH US IN WAYS THAT THEY CANNOT BE WITH MANAGEMENT, WE OFTEN GET A UNIQUE AND HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE. WE STUDIED BEST PRACTICES AND WE ANALYZED HUNDREDS OF ANIMALS RECORDS AND VISITED THE SHELTER NUMEROUS TIMES INCLUDING FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS. WE DID A RIDE ALONG WITH ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. AT THE END ALL OF OUR REPORTS GO THROUGH A RIGOROUS QUALITY CONTROL PROCESS. ANOTHER AUDITOR WHO IS NOT INVOLVED HAS TO REVIEW EVERY FACTUAL STATEMENT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION. WHEN WE WENT OUT TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE THERE WERE MANY PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS. JACKIE ROSE HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB TRANSFORMING THIS SPACE. THERE ARE THREE SEPARATE ENTRANCES NOW. THERE WERE LONG LINES OUT THE DOOR AND TENSE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ANIMALS. NOW THERE IS A SEPARATE ENTRANCE FOR ADOPTION INTAKE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. WE WERE ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THE EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF DOUBLE-SIDED KENNELS FOR CATS. IT REDUCES STRESS AND ILLNESS. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE A NEW MEET AND GREET ROOM. THIS ALLOWS PEOPLE TO MAKE A PRIVATE DECISION AND GETS TO MEET ANIMAL ONE-ON-ONE.

Nicole Dewees: WE ALSO WERE PLEASED TO SEE THE ADDITION OF A POCKET PETS ROOM. IT'S A ROOM FOR SMALL PETS THAT HAD BEEN HOUSED WITH OTHER ANIMALS AND CAUSED TENSE SPECIES INTERACTIONS. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THE ADDITION OF A SWAMP COOLER WHICH HELPS TO KEEP THE TEMPERATURES UNDER CONTROL. HOWEVER THERE ARE BARRIERS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR PETS. FOR

A THREE-MONTH TIME PERIOD EVERY MORNING AND EVENING WE WOULD CHECK THE REPORTS ON THE WEBSITE GIVING THEM AMPLE TIME TO ENTER THE INFORMATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY. WE WOULD FIND THINGS LIKE THIS. A REPORT WITH NO LOCATION OR PICTURE. ANOTHER ONE WITH NO PICTURE. AND THEY WERE ENSURE OF THE GENDER OF THE ANIMAL. AND WE FOUND 25% OF THE PICTURES WERE NOT THERE, AND FOR THE GENDER AND LOCATION 18% WERE MISSING INFORMATION. THE REASON THAT THIS IS A BARRIER WE FOUND IN SPEAKING WITH MANY PEOPLE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, THERE WAS ONE GENTLEMAN WHO LOST HIS DOG, WAS NOT SURE WHERE IT WAS, AND HE CHECKED THE WEBSITE AND FOUND VAGUE INFORMATION SUCH AS GRAY DOG. HE ALSO CALLED BUT THE STAFFER LIMITED TO THE SAME TYPES OF INFORMATION THAT FEEDS IN.

BECAUSE HE HAD A JOB WITH UNPAID LEAVE, HE WAS UNABLE TO TAKE THE HOUR AND A HALF BUS RIDE OUT TO THE SHELTER BECAUSE HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO DO SO. HE KEPT CHECKING THE WEBSITE AND CALLING REGULARLY. NO SIGN OF HIS DOG. FINALLY AFTER SEVERAL DAYS HE DID FIND HIS DOG ON THE WEBSITE. AT THIS POINT IT HAD BEEN SEVERAL DAYS. THE DOG WAS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. SO HE RACED AS QUICKLY AS HE COULD ON THE BUS AND WAS ABLE TO GET HIS DOG BACK BUT BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN THERE FOR DAYS, HE HAD TO PAY BOARDING FEES AND HE ALSO RAN THE RISK OF HAVING SOMEONE ELSE ADOPT HIS DOG. SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS GETTING HIS DOG'S PICTURE UP COULD HAVE HELPED TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ERRORS IN THE PERFORMANCE TRACKING DATABASE. THESE ARE THREE CATS THAT WERE EUTHANIZED DURING OUR AUDIT. AND WHAT WE FOUND DURING THIS PROCESS IS THAT WHEN THE ANIMALS ARE EUTHANIZED, FIRST IT NEEDS TO BE RECORDED ON THE USED MAYLASIA ACTIVITY REPORT. THIS TRACKS THE DRUGS USED. AFTER THAT IT NEEDS TO BE ENTERED INTO THE ANIMAL TRACKING DATABASE WHICH IS KNOWN AS SHELTER BUDDY. THIS IS A PARTICULAR CAT EUTHANIZED AND YET MARKED AS DECEASED RATHER THAN EUTHANIZED. AND THESE ARE SIGNATURE FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST THE DRUGS USED TO EUTHANIZE ANIMALS ARE POWERFUL AND WE NEED TO KNOW THE AMOUNTS. I FOUND INSTANCES WHERE ANIMAL WAS EUTHANIZED AND NEVER RECORDED ON THAT DRUG TRACKING SHEET. ON THE OTHER SIDE IT'S IMPORTANT IT BE PUT INTO SHELTER BUDDY. THE RELEASE RATE, WHICH IS THE RATE AT WHICH THE ANIMALS LEAVE ALIVE IS ONE OF THE KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES. WHILE ANIMAL SERVICES SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR HAVING ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES IN THE NATION, MAKING SURE IT IS ACCURATE IS IMPORTANT. WE FOUND A 6% ERROR RATE. WHILE THAT MAY SEEM LOW FOR SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THIS WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE ZERO.

Commissioner Meieran: DOES THE LEAVE RELEASE RATE, DOES THAT CHANGE WHETHER ANIMAL IS MARKED AS DECEASED OR EUTHANIZED?

Nicole Dewees: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE WAY IT IS TRACKED IS IT PULLS OUT ANIMALS THAT DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES. THAT'S NOT HELD AGAINST NATURAL SERVICES. SO THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE IT WOULD HAVE IMPACTED THEIR LIVE RELEASE RATE. WITH THAT I WILL PASS IT OFF TO MY COLLEAGUE, JENNIFER MCGUIRK.

Jennifer McGuirk: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM JENNIFER WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. AND OUR INITIAL AUDIT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS WHETHER THIS SHELTER HAD SUFFICIENT STAFFING FOR CLEANING AND FEEDING. THERE IS A STANDARD THAT WE RAN THE NUMBERS AGAINST. AND AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT STAFFING. SO WHEN WE WENT BACK INTO, AND DID THE FOLLOW-UP WE CONDUCTED THAT ANALYSIS. ANIMAL SERVICES CONTINUED TO BE UNDERSTAFFED FOR THESE TASKS MOST OF THE TIME. UNDERSTAFFING FOR THESE CRITICAL TASKS MAKES GETTING THEM DONE MORE STRESSFUL AND CAN IMPACT HOW AND WHEN OTHER TASKS ARE ACCOMPLISHED. WHILE STAFF ARE CLEANING AND FEEDING THE 140 OR MORE ANIMALS WHO ARE AT THE SHELTER AT ANY TIME, THEY CAN FACE CHALLENGES THAT COULD BE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS FOR THEM AND THE ANIMALS. FOR EXAMPLE ONE MORNING WHEN I WAS OBSERVING ONE OF THE STAFF ASSIGNED TO CLEAN THE DOG AREAS HAD TO BREAK UP A DOGFIGHT. WHEN I LATER INTERVIEWED THAT PERSON, I FOUND OUT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN TRAINED ON HOW TO HANDLE THE DOGFIGHTS. THE STAFF PERSON WAS NOT INJURED NOR WERE THE ANIMALS BUT THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF THE STRESS OF GETTING FEEDING AND CLEANINGS DONE AND THE INTERACTIONS, HOW THEY COULD BE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS. STAFF IN EVERY ROLE AT THE SHELTER AND SHELTER OPERATIONS SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT UNDERSTAFFING. THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT UNDERSTAFFING AFFECTED THE FREQUENCY OF TRAINING LIKE THE SITUATION I JUST MENTIONED, BUT MOSTLY PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW UNDERSTAFFING AFFECTED THE ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE. THE GUIDELINES FOR STANDARDS OF CARE AND ANIMAL SHELTERS STATE THAT AT A MINIMALS MUST BE PROVIDED REGULAR SOCIAL CONTACT, MENTAL STIMULATION, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. REGULAR POSITIVE DAILY SOCIAL INTERACTIONS WITH HUMANS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH DOGS AND CATS EXCEPT FERRELL ANIMALS.

ALL ANIMALS IN THE SHELTERS SHOULD RECEIVE THESE THINGS WHICH WE REFER TO AS ENRICHMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE PROTECTED AGAINST STRESS. THEY ARE SORT OF INHERENTLY STRESSFUL ENVIRONMENTS. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THE STRESS MEANS YOU ARE HELPING THE ANIMALS BE LESS VULNERABLE TO THE ILLNESS AND HELPING THEM TO BE LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP THE BEHAVIORS THAT COULD BE UNSAFE IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN ANIMALS IN THE SHELTER DON'T GET ENOUGH ENRICHMENT IT CAN EXACERBATE THE PROBLEMS. ESPECIALLY AMONG ANIMALS YOU HAVE LONG-TERM STAYS AT THE SHELTER. IN 2017, 41% OF THE

ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER HAD A STAY OF 14 DAYS OR MORE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE DOGS IS RAIN. SHE'S SHOWN HERE. HER OWNER HAD TO SURRENDER HER TO THE SHELTER AND MENTIONED THAT RAIN COULD BE HERE WITH NEW PEOPLE. SHE SPENT HER FIRST 22 DAYS AT THE SHELTER IN THE INTAKE AREA, AN EXTREMELY LOUD AREA, AND THE ONLY HUMAN CONTACT THAT CONSISTENTLY OCCURS IS DURING MORNING CLEANING AND FEEDING. THE STANDARDS SAY IT DOES NOT COUNT AS ENRICHING ACTIVITY. DURING HER 22 DAYS IN INTAKE RAIN RECEIVED NO WALKS OR ENRICHING HUMAN INTERACTION, AND SHE BECAME MORE FEARFUL. SHE THEN MOVED TO THE ADOPTION FLOOR.

THIS IS HER ON THE ADOPTION FLOOR. I KNOW THAT SHE LOOKS A BIT SCARY. BUT IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S BEARING HER TEETH AND HAS HER EARS BACK BECAUSE SHE WAS AFRAID OF ME. SHE'S IN A SECTION OF THE ADOPTION FLOOR WHERE VOLUNTEERS DON'T WORK WITH THE ANIMALS. AGAIN BASED ON INTERVIEWS, OBSERVATIONS, AND REVIEW OF THE AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION, SHE DID NOT RECEIVE REGULAR WALKS OR INTERACT WITH PEOPLE WHILE ON THE ADOPTION FLOOR. WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH A DOG PRESENTING LIKE RAIN TO PROVIDE THAT NECESSARY ENRICHMENT? TALK TO HER. STANDING OUTSIDE HER KENNEL. SOME SHELTERS HAVE PROGRAMS WHERE PEOPLE READ BOOKS ALOUD TO ANIMALS IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE FOR PEOPLE AND PROVIDES ENRICHMENT TO THE PETS THAT REDUCES THEIR STRESS AND HELPS THEM EITHER BECOME LESS FEARFUL OR HAVE MORE PLEASANT EXPERIENCES IN THE SHELTER. ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN STAFF HAD A CHANCE TO TAKE HER OUT OF THE KENNEL SHE WAS ABLE TO RELAX A BIT, AND THIS LIKELY HELPED HER GET ADOPTED BUT SHE WAS RETURNED AND WAS ON THE ADOPTION FLOOR FOR 28 MORE DAYS AND THEN MOVED INTO A FOSTER HOME AND THEN GOT ADOPTED AGAIN. FOSTERING WAS PROBABLY CRITICAL TO RAIN BECAUSE AS WE TALKED ABOUT, FEARFUL DOGS LIKE HER NEED AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE REGULAR INTERACTION WITH PEOPLE, TO REDUCE THEIR FEAR AND TO DEVELOP THE TRUST WITH HUMANS. REGULAR ENRICHMENT OCCURRING COULD HAVE HELPED RAIN, TOO. THE STANDARDS THAT I QUOTED FROM EARLIER STATE THAT ENRICHMENT IS NOT OPTIONAL IN SHELTERS. IT NEEDS TO BE SCHEDULED AND BE PART OF THE DAILY ROUTINE FOR EVERY ANIMAL. THIS IS A LONG WAY OF SAYING THAT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UNDERSTAFFING, WE ARE NOT JUST CRUNCHING NUMBERS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EFFECTS ON REAL ANIMALS AND WHEN THERE IS NOT TIME TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SUFFICIENT ENRICHMENT IT NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE PETS BUT THE PEOPLE WORKING AT THE SHELTER BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS, AND IT COULD HAVE POTENTIAL IMPACTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WITH THAT WE WILL CLOSE OUR PRESENTATION AND TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS IMPORTANT AND THOUGHTFUL AUDIT. I APPRECIATE YOU BOTH DOING THE ORIGINAL AUDIT AND TAKING THE TIME AND GOING BACK AND REVISITING TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. I JUST WANTED TO ASK A FEW CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. I HAD GONE OVER THESE WITH YOU BEFORE, BUT JUST BECAUSE THEY CAME UP FOR ME IN READING THE AUDIT, THEY DID NOT REALLY COME UP DURING THE PRESENTATION AS MUCH. AND I JUST WANTED TO HAVE THE INFORMATION ON THE RECORD BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT WAS CONFUSING FOR ME. IN TERMS OF LISTING OF THE BARRIERS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR PETS, AND I NOTED YOU MENTIONED TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES ON THE CARD AND YOU GAVE THE STORY. WHAT YOU DID NOT MENTION IN THE AUDIT, WHICH SEEMS IMPORTANT, IS WHAT THE ACTUAL REUNIFICATION RATE WAS AT THE FACILITY AND HOW THAT COMPARES FOR EXAMPLE TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO THAT?

Nicole Dewees: THEY HAVE A REUNIFICATION RATE HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL PARK AVERAGE BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE IS NOT ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. IN MERON COUNTY THEY HAD AN ABOVE AVERAGE RETURN RATE BUT BY CHANGING THEIR WEBSITE AND MAKING SURE THE CRITICAL INFORMATION WAS PUT UP, THEY WERE ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR RETURN RATE BY 30 PERCENTAGE POINTS, SO I THINK THAT THEY ARE DOING WELL COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, AND AGAIN SHOULD BE COMMENDED ALONG WITH THE HIGH RELEASE RATE, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY CANNOT TAKE STEPS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO GET THEIR PETS BACK.

Commissioner Meieran: ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. AND I FEEL THAT IT'S IMPORTANT. THE REUNIFICATION RATE, IT'S 51% COMPARED TO 26%. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, THAT'S ALMOST DOUBLE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, WHICH ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, AND I DO A LOT OF -- AS A PHYSICIAN WE DO A LOT OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND LOOK AT OUTCOMES WHEN WE ARE DOING THAT KIND OF RESEARCH. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT TO SAY TREMENDOUS REUNIFICATION RATE IN THAT CONTEXT. HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS OF WAYS THAT WE CAN DO BETTER AND WORK ON THIS. THAT SEEMS TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I THINK EIGHT OF THE ANIMALS YOU HAD LISTED IN THE DESCRIPTIONS WERE UNIFIED LIKE TO THE SAME DAY.

Jennifer McGuirk: YES, THEY WERE. BUT THAT DOES NOT SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT IT IS AN OBSTACLE FOR PEOPLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THE ASPCA AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY STRESS THAT IT'S A BEST PRACTICE TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE INFORMATION IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A WEBSITE. THEY CITED AS THE BEST PRACTICE IN HELPING PEOPLE TO REUNITE WITH THEIR PETS FOR SOME OF THE REASONS THAT NICOLE

DISCUSSED EARLIER TRANSPORTATION CAN BE HARD. MOST OF THE SHELTERS ARE NOT LOCATED IN PLACES EASY TO GET TO. AND SO FORTH.

Commissioner Meieran: I UNDERSTAND THAT COMPLETELY, SO I APPRECIATE THAT. IN TERMS OF THE WEBSITE, I THINK THAT THERE ARE ALSO SOME BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE OUT THERE IN TERMS OF HAVING -- AND THAT GOES TO ANOTHER OF THE THINGS THAT I SEEM TO BE MISSING A BIT FROM THE REPORT, OR AT LEAST ARE CONFUSING TO ME. THAT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE DISCLOSURE PROCESS THAT HELPS TO KEEP THE PEOPLE AND PETS SAFE. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN HERE ABOUT THE NEED TO YOU KNOW, PROVIDING THE INFORMATION ON THOSE -- THE CARDS. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WHO -- THE OLDER MAN WHO ADOPTED THE DOG, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL HE GOT DOWN THERE THAT HE REALIZED IT'S NOT GOOD WITH PEOPLE. SOME OF THAT INFORMATION IN THE MATERIALS AND ON THE WEBSITE THAT, YOU KNOW, IT DOES SEEM LIKE NATIONALLY THERE IS A BEST PRACTICE OUT THERE FOR TEMPLATES AND THINGS THAT ARE LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

Jennifer McGuirk: IT'S NOT A SETTLED ISSUE WITHIN THE SHELTERING AND THERE ARE LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETIES THAT DO TAILORED DESCRIPTIONS AND SOME THAT USE TEMPLATES. THE ASPCA DOES PROMOTE KENNEL CARDS BUT THEY SAY THE DESCRIPTION NEEDS TO MATCH THE PERSONALITY OF THE DOG OR CAT, AND THEY ALSO SAY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT ANIMAL NEEDS TO BE READILY AVAILABLE RIGHT THERE AT THE ADOPTION AREA OR BEHIND THE KENNEL CARDS SO THAT THE PERSON CAN SEE IT EARLY AFTER THEY HAVE DECIDED IT'S A CUTE DOG OR CAT. I MIGHT WANT TO ADOPT THEM, AND THEY CAN GET THAT INFORMATION QUICKLY. WE WERE NOT SEEING IT HAPPEN EARLY IN THE PROCESS.

Commissioner Meieran: THAT MAKES SENSE. IT'S ANOTHER AREA THAT IT'S NOT CLEAR IN YOUR REPORT THAT THEY KIND OF ARE DOING THE TEMPLATE AND THE CARD IS THERE AND THAT IT WAS MORE AT THAT SORT OF SECOND LEVEL THAT WHEN SOMEONE CAME IN AND COULD SEE THE CARD OR WHATEVER IT WAS, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE THERE IS A BEST PRACTICE, MY UNDERSTANDING, FOR THAT TEMPLATE AND WHEN PEOPLE CAME IN IS SORT OF WHERE THAT DISCONNECT HAPPENED. I WOULD JUST BE CURIOUS. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE REPORT. I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT. ONE OTHER AREA THAT WAS CONFUSING, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR GOING THROUGH THIS, BUT I FEEL IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT SINCE IT IS OUT THERE AND IF I AM CONFUSED, OTHERS MIGHT BE, AS WELL. TALKING ABOUT THE STAFFING MODEL AND, YOU KNOW, ORIGINALLY IN THE AUDIT THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF.

Jennifer McGuirk: NO. OUR AUDIT DIDN'T RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF STAFF. WE SAID THAT THEY WERE UNDERSTAFFED. THEY NEEDED TO STUDY THAT. ADVOCATE FOR THE CORRECT NUMBER OF STAFF NEEDED TO FEED

AND CLEAN, AND THEY DID ASK FOR FOUR, BUT WE DID NOT RECOMMEND IS A SPECIFIC NUMBER.

Commissioner Meieran: IN TERMS OF THE STUDY. THERE NEEDS TO BE A STUDY, AND IT IS NOT A DESCRIPTION ABOUT BASIC, FOR BASIC FEEDING AND BASIC NEEDS, MY UNDERSTANDING THERE IS A FORMULA TO FIGURE THAT OUT AND THAT CAN BE DETERMINED FROM A FORMULA. IT DOES NOT MEET A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE STAFFING MODEL.

Jennifer McGuirk: THERE IS A COUPLE OF THINGS. SO THAT MODEL IS JUST FOR CLEANING AND FEEDING. THE COMPREHENSIVE STAFFING MODEL, WHICH WE TALKED ABOUT, LOOKS AT HOW LONG IS IT TAKING TO DO BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENTS OR ENRICHMENT OR HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF THE ANIMALS AND FIGURING OUT STAFFING BASED ON THOSE METRICS, AND THERE ARE NOT FORMULAS FOR THAT. WHEN I TALKED WITH THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SHELTER VETERINARIANS, THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT PRESCRIBED IS A FORMULA BECAUSE WHAT THE SHELTERS COMPRISE, FOR EXAMPLE, AN INITIAL INTAKE -- THOSE THINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT SO THEY EXPECTED THE SHELTERS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEIR NEEDS WERE AND DO THOSE STUDIES ON THEIR OWN. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE STUDYING OF STAFFING, WE ARE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT CLEANING AND FEEDING. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Commissioner Meieran: THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS IN THE REPORT.

Jennifer McGuirk: IT SAYS IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SO THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

Commissioner Meieran: THIS IS WHY I AM CONFUSED SO I APPRECIATE YOU CLARIFYING IT. AND I READ IT IN PRETTY SIGNATURE DEPTH. I APPRECIATE YOU HELPING TO EXPLAIN IT. WHEN THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION MADE FOR -- NOT FROM YOU BUT THE REQUEST FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL STAFF THERE WAS INITIALLY THE TWO INTRODUCED, AND THEN MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TWO ADDITIONAL THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO RECLASSIFY SO THAT THEY HAD TWO ADDITIONAL SO THAT THEY ACTUALLY DO MEET THE STAFFING OF THE FOUR ADDITIONAL STAFF.

Jennifer McGuirk: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TWO WERE APPROVED, AND THEY CONVERTED THOSE TO THE SPECIALISTS. SO THAT DID NOT REALLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR THE CLEANING AND FEEDING.

Commissioner Meieran: THERE IS TWO THINGS, AND MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW IF KIM OR JACKIE.

Commissioner Meieran: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WERE THOSE TWO THAT THE BOARD INITIALLY APPROVED, AND THEN THOSE TWO THEY DID

CHANGE INTO THE SPECIALIST, BUT THAT'S STILL INCLUDING THE ACTUAL DOING THE WORK OF THE BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FOOD AND CLEANING. THAT'S PART OF THE JOB, IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING A BEHAVIORAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH I THINK WOULD BE GREAT, AND IN ADDITION ANOTHER FTE WAS ABLE TO BE REDISTRIBUTED TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL BEHAVIORAL ENRICHMENT AIDES.

Jennifer McGuirk: IF I COULD RESPOND TO WHAT WE SAW IN THE AUDIT, AND JACKIE AND KIM CAN RESPOND, WE SPOKE WITH THE THEM IN THOSE ROLES AS WELL AS PEOPLE IN ANIMAL CARE, AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT REGULARLY DO FEEDING AND CLEANING. THEY HAVE HANDWRITTEN SIGN-IN SHEETS EACH DAY WHICH DESIGNATES WHO WILL CLEAN WHAT AREA, AND ON OCCASION ONE OF THOSE SPECIALISTS DID CLEAN A COUPLE OF OFFICES OR THE SMALLER ROOMS. THE OTHER PERSON, I THINK, WAS ASSIGNED TWICE TO CLEAN. IT WAS NOT A REGULAR DUTY FOR THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DEBATE WITH THE FORMER SHELTER MANAGERS TO WHETHER THAT WAS PART OF THE JOBS OR NOT.

Commissioner Meieran: THE TWO ADDITIONAL -- SO THERE IS FOUR TOTAL.

Jennifer McGuirk: I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY TWO ADDITIONAL. WE DID NOT SEE THAT WHEN WE ANALYZED THE STAFFING.

Jackie Rose: JACKIE ROSE, DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL SERVICES. GOOD MORNING. I WILL ADDRESS THE SECOND PART FIRST. THE TWO ADDITIONAL AS WE DISCUSSED WITH THE AUDITOR. OUR TWO POSITIONS STARTED JULY 1 OF THIS YEAR. WE HAD TAKEN THE APARTMENT CAT ACT PROGRAM, UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD CLOSED THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE HAVE NOW RECONVERTED THOSE DOLLARS AND CREATED TWO ADDITIONAL ANIMAL CARE AIDE POSITIONS ON THE BOOKS AS OF JULY 1 AND IN THE RECRUITMENT PHASE. CREATED, AND A FEELING CARE POSITION CREATED. AND THOSE POSITIONS ARE MULTIPLE FUNCTIONING POSITIONS. THEY'RE NOT MANAGERS, THEY ARE REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WHO ARE THERE TO HELP WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOW OF ANIMALS, THE SUPERVISION OF HOW ANIMALS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED AND RELEASED, AND WHAT KENNEL AN ANIMAL MAY BE IN.

THEY'RE ALSO CRITICAL TO THE ENRICHMENT COMPONENT, WHICH WAS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WE ALL AGREED WITH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE SHELTER. AND THEY WERE ALSO THERE TO PROVIDE ALL OTHER KINDS OF SUPPORTS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE ANIMALS. I WOULD TAKE ISSUE WITH THE AMOUNT OF TIME MOST WOULD PROBABLY COMPLAIN THAT THEY'RE CLEANING MORE THAN THEY WOULD LIKE TO. THEY ARE NOT PUT ON THE CLEANING SCHEDULE IN THE MORNING BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THEIR PRIMARY FUNCTION. HOWEVER, EVERY SINGLE DAY WHEN THE SUPERVISORS COME IN AND ARE MANAGING THE CLEANING AND CARE AND

FEEDING, THOSE STAFF ARE THEN DEPLOYED AS NEEDED. AS WELL AS SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS. WHEN WE WERE SHORT-STAFFED ON ANY GIVEN DAY, WE PITCH IN AND WE TAKE CARE OF THE ANIMALS. AND I THINK THAT'S A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT PIECE THAT I REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON. THAT AT NO TIME DOES A SINGLE ANIMAL IN OUR CARE NOT RECEIVE THE DAILY CARE THAT IT NEEDS. CLEANING, FEEDING, WATERING. IT DOES NOT HAPPEN. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, OUR GOAL IS ALWAYS TO BE READY BY THE TIME WE OPEN, WHICH IS AT NOON DURING THE WEEKDAYS, AND 11:00 ON WEEKENDS. AND WE MAKE THAT GOAL.

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE'S A SMALL ROOM IN THE BACK THAT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO BY THE TIME WE OPEN? YES, THE STAFF ARE THEN THERE, CONTINUING THAT CARE. SO I WOULD AGREE, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING WE COULD PROBABLY EQUALLY AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AND HOLD HANDS IN THAT. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ANIMALS DON'T RECEIVE THE CARE THEY NEED. WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER. WE ARE STRIVING EVERY SINGLE DAY TO DO BETTER. BUT PROCESSES DON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. LOTS OF CHANGE MANAGEMENT HAS OCCURRED, AND IT HAS ALL BEEN WITH THE DESIRE TO DO THE ABSOLUTE BEST THAT WE CAN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ANIMALS THAT WE SERVE EVERY SINGLE DAY AND THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. SO I DON'T DISAGREE THAT WE WOULD BENEFIT FROM INCREASED STAFFING LEVELS WITHOUT A DOUBT, BUT I AM A BIT CONCERNED WHEN THE CHARACTERIZATION LEADS ONE TO POSSIBLY JUMP TO THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ANIMALS ARE NOT GETTING THE DAILY CARE CLEANING FEEDING. IN REGARDS TO ENRICHMENT, I DON'T DISPUTE THAT THERE'S A GREATER NEED FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES WITH THE ANIMALS. THAT AGAIN IS ANOTHER AREA WE CONTINUE TO BUILD AND GROW AND IT'S LIKE -- YOU CREATE A FOUNDATION, YOU BUILD WALLS AND YOU BUILD YOUR HOUSE UP FROM THAT. IT DOESN'T JUST ERUPT OVERNIGHT.

Jackie Rose: WE HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY MANY PROCESSES IN THE FACILITY. WE'VE INCREASED OUR TRAINING AND OUR ACTIVITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS SO THEY CAN ASSIST WITH THOSE ACTIVITIES. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WHERE WE CAN DO SINGLE HANDEDLY. I THINK IN OUR PRESENTATION WE TALKED ABOUT 44 FTES A YEAR PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO TRAIN THEM. AND THERE'S MULTIPLE LEVELS. SO WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF -- AND HAVE AN INTENSE DESIRE TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR ANIMALS RECEIVE THE BEST SERVICE THAT THEY CAN EVERY DAY. I STAND BY THE FACT THAT THEY ARE DOING THE ABSOLUTE BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE. WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, AND WE'RE VERY OPTIMISTIC AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO GROW IN THE SHELTER.

Kim Peoples: I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM FOR THEIR REASSESSMENT, FOLLOW-UP, AND SO AS JACKIE ALLUDED TO, WE'RE DEDICATED TO THE

EVER-GROWING NEEDS FOR THE ANIMAL SHELL SHELTER, THE STAFFING LEVELS, AND WE HAVE MADE MARKED IMPROVEMENTS. THE AUDIT DID RECOGNIZE THOSE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS ROUGHLY 79% OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2016 AUDIT HAVE BEEN EITHER COMPLETED OR PARTIALLY COMPLETED. AND I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF THAT PROGRESS. AS WELL AS THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT, AND I APPLAUD THE TEAM FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE STAFF AND THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT. I'M GLAD JACKIE TOUCHED ON THE ADDITION OF TWO ANIMAL CARE AIDES THAT WE WERE ABLE TO REPURPOSE THAT POSITION, WHICH WE'LL CONTINUE THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS BETTER CARE FOR THE ANIMALS. SO OTHER THAN SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE FOR JACKIE AND I, THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY REMARKS. JUST APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE AUDIT AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DILIGENTLY WORK THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioner Meieran: THIS IS A QUICK ONE, THERE WAS A NEXT, THIS IS A SMALLER THING, THE MENTION OF THE AVERAGE HOLD TIMES OR WAIT TIMES, THAT THAT WAS SIX MINUTES, WHICH ACTUALLY HAVING BEEN ON HOLD WITH SO MANY PLACES OR SO MANY TIMES, SIX MINUTES ACTUALLY SEEMS LIKE A LITTLE BIT. BUT I UNDERSTAND IT WAS ACTUALLY AS OF NOVEMBER 3RD THAT THE ACTUAL HOLD TIME HAS BEEN THREE MINUTES. IS THAT CORRECT?

Jackie Rose: THAT IS CORRECT.

Jennifer McGuirk: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT. WHEN YOU CALL ANIMAL SERVICES, IT'S NOT LIKE CALLING A REGULAR BUSINESS. ALL OF THE CALLS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY CALLS, GO THROUGH THAT NUMBER. SO IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE CALLING SOMEBODY, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CABLE SERVICE OR SO FORTH. PEOPLE ARE CALLING ABOUT ANIMAL-TO-ANIMAL INTERACTIONS, ANIMAL-TO-HUMAN INTERACTIONS, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S GREAT THE WHOLE TIME HAS COME DOWN WHEN PEOPLE ARE CALLING IN, AND WE'RE PLEASED TO SEE THAT, BUT THAT'S ALSO WHY THE CALLS NEED TO BE ANSWERED QUICKLY.

Commissioner Meieran: IT WAS STILL NOTE THE AS SIX MINUTES IN THE --

Jennifer McGuirk: THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS DURING THE TIME OF OUR AUDIT. SO OUR REPORT UNFORTUNATELY COVERS WHAT WE AUDITED, IT DOESN'T COVER THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN JULY THIS YEAR, SO FORTH.

Commissioner Meieran: WHEN WAS THE TIMING OF THE AUDIT?

Jackie Rose: NOVEMBER WAS WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.

Commissioner Meieran: WHAT WAS THE TIME OF THE AUDIT?

Jennifer McGuirk: WE DID A STUDY OF 2017 CALL TIMES, SO THE AVERAGE CALL TIMES 2017 IS WHAT WE LOOKED AT.

Commissioner Meieran: AND IT DIDN'T LOOK AT CHANGES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

Nicole Dewees: THERE'S SEASONAL DIFFERENCES. THE SUMMER WAIT TIMES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, BUT I DIDN'T SEE A TRAJECTORY.

Commissioner Meieran: AGAIN, I THANK YOU AND OF COURSE THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, AND IT'S GREAT THAT YOU DID THIS REPORT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY SOME OF THOSE ISSUES OR NOT, BUT REGARDLESS I APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFYING THEM FOR ME, AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR WORK.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO COMMISSIONER WENT INTO A LOT OF THE QUESTION AND CLARIFICATIONS, SO I APPRECIATE YOUR VERY THOROUGH QUESTIONING. I GUESS I HAD TWO THINGS. ONE, YOU USED THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR STAFFING FOR THE CLEANING AND THE FEEDING OF THE ANIMALS, AND YOU USE THAT NATIONAL STANDARD. WE REFERRED TO THE REUNIFICATION RATE COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, I GUESS, IN TERMS OF MEETING THE NATIONAL STANDARD FOR THE CLEANING AND FEEDING? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ABOUT THAT?

Jennifer McGuirk: I DON'T. I KNOW THAT IT'S CONSIDERED A MINIMUM BEST PRACTICE TO MEET THAT STANDARD FOR CLEANING AND FEEDING. I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ADVERTISE IF THEY'RE NOT MEETING IT OR DOING IT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO THERE ISN'T NECESSARILY THE DATA THAT SHOWS HOW WELL THAT'S BEING --

Jennifer McGuirk: RIGHT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING PEOPLE SHARE LIKE THEY DO RETURN TO OWNER OR LIVE RELEASE RATE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WHEN YOU WERE LOOKING AT COMPARISONS, YOU MENTIONED HUMANE SOCIETY, FOR INSTANCE, BUT WAS THERE COMPARISON TO MUNICIPAL SHELTERS, LIKE COMPARATIVELY WITHIN THAT CIRCLE? BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD THINK OF, IF YOU GET IT AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES, OR IF YOU GET IT AT OHS, IT'S THE SAME THING, BUT OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE VERY DIFFERENT. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS, THEY HAVE DIFFERENT MANDATE. DID YOU DO ANY COMPARISON HOW OUR SHELTER IS DOING COMPARED TO OTHER MUNICIPAL SHELTERS?

Nicole Dewees: WE MAKE SURE WE COMPARE TO MUNICIPAL SHELTERS. OPENS ARE ABLE TO TURN AWAY ANIMALS IN A WAY MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS NOT ABLE TO. SO THEY CAN GET THE MOST CHALLENGING ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND SO THERE'S OTHER THINGS THAT MAKE IT CHALLENGING TO COMPARE. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME MUNICIPALITIES HAVE MUCH HIGHER RATES OF FERAL ANIMALS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND ALSO SOME COUNTIES HAVE GREATER RURAL POPULATIONS. WE ARE MOSTLY AN URBAN COUNTY, SO WE INITIALLY LOOKED AT PLACES LIKE KING COUNTY AND DIFFERENT COUNTIES, BUT BECAUSE KING COUNTY HAS A MUCH LARGER RURAL POPULATION, IN SOME WAYS IT'S NOT FAIR TO COMPARE. BUT GENERALLY IF YOU DO LOOK AT DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES, THEIR ANIMAL SHELTERS, WHEN IT COMES TO LIVE RELEASE RATES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: OKAY. AND I THINK THAT WAS ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAD.

Commissioner Stegmann: I HAD A FEW QUESTIONS. COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS AND THE EBB AND FLOW AND JUST -- IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE A STATIC NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT COME IN. IF YOU COULD WALK ME THROUGH THAT.

Jackie Rose: ABSOLUTELY. AND I APPRECIATE THAT. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES OF BEING AN OPEN ADMISSION SHELTER, IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW ANY GIVEN DAY HOW MANY ANIMALS WILL COME TO OUR DOOR FOR SERVICE. UNLIKE A LIMITED ADMISSION SUCH AS OHS WHO DOES A FABULOUS JOB, BUT THEY DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAY, SORRY, WE'RE FULL, CAN'T TAKE YOUR ANIMAL, TAKE IT TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES. WE DON'T TURN ANYONE AWAY. WE HAVE SEASONAL CHANGES. RIGHT NOW WE'RE MOVING INTO AND PROBABLY BEGINNING THE PEAK OF OUR HIGHEST SEASON THIS SUMMER. ANIMALS ARE OUT MORE FREQUENTLY, DOGS ARE OUT IN HOT CARS, PEOPLE ARE WALKING THEIR DOGS, THERE'S MUCH MORE ACTIVITY, PLUS WE HAVE KITTEN SEASON. WE KNOW IN KITTEN SEASON WE'RE GOING TO SEE APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND KITTENS COME THROUGH OUR FACILITY IN SIX MONTHS. AND SO THOSE NUMBERS WITHOUT A DOUBT GO SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. RIGHT NOW WITH OUR -- LET ME REPHRASE THAT.

OUR PREVIOUS STAFFING PATTERN, BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL TWO POSITIONS THAT ARE STARTED TWO WEEKS AGO, WE HAD STAFFING FOR APPROXIMATELY I WOULD SAY SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS THAT ARE ADEQUATE. BUT WHEN WE REACH THESE HIGH-PEAK PERIODS, THAT'S WHEN QUESTION SEE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR OUR STAFFING PATTERNS. WE WILL START TO SEE A DECLINE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, AND THE OTHER PART THAT MAKES IT CHALLENGING IS IT'S ALSO BASED ON WEATHER. THIS WAS A

MILD WINTER, KITTEN SEASON STARTS EARLIER, AND IT WILL LAST LONGER. IF WE HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT WINTER, IT'S HARD TO SAY, BUT THERE WILL BE A GROUP OF KITTENS WHO ARE BORN OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL NEVER -- THEY WON'T MAKE IT, THEY WON'T THRIVE, SO THEY WON'T MAKE IT TO THE SHELTER. SO WE MISS THAT FIRST WAVE AND KITTEN SEASON WON'T START UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR. SO IT'S SEASONAL AND IT'S WEATHER DEPENDENT. ON AN AVERAGE WE CAN RUN ANYWHERE FROM 130 ANIMALS ON A LOW DAY IN OUR LESS DIFFICULT MONTHS, TWO, SOMETIMES 300 ANIMALS. THAT'S QUITE A SWING. AND IT'S QUITE A CHALLENGE TO STAFF FOR THAT. WITHOUT A DOUBT.

Commissioner Stegmann: I KNOW YOU HAVE A NEW DATABASE SYSTEM, AND I UNDERSTAND THE AUDIT, AND I APPRECIATE THE AUDITED TERRORS, THEY HAVE TO PICK A POINT IN TIME AND SAY THIS IS THE SNAPSHOT, OBVIOUSLY IT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF THINGS ARE IN FLUX. IN A VERY POSITIVE MANNER, BUT COULD YOU JUST TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE ADDRESSING THAT?

Jackie Rose: I'M HAPPY TO. AND I APPRECIATE THAT. AS I THINK THE AUDITORS MAY HAVE MENTIONED IN THE REPORT, WE DID START OUR NEW DATABASE PROGRAM AUGUST 1ST OF THIS YEAR. WHICH WAS A HUGE UNDERTAKING. THE LEARNING CURVE FOR THAT SYSTEM IN AND OF ITSELF FOR ANY OF US, I DON'T CARE WHAT AGENCY YOU GO TO, THERE'S A PERIOD WHERE YOU HAVE TO BECOME FAMILIAR AND UNDERSTAND THAT SYSTEM AND BECOME COMFORTABLE AND ABLE TO MANEUVER THROUGH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FACETS OF THAT SYSTEM. SO THERE PROBABLY WERE HIGHER ERROR RATES IN THE EARLY PART, I'M MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE TODAY. WE'VE ALSO BECOME MUCH MORE AWARE OF AND AS A MATTER OF FACT EVEN HAD A TRAINING YESTERDAY TO CONTINUE TO HELP US LEARN HOW TO READ VARIOUS REPORTS THAT WILL HIGHLIGHT DISCREPANCIES SO WE CAN CORRECT THOSE ERRORS GOING FORWARD.

IT'S PEOPLE PUTTING DATA INTO A SYSTEM. THERE'S GOING TO BE A HUMAN ERROR RATE, BECAUSE NONE OF US ARE GOING TO DO IT PERFECTLY. THAT EUTHANIZE VERSUS DECEASED IS A DROP-DOWN. D IS RIGHT NEXT TO E. DID SOMEONE SIMPLY SELECT THE WRONG ONE? I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS IT, OR THEY ACTUALLY INTENTIONALLY PICKED DECEASED AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT ACTUALLY MEAN. I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW WE DO TRAINING WITH THE STAFF, THE STAFF ARE PRETTY COMFORTABLE WITH UNDERSTANDING THOSE DIFFERENCES. BUT THAT'S A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE THAT COME UP AS DECEASED. IT'S REALLY NOT THE BULK, MOST WOULD HAVE BEEN EUTHANIZED. BUT AGAIN, I THINK THE MORE IMPORTANT PIECE IS THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE REPORTS WITHIN SHELTER BUDDY THAT WE CAN RUN FOR DISCREPANCIES THAT OUR STAFF, THAT OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM AND SUPERVISORS RUN ON A MONTHLY BASIS, SOME OF THEM ARE ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO CATCH THOSE, JUST ERRORS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN THAT ARE JUST HUMAN NATURE ERRORS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. I THINK THE SAYING THAT COMES TO MY MIND IS DON'T LET THE PERFECT BE THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD. AND WHILE, YES, I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT IF WE HAD THE RESOURCES, AND REALLY IT RESTS WITH THIS BOARD AND OUR FUNDING MECHANISMS, IF WE HAD ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD TO HAVE A TOP-NOTCH AND HIRE UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF STAFF, WE COULD EASILY MEET THE BEST PRACTICES. BUT AS WE KNOW, THAT IS JUST SIMPLY NOT A REALITY. AND WE HAVE COMPETING NEEDS FOR OUR RESOURCES AND I KNOW THAT EVERY ONE OF US IS A HUGE ANIMAL LOVER, AS ARE MOST PEOPLE. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THERE'S JUST SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH MONEY, SO WHILE I APPRECIATE THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE OUTLINING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND THEY'RE VALID, AND I AM CONFIDENT AND I'VE ALREADY SEEN HUGE IMPROVEMENTS, AND THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, BUT WITH THAT BEING SAID, I ALSO HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE IN YOU, JACKIE, AND KIM, AND YOUR STAFF, AND THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS. I'VE BEEN OUT TO THE SHELTER SEVERAL TIMES, AND, YEAH, YOU'RE OPERATING IN SOME VERY CRAMPED, OLD, OUTDATED CONDITIONS, AND I THINK GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH, I THINK YOU'RE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB. YES, THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. BUT WE ARE MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE ANIMALS. IT'S NOT IDEAL, IT'S NOT PERFECT, AND WE WANT THEM TO BE ADOPTED OUT, AND WE WANT THEM TO BE MOVED TO SHELTERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO KEEPING THEM SAFE, FED, AND HAVING THEIR BASIC NEEDS MET, SOMETIMES, YES, WE WOULD LOVE TO DO MORE, BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S THE BEST WE CAN DO. AND SO I JUST WANT TO THANK THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR TAKING SUCH A DEEP DIVE. I HOPE -- IS THERE A FUTURE AUDIT? BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ALL GO BACK, WHENEVER, A YEAR FROM NOW, TO HELP GET AN UPDATED SNAPSHOT.

Nicole Dewees: WE'LL HAVE A NEW ELECTED AUDITOR BY THEN, SO IT'S UP TO HIS OR HER DISCRETION. WE COULD RECOMMEND IT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT. GO AHEAD.

Kim Peoples: I'D LIKE TO OFFER THE FACT THAT JACKIE AND I WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTLINING, AND WE WILL BE COMING BACK AT THE VERY LEAST IN PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THESE VERY SAME RECOMMENDATIONS. PROBABLY A YEAR FROM NOW, WE USUALLY TRY TO COME BACK TO YOU FOR A BRIEFING IN FEBRUARY OR APRIL. SO WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: FANTASTIC. JUST ONE THING, BECAUSE YOUR COMMENTS ACTUALLY MADE ME REALIZE, I WANTED TO SAY THIS IN THE MEETING, BUT I DO AGREE THAT OBVIOUSLY THE STAFFING IS PART OF THE BUDGETING DECISIONS THAT WE ALL MAKE WHEN WE GO THROUGH THE BUDGETING PROCESS AND WHEN WE ULTIMATELY VOTE ON THE BUDGET,

BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I'VE TALKED ABOUT, THAT KIM AND JACKIE THAT I THINK COULD BE A REAL HELP WITH SOME OF THESE CONSTRAINTS THAT WE HAVE IS LOOKING AT A DEVELOPMENT OR FOUNDATION WORK FOR OUR ANIMAL SERVICES TO HELP WITH THE FUND-RAISING PIECE OF IT. BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE SO MANY ANIMAL LOVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT I WANT TO HELP, AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF WHEN YOU'RE WORKING TO TRY TO FILL THE GAPS AND DO ALL THE WORK THAT'S NECESSARY, IT'S HARDER TO THINK OF THE BIGGER PICTURE, BUT I THINK THAT COULD BE ONE OF THE THINGS OF GETTING MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT, NOT JUST WITH THE VOLUNTEER HOURS, BUT HELPING FINANCIALLY CAN HELP CHANNEL SOME OF THIS ENERGY AND COMPASSION WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO THE NEEDS THAT WE HAVE HERE TOO.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. I'M SURE THIS BOARD WOULD LOVE TO ENGAGE AND OF COURSE ANIMAL SERVICES IN MY DISTRICT, AND I'M SURE WE COULD GET MANY EAST COUNTY RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THAT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE IN-DEPTH AUDIT, WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING VERY THOROUGH AND TURNING OVER EVERY STONE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE SELF-REFLECTIVE OF OUR ORGANIZATION, AND YOU ALL HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB. AND THANK YOU TO JACKIE AND KIM FOR ANSWERING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS.

BOARD COMMENT.

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ALL RIGHT. NOW IS THE TIME THAT WE HAVE FOR BOARD COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING TO DISCUSS? ALL RIGHT. HEARING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:22 a.m

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