

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present.

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

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Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SECOND.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVED AND McKEEL SECONDED. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE SIGNED UP. IF YOU COULD COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME.

Mr. Phillips: I AM PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE LAST WEEK, AND TODAY'S SUBJECT IS 2013-2014, AND IT'S ONLINE, AND THE SUBJECT IS SERVICE ANIMALS, AS WELL. THAT IS FEBRUARY 13, OF THIS YEAR'S MEETING. FIRST OF ALL, AN ARTICLE DATED 4-29-14, AND WRITTEN BY A, A JEFF. IT SAYS POLICE DOG BITES, LEADS TO OFFICER'S LAWSUIT. AND, AND I HAVE HERE THE ARTICLE, AND AT THE BOTTOM, IT SAYS A SERVICE ANIMAL DID THAT. CANINES, AND RESCUE DOGS ARE NOT SERVICE ANIMALS. ANYBODY COULD, COULD CONTACT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR, OR GO ONLINE AND READ THE OREGON REVISED STATUTES 167.352, OR CONTACT, LIKE I SAID, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO FIND OUT, SO TECHNICALLY, WHEN A POLICE DOG IS IN A GROCERY STORE, THEY ARE IN

VIOLATION OF A LAW, UNLESS THEY ARE USING IT AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE GROCERY STORE, OR EVEN A SEARCH AND RESCUE IN A RESTAURANT AND SUCH. ANYBODY COULD, COULD VALIDATE THAT INFORMATION. TED WHEELER'S LETTER OF JANUARY 16, 2007, STATED THE OREGON STATE LAW AFTER I HAD REVIEWED IT TO HIM HERE, AT THE BUILDING HERE, AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS, JUST PRIOR TO THAT, AND THEN HE ALSO READ THE LETTER. THE REASON I BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF FEBRUARY 14th, OR, OR 13th, EXCUSE ME, NOW THE MEETINGS ARE BEING PRINTED FOR THE, THE DEAF PEOPLE, OR PEOPLE THAT CAN'T RECEIVE THE TELEVISED PORTION FROM THE INTERNET, THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO READ ONLINE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WEBSITE. IT'S PRINTED MATERIAL FOR, FOR THE ONSCREEN OPENS AN ACROBATIC READER, ADOBE ACROBAT READER NOW. AND SO, I HAD MENTIONED THE 13th AT THE MEETING IN FEBRUARY, THAT I COMPARED THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, JUST, JUST ICE, WITH, WITH THE, THE, WITH A TURD BEING 90% WATER, AND I -- THANKS.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU, MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips: I WILL LEAVE THERE ARTICLE.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING COMPANY, AND MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I BRIEFLY WANT TO GO OVER WHAT WE DISCUSSED ABOUT A WEEK AGO ON THE SALARIES PERTAINING TO THE COMMITTEE. I UNDERSTAND THAT COMMITTEE IS, IS SELECTED BY THE AUDITOR, WHICH I THINK IS OK. I MEAN, THE AUDITOR DOES -- REPORTS THAT, THAT, THAT BASICALLY, GOES OVER THE PERFORMANCE OF A LOT OF PEOPLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO SEE IS, IS MORE COMMISSIONER CHAIR INPUT ON THE SALARY COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME PEOPLE ON THAT COMMITTEE THAT ARE COMMISSIONERS. I THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OVERSIGHT ON THAT. ONE OF THE ISSUES I HAD IS THAT ON THE JOB PERFORMANCE, THERE IS REALLY NO, NO -- NOTHING TO DO WITH THE JOB PERFORMANCE, AND I FIND THAT KIND OF, OF DISTURBING THAT IF SOMEBODY IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB, LET'S SAY THAT THEY ARE MISSING THEIR BUDGET, THEY ARE BREACHING THE LAW AND DO OTHER THINGS IN THAT CATEGORY, TO ME, THERE SHOULD BE A MORATORIUM PUT ON THEIR SALARY. IF THERE IS NOT SOMETHING SET UP IN THAT CAPACITY, THEN WHAT IS THE TRUE INCENTIVE FOR SOMEBODY TO DO GOOD AND TO TRY TO MEET THEIR BUDGET? SO, I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH THIS SALARY COMMITTEE, NOT LOOKING AT JOB PERFORMANCE AND SAYING, HEY, YOU REALLY DIDN'T DO TOO GOOD IN THE LAST YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO DO A MORATORIUM ON THE SALARY AND SEE IF YOU CAN DO BETTER. IF WE DON'T HAVE THOSE INCENTIVES IN PLACE, AND YOU GIVE PEOPLE RAISES, THERE IS NO REASON TO DO BETTER, AND THAT'S MY POSITION ON THAT. SO, AGAIN, FOR THE

COMMISSIONERS UP HERE AND THE CHAIR, I THINK THAT YOU ARE ALL UNDERPAID. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT TO GET ON YOUR GOOD SIDE, EITHER, BECAUSE WHERE I'M AT ON THIS THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT OTHER SALARIES THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU REALLY ARE NOT PAID FOR THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT YOU DO, AND YOUR SALARIES SHOULD BE VERY CLOSE TO, TO SOME OF THESE OTHER PEOPLE, AT THE HIGHER END, AND IT'S NOT, AND THAT'S JUST MY OPINION ON THAT. AND THAT'S WHERE I'M AT. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU, LIGHTNING.

>> R-1.

>> Chair Madrigal: CAN I GET A MOTION TO POSTPONE?

Commissioner Wendt: SO MOVE.

Commissioner Shiprack: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER WENDT, MOVES TO POSTPONE AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS. IS THAT A MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY OR A TIME CERTAIN?

Commissioner Wendt: INDEFINITELY.

Board Clerk: IT SAYS THE TIME CERTAIN IS JUNE 21st.

>> Chair Madrigal: JUNE 21st. COMMISSIONER WENDT MOVED TO POSTPONE R-1 TO, TO -- I JUST LOOKED DOWN AND I HAVE JUNE 12, SO WHY DON'T WE DO INDEFINITELY.

>> Chair Madrigal: IS THAT OK, COMMISSIONER WENDT?

>> Commissioner Wendt: THAT'S GREAT.

>> Chair Madrigal: IS IT OK WITH YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK?

>> Commissioner Shiprack: THAT'S FINE.

>> Chair Madrigal: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY IS APPROVED.

>>> R-2.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SO MOVE.

Commissioner Shiprack: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: McKEEL MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS. R-2.

Mr. Hinds: I AM PATRICK HINDS, THE MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION. THE RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE BRINGING TO YOU TODAY IS COMPLIANT WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, WE'RE ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO INITIATE NEGOTIATION ACTIVITY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED ON, ON ARATA ROAD. WITH THIS RESOLUTION, WE'RE SEEKING AUTHORIZATION TO, TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR, FOR NINE TEMPORARY EASEMENTS AND ROAD PURPOSE EASEMENTS. THOSE ARE A TOURNAMENT EASEMENT AND ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF ARM POLES AND SIGNAL DEVICES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF 238 AND THERE WON'T BE A SIGNAL AT 223rd, I THINK. IT'S JUST A RECONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? OK. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-3.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SO MOVE.

Commissioner Shiprack: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-3.

Mr. Vincent: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. BRIAN VINCENT, COUNTY ENGINEER WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES. THIS REQUEST IS TO AUTHORIZE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO ENABLE FEDERAL FUNDING TO, TO REPLACE AN EXISTING CULVERT OUT ON SOUTHEAST STARK STREET IN THE CITY OF TROUTDALE. PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE SPENT 12 YEARS TRYING TO GET TRACTION ON THIS. WE HAVE AN EXISTING FULL FISH BARRIER AT THIS LOCATION, AND THIS PROJECT WILL ENABLE FULL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT WITH AN OPEN SPAN, ESSENTIALLY, A BRIDGE STRUCTURE, AND WE'LL PROVIDE REALLY, EXCELLENT IMPROVEMENTS TO FISH PASSAGE IN THIS AREA. THE ESTIMATED COST IS ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION, AND DESIGN WOULD START VERY SOON THIS SUMMER AND, AND IDEALLY, WE WOULD BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEXT SUMMER, AND THEN A VERY SHORT WINDOW, HOPEFULLY BY FALL, WE WOULD BE COMPLETE.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS FOR BRIAN?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. BRIAN, DID YOU SAY THAT THERE WOULD BE A BRIDGE, OR DID I MISUNDERSTOOD IT?

Mr. Vincent: IT'S, IT'S, TECHNICALLY, IT'S CLASSIFIED AS A CULVERT, A PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURE, BUT IT'S OPEN BOTTOM. I THINK OF IT AS THE TINKER TOY ASSEMBLY. YOU BRING OUT PARTS AND PUT THEM IN PLACE.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE AROUND BEAVER CREEK. GLAD TO SEE THIS MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE IGA IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: R-4.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Wendt: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER WENDT SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-4.

>>> CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, THIS IS A SIMILAR REQUEST, AGAIN, ANOTHER PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THIS PROJECT IS OUT IN THE CITIES OF FAIRVIEW AND WOOD VILLAGE, CROSSES THE CITY LIMITS THERE ON NORTHEAST SANDY BETWEEN 230th AND 238th. IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR THE REGION. IT'S PRIMARILY AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFIT, BUT IT WILL BE MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING TWO-LANE UNIMPROVED SECTION OF ROAD. ESTIMATED COST IS ABOUT 1.3 MILLION. THE GRANT FUND IS ABOUT 60% OF THAT. THE ROAD FUND WILL TAKE UP THE REMAINDER OF THAT. SIMILAR TIME FRAME IS THE LAST PROJECT, DESIGN WOULD START IMMEDIATELY, AND IDEALLY BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF 2015. MOST PROBABLY ABOUT A YEAR CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU. WE'RE ALL ABOUT THE COUNTY HERE

THIS MORNING. WE LIKE THAT. [LAUGHTER] NOW, I JUST -- THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT, I THINK, IDENTIFIED AND SUPPORTED. ALL THREE OF THESE PROJECTS, I SHOULD HAVE, HAVE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ARATA ROAD BECAUSE THAT'S A LONG-TIME PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING OUT THERE, AND THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT, SHALL WE SAY, AROUND THAT ARATA ROAD PROJECT STARTING BECAUSE IT'S A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SO, ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE IGA IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-5

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Wendt: SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, WENDT SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-5.

Ms. Neburka: GOOD MORNING. I AM JULIE NEBURKA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS. I AM HERE TODAY TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THE, THE DCA-19 WHICH ADDS THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATOR POSITION TO THE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS TEAM AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES HUB. YOU KNOW, AT THE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY YESTERDAY, YOU HEARD A BIT ABOUT, ABOUT [INAUDIBLE], WHO IS A FAIRLY RECENT HIRE IN THE COUNTY, AND ALL THE REALLY GOOD WORK HE'S DOING AND THE VOLUME OF CONTRACTS THAT PASSED THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS' TEAM. THIS POSITION WOULD, WOULD DO A SIMILAR VOLUME OF WORK FOR, FOR THE I.T. SIDE, AND YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT, ABOUT, ABOUT OTHER I.T. PROJECTS THAT MIGHT HAVE BENEFITED FROM HAVING A REALLY GOOD, STRONG CONTRACT IN PLACE. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEKING TO DO. WE CURRENTLY PERFORMED THE FUNCTION WITH A CONTRACTOR WHO WE HIRED FROM A LAW FIRM. THAT'S PROVEN TO BE AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION. WE THINK THAT BY CONVERTING THOSE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DOLLARS INTO A POSITION, WE GET A MORE KIND OF COST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF INSURING THE COUNTY IS WELL PROTECTED WITH THE CONTRACTS. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, IF YOU HAVE THEM.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Smith: YES, I HAVE A QUESTION. JULIE, ARE YOU PLANNING, OR IS THE DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO, ACTUALLY, HIRE SOMEONE BEFORE JULY 1? AND WHY WOULDN'T WE MAKE THAT CHANGE DURING THE BUDGET.

>> WE DID INCLUDE THE, THE POSITION FOR THIS ON JULY 1. AND WE ARE PLANNING TO HIRE IN THE CURRENT YEAR, WHICH IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY. THE REASON THAT WE NEED TO HIRE IN THE CURRENT YEAR, THE CONTRACTOR HAS, ACTUALLY, TAKEN ANOTHER JOB IN SEATTLE, SO WE ARE WITHOUT ANYONE TO DO THAT WORK.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? NO? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS.

>> R-6.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVED AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS THE APPROVAL OF R-6.

>> GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Lear: WENDY LEAR, BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THIS IS KIND OF A HOUSEKEEPING BUDGET MODIFICATION WHERE IN PREPARING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET, WE OVERESTIMATED HOW MUCH MEDICAID REVENUE WE WOULD RECEIVE ON A FEE FOR SERVICE BASIS, AND, OR UNDERESTIMATED THAT AMOUNT AND OVERESTIMATED HOW MUCH WE WOULD RECEIVE IN THE MEDICAID WRAP-AROUND. AND IF YOU WILL RECALL, THE, THE MEDICAID WRAP-AROUND IS IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND THE FEE FOR SERVICE REVENUE IS, IS IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE FUND, AND THE TWO KIND OF BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT. AND WE GET PAID FEE FOR SERVICE AND MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN WRAP-AROUND, OR VICE VERSA, AND WE, WE EXPECTED TO GET MORE, MORE IN THE WRAP-AROUND PORTION, AND IT'S, INSTEAD, IN THE FEE FOR SERVICE SIDE, SO, WE'RE MAKING THIS TRANSIT CENTER SO THAT WE CAN AVOID ANY BUDGET VIOLATIONS BY COLLECTING MORE FEE FOR SERVICE REVENUES THAN WE HAVE IN OUR APPROPRIATION.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. GOOD MORNING. AND WHERE EXACTLY ARE THE DOLLARS CURRENTLY FOR THE \$5 MILLION? IS THAT OUR CONTINGENCY MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND?

>> NO, IT'S, IT'S BUDGETED IN THE MEDICAID WRAP-AROUND FUND APPROPRIATED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND, SO IT'S SITTING THERE, AS A BUDGET AMOUNT FOR HOW MUCH WRAP-AROUND REVENUE WE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE.

>> Commissioner Smith: IS THERE SOMEONE FROM THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT HERE? DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IS IN THE, IN THE MEDICAID WRAP-AROUND FUND? THE ENTIRE AMOUNT?

>> I'M GOING TO LOOK AT ROBERT AND SEE IF HE KNOWS A BALLPARK? YOU DON'T WANT TO VENTURE A GUESS?

>> I WOULD RATHER SIT HERE.

>> OK. [LAUGHTER]

>> Commissioner Smith: I WOULD NO ONE RATHER TO GUESS AND GIVE ME THE EXACT AMOUNT.

>> I WILL GET AN EXACT AMOUNT. I AM GOING TO SAY IT'S AROUND \$30 MILLION FOR THE YEAR, \$25 MILLION, \$30 MILLION, FOR THE YEAR.

>> Commissioner Smith: WHAT'S LEFT IN THERE NOW?

>> THAT'S WHAT'S IN THERE NOW.

>> Commissioner Smith: SO \$30 MILLION IN THIS FUND FOR THE WRAP-AROUND, AND YOU ARE MOVING \$5 MILLION OF THE 30 INTO YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET?

>> IT'S NOT IN CONTINGENCY, IT'S IN OUR BUDGET, IN OUR APPROPRIATED BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. THANK YOU.

>> ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? OK. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE.

>> I HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> Chair Madrigal: I'M SORRY.

>> JOE WALSH.

>> Chair Madrigal: SORRY, JOE. COME ON UP.

>> I AM JOE WALSH, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR REQUEST. WE DO NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE REQUEST. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A SUGGESTION. AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY, THEY FIGURED OUT A WAY OF RAISING NEW FUNDS ON THE HEALTH AND DISABLED. WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO IS THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS, A MILLION DOLLARS ON TICKETING HANDICAPPED PARKING TO THE DISABLED, WHO WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO PARK FREE. SO, I BRING IT TO YOU THAT WE, TOGETHER, MAYBE COULD PUT A TURNSTILE ON THE RAMP. CHARGE PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED, A DOLLAR TO USE THE RAMP. WE COULD MAKE A LOT OF MONEY. WE WOULD BE IN-SYNC WITH THE CITY. THE CITY WILL SPEND 400 TO A BILLION DOLLARS COVERING THE RESERVOIRS, THAT IS OUTRAGEOUS, AND WE ALL KNOW IT. THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A MILLION BUCKS ON THE BATCH OF THE DISABLED. SO, IN YOUR FUNDING, WHEN YOU, YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MONEY, WHY DON'T YOU CALL STEVE NOVACK, WHO CAME UP WITH THIS BRAINSTORM, AND MAYBE WE COULD TAX THE DISABLED EVEN MORE. YOU KNOW, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE I'M ON THE BUS, AND SOMEONE GETS ON WITH A WHEELCHAIR, AND I SEE THOSE FEET MOVE. SO, THEY ARE NOT TOTALLY CRIPPLED, SO THEY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE. THAT'S WHAT STEVE IS SAYING. WE HAVE TO CHECK THE DISABLED. I AM DISABLED, YOU ALL KNOW THAT. I'M ON OXYGEN, AND I ONLY TAKE IT OFF WHEN I SPEAK BECAUSE IT'S ANNOYING. THERE IS A POPPING SOUND WHEN I BREATHE. I TAKE THIS VERY PERSONALLY, AND I DO NOT HAVE A PERMIT. I TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND I AM DROPPED OFF HERE. BUT LADIES, THIS IS SO OUTRAGEOUS! WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE? WE ALL TALK ABOUT ALL THIS WONDERFUL STUFF THAT WE DO FOR THE HOMELESS, AND FOR THE DISABLED, AND THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY NEED OUR HELP, AND THEN WE CHARGE THEM, AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR OFF THEIR BACKS. IF THEY PARK IN THE METERED PARKING SPACE, WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW. HOW IS THAT FOR HUMANITY? AND I DO SUPPORT YOU, AND I LIKE YOUR WORK. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>>> ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R-7.

>> SO MOVE.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND SMITH SECONDS R-7.

>> I AM MARC HARRIS, AND WITH ME TODAY IS JULIA, THE RESEARCH DESIGN FOR DESIGN EVALUATION SERVICES. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO REQUEST YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$500,000 A YEAR OVER THREE YEARS TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF THE CHANGING POLICY LEGAL ENVIRONMENT FOR MARIJUANA GRANT PROGRAM. THIS NIH PROGRAM ENCOURAGES RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF CHANGING MARIJUANA POLICIES AND LAWS ON PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM DESIGN EVALUATION SERVICES UNIT IS PROPOSING TO ASSESS HOW LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN WASHINGTON STATE IS ASSOCIATED WITH A VARIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES USING THE STATE OF OREGON AS A COMPARISON GROUP. THIS PROJECT BUILDS OFF OF THE ALCOHOL STUDY THAT WAS PRESENTED TO YOU RECENTLY, SO THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIPS AND ALSO THE METHODOLOGY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. THE SPECIFIC AIMS ARE TO IDENTIFY WHETHER LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IS ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGING PATTERNS OF CONSUMPTION AMONG ADULTS AND YOUTH, TO DETERMINE WHETHER LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IS ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN MARIJUANA USE-RELATED CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING YOUTH EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES, TRAFFIC CRASHES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, E.D. VISITS, ADDICTIONS TREATMENT, POISON CENTER CALLS FOR BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS, ARRESTS, AND INCARCERATIONS. THE THIRD -- THE THIRD IS TO LOOK AT RECREATIONAL -- EXCUSE ME, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE, INCLUDING RETAILER LICENSES AND DENSITY AND COMMUNITY SALES, COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES AND REVENUE. AND IN THE LAST ONE, IT'S TO DESCRIBE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND COST ASSOCIATED WITH LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TO THE STATE OVERALL, AND FOR SPECIFIC PUBLIC SYSTEMS THAT RECEIVE MARIJUANA GENERATED REVENUE AND MAYBE AFFECTED BY MARIJUANA RELATED OUTCOMES SUCH AS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND ETC. FOR EACH OF THESE AIMS, THERE WILL BE -- WE'LL EXAMINE THE IMPACT, HOW THEY IMPACT AMONG PRIORITY POPULATIONS SUCH AS PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. ALSO, THE OBSERVES EFFECTS WITH PATTERNS OF ALCOHOL USE. RIGHT NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BUDGET WILL BE \$350,000 A YEAR, AND THAT MONEY WILL SUPPORT THE SIX PROGRAM DESIGN EVALUATION SERVICES

STAFF, SOME CONSULTANT COSTS, AND A SUBCONTRACT TO EXTEND A, AN EXISTING GIS DATABASE THAT FOCUSES ON ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO IN WASHINGTON STATE SO THAT IT CAN INCLUDE MARIJUANA LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. ALSO, THERE IS A SUBCONTRACT WITH SEATTLE, KING COUNTY, AND COSTS TO ACQUIRE SURVEILLANCE AND DATA SETS, AND FINALLY, THERE WILL BE SOME TRAVEL AND MEETING COSTS FOR, FOR GOING BETWEEN OREGON AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS GOING TO COLORADO TO WORK WITH RESEARCHER WHO ARE DOING A SIMILAR PROJECT IN COLORADO. THE LAST THING THAT I THINK I WILL ADD IS THAT THIS INCLUDES A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT, BOTH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON, AS PARTNERS, SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR. SO QUESTION, IS WASHINGTON STATE PAYING US TO DO THIS?

>> THE GRANT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, SO THE FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANT ARM -- WASHINGTON STATE IS KICKING IN A BUNCH OF INKIND MONEY DURING THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, AND PROVIDING STAFF AND, AND MANY DATA SYSTEMS SO THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING INKIND, AND WE WOULD BE REQUESTING MONEY TO SUPPORT OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE COLLABORATION.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND WHY DO WE CARE?

>> MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IS A HOT TOPIC IN POLICY, INCLUDING IN OREGON, AND I THINK THAT UNDERSTANDING HOW MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IS HAVING AN IMPACT IN WASHINGTON CAN HELP EITHER IF ANYONE IS CONTEMPLATING MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION POLICY IN OREGON, OR IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS LEGALIZED, TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING AND TO BE ABLE TO PREPARE PUBLIC SYSTEMS FOR THE IMPACTS THAT, THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LEGALIZATION.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: SORT OF PIGGYBACKING ONTO COMMISSIONER SMITH'S LINE HERE. IS THERE SOME PARTICULAR EXPERTISE IN MARIJUANA THAT IS IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHICH LEADS US TO FEEL THAT WE ARE, WE ARE BEST QUALIFIED TO, TO DO THIS RESEARCH?

>> I THINK THAT WE ARE EXPERTS IN UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND, AND MEASURING PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS. WE ARE ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE'RE HIRING CONSULTANTS IS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH EXPERTISE, SPECIFICALLY, IN MARIJUANA POLICY AND MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION POLICY, AND MUCH OF THAT EXPERTISE IS IN WASHINGTON

RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING SO HARD ON IMPLEMENTING THE LEGALIZATION POLICY.

>> Commissioner Smith: WOULD MULTNOMAH COUNTY BE REQUIRED TO REGULATE THE MARIJUANA IF IT'S, YOU KNOW, LEGALIZED?

>> THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAVE, HAVE -- WELL, IT PLAYS OUT DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT STATES BUT IN WASHINGTON STATE, SOME LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE ENACTING LOCAL POLICIES OR TAXES OR, OR ZONING REGULATIONS TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL THAN WAS THE STATE HAS DONE.

>> Commissioner Smith: SINCE, AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE CANNOT TAX? I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY WE WANT TO SPEND OUR TIME ON THIS. IT SOUNDS A BIT POLITICAL TO ME.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT HERE. I THINK THAT, ACTUALLY, I APPRECIATE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REACHING FOR THIS GRANT. I THINK THAT THE TOPIC OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IS VERY POLITICAL, BUT THE IMPACTS WILL BE REAL ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS, AND WHO ARE REALLY SCIENTISTS, TO LOOK OBJECTIVELY AT THIS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT, WHAT THE IMPACTS TO OUR COMMUNITY ARE, IF THERE ARE ANY IMPACTS, SO I SUPPORT THIS WORK, AND I AM GLAD THAT, THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS BRINGING IT FORWARD AND PLAN TO SUPPORT IT TODAY.

>> CLARE, I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I SEE THIS IS A THREE-YEAR GRANT, CORRECT? SO, WILL WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION PRIOR TO -- IS IT THREE YEARS BEFORE WE HAVE INFORMATION? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A BIT OF URGENCY AROUND KNOWING THIS INFORMATION, SO I'M THINKING IF THERE IS INFORMATION COMING OUT ALONG THE WAY, IS IT AT THE END OF THESE THREE YEARS OR WHERE DOES THAT FIT IN?

>> ONE REAL ADVANTAGE IS THAT BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN MOVING FORWARD ON THE ALCOHOL STUDY, WHICH, AS MARC MENTIONED, USES SIMILAR APPROACHES AND DATA SYSTEMS, AND ALONG THE WAY WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT MARIJUANA BECAUSE THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE IS CORRELATION BETWEEN ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA USE, SO, AND FOR THE ALCOHOL STUDY, ALTHOUGH WE'RE ONLY ONE YEAR INTO THAT, WE HAVE PRESENTED SOME FINDINGS, AND I THINK THAT WE BUILT THE CAPACITY TO, TO REPORT ON FINDINGS THROUGH THAT STUDY, SO, I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT WE PROBABLY REPORT IN SIX-MONTH INCREMENTS BEGINNING RIGHT AWAY

BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT HAVE AS MUCH RAMPUP TIME. WE HAVE OUR HANDS AROUND THE DATA SETS, AND SO WE PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT EVERY SIX MONTHS ON HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.

>> Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW DO YOU RESEARCH SOMETHING LIKE THIS? WHO IS THE FOCUS GROUP?

>> WE ARE ANTICIPATING GATHERING A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT DATA SYSTEMS, WE HAVE ADULT TELEPHONE SURVEYS OF HEALTH BEHAVIORS AND ATTITUDES AND YOUTH SURVEYS OF BEHAVIORS AND ATTITUDES, BOTH OF WHICH INCLUDE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT MARIJUANA USE AND WHAT, PARTICULARLY WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE THINK ABOUT IT AND WHETHER THEY ANTICIPATE USING AND WHAT THEY THINK THAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT IT. WE'LL ALSO BE LOOKING AT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UTILIZATION. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THAT PRIMARILY FOR CANNABIS USE THROUGH OUR ALCOHOL STUDY, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SOME THINGS TO TALK ABOUT, I BELIEVE, SO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT USE, SINGLE VEHICLE, NIGHT-TIME CRASHES, WHICH IS A TRAFFIC INDICATOR OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AND WE HAVE HOSPITALIZATION DATA, AND COMPARABLE IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON. AND WE HAVE BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE DATA, WHICH RECORDS INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG USE, AND WE ALSO HAVE PUBLICLY FUNDED ADDICTIONS TREATMENT DATA. SO WE HAVE A VARIETY OF THINGS TO LOOK AT. WE'LL BE LOOKING AT OVER TIME, WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE POLICY, DOES IT LOOK LIKE THERE WAS SOME CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION IN WASHINGTON?

>> Commissioner Smith: YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO SAY THAT THEY ARE, THEY ARE SMOKING CANNABIS. THAT'S GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT TASK, SAYING THAT THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING ILLEGAL IN OREGON.

>> YOU WILL BE STUDYING THIS IN WASHINGTON WHERE IT IS LEGAL WITH OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERS.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK.

>> I THINK THAT, THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT THIS IS, THIS IS A NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH GRANT. IT'S NOT THAT, THAT YOU ARE GOING FOR, YOU KNOW, A FRINGE, NONPROFIT THAT IS, THAT HAS A POLITICAL, OR FOUNDATION WITH A POLITICAL ANGLE, THIS, THIS IS THE NATIONAL FEDERAL GRANT THAT, THAT YOU ARE SEEKING, CORRECT?

>> RIGHT.

>> THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PUT OUT THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY STATES THAT ARE CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATING IT.

>> Commissioner Smith: AND THEY ARE PROBABLY WANTING THIS TO BE DONE BY THE STATE IN WHICH IT IS APPROVED IN, NOT A SECONDARY STATE.

>> IN CONVERSATIONS THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE BECAUSE IT'S A JOINT STATE PARTNERSHIP, THIS PROPOSAL. THERE ARE MANY FOLKS WORKING IN WASHINGTON STATE, AND WE BRING ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE IN, A QUASI-COMPARISON GROUP WITH OREGON DATA TO THE TABLE.

>> CHAIR, A QUESTION. I WAS STRUCK, WHEN YOU REPORTED ON THE ALCOHOL STUDY, THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF PRIVATIZATION AND, YOU KNOW, AND PING-PONG BALLS, HANGING, AND THAT IMAGE STUCK WITH ME. BUT, SO, IT STRIKES ME THAT THERE IS THIS, THIS KIND OF CONTROLLED GROUP IN OREGON TO RECOGNIZE, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TURNSTILE TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL HERE, AND YOU DON'T HAVE THAT SAME PIECE, SO IT MAKES IT A STARK COMPARISON, SO I'M IMAGINING THAT YOU WILL BUILD ON KIND OF THAT EXAMPLE WHEN YOU REPORT BACK ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

>> YES. DEFINITELY.

>> THANK YOU. I THINK PART OF THE CONCERN THAT'S BEING -- PART OF THE CONCERN THAT I'M EXPRESSING, BECAUSE I CAN'T SPEAK FOR ANYONE ELSE, BUT I THINK THAT DURING THE BUDGET TIME, WE OFTEN HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT IS OUR CORE MISSION AND OUR BOOK OF BUSINESS, AND WHAT IS THE PLATFORM THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILDS ON AS WE EXTEND OUR SERVICES INTO THE COMMUNITY? THIS, THIS IS, THIS IS NOT AN AREA IN GENERAL THAT I WOULD THINK OF AS, AS A CORE AREA FOR US. I THINK IT IS A LIGHTNING ROD AREA. THE MONEY IS GOOD. THAT'S GREAT. BUT, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US, US -- TO SEE US EMPHASIZING CORE SERVICES IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AT LEAST DEFINING CORE SERVICES IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND MAKING SURE THAT THE BOARD IS, IS OPERATING IN A WAY THAT, THAT, THAT IS SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE CORE SERVICES AND NOT INVITING MULTNOMAH COUNTY INTO AREAS WHERE, WHERE OPINIONS ARE SO STRONG IN THE COMMUNITY THAT, THAT, THAT ARE NOT SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED OR EVIDENCE-BASED, SO I APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS GOING TO FILL IN, YOU KNOW, THAT AREA. I AM REALLY -- THE QUESTIONS THAT I'M ASKING COME FROM A, A KIND OF A PLACE OF, YOU KNOW, DOES MULTNOMAH COUNTY NEED TO BE EXTENDING ITSELF OUT IN, INTO ALL DIRECTIONS AT ONCE? SO I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY, BUT, I HAVE, I HAVE REAL, REAL ISSUES WITH, WITH EXTENDING THE SERVICES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AS I SAID, SORT OF LIKE [INAUDIBLE], IN EVERY DIRECTION AT ONCE.

>> Commissioner Smith: COMMISSIO NER, I THINK IT'S MORE LIKE ME AND YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER THE COMMERCIAL, THE LIFE COMMERCIAL, LIKE MIKEY, YOU KNOW, LET'S GO ASK MULTNOMAH COUNTY DO IT, THEY WILL DO IT. THIS IS NOT -- I AGREE WITH WHAT SHE IS SAYING, AND I DON'T SUPPORT THIS. I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT IT.

>> ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> I HAVE A COMMENT, AS WELL. I, TOO, SHARE THESE CONCERNS THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONER SMITH ARE BRINGING UP, AND WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION?

>> JUNE 5.

>> JUNE 5.

>> OK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MR. LIGHTNING.

>> I REPRESENT, THE THINK LIGHTNING COMPANY, AND MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE ON THIS IS THAT, IS THAT THE WAY THAT I'M READING THIS IS THAT IT IS A GRANT, SO THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND OR ANYTHING, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. SO, IF YOU CAN OBTAIN A GRANT AND DO ANY RESEARCH, I THINK THAT THAT'S BENEFICIAL. NOW, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS ON THE SUBJECT HERE, IS THAT, IS THAT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS LEGAL IN THIS STATE. SO, IF I'M WRONG ON THAT, I NEED TO BE CORRECTED. NOW, THERE IS A, A LOT OF, A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON PERTAINING TO MARIJUANA IN OTHER STATES THAT WE KNOW IT'S BEING LEGALIZED, AND FOR NOT TO WANT TO STUDY THAT, TO ME, IS, IS SOMETHING NOT REALLY LOOKING AT WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND US. THERE IS A LOT OF BENEFITS TO MARIJUANA BESIDES, AS FAR AS IN, IN OTHER AREAS TO LOOK AT ALSO. I THINK THAT THIS TYPE OF RESEARCH IS, IS NECESSARY FOR WHAT WE'RE SEEING AROUND US. THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OPINION IN THE FUTURE ON THESE ISSUES. THE PUBLIC NEEDS THE, THE PROPER DATA AND RESEARCH DONE TO BE ABLE TO DO

THAT. TO LOOK AT THIS AND SAY, IT'S A GRANT, IT'S FOR RESEARCH. LET'S CONSIDER DENYING THAT. THAT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. SO, FOR WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO ON THE RESEARCH, I THINK, IT'S BENEFICIAL, AND I THINK IT SHOULD BE APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THE FIRST ISSUE IS, WE ARE VERY LIMITED IN WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO IN TERMS OF OUR CHARGE, AND I THINK THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SAID IT CORRECTLY. ARE WE WORKING ON ISSUES AND RESEARCH THAT WE, ACTUALLY, NEED SOME RESEARCH ON. WE DON'T HAVE A WHOLE SLOUGH OF, OF RESEARCHER THAT ANYBODY CAN COME TO US AND SAY LET'S RESEARCH THIS, WE'LL GIVE YOU FREE MONEY. THAT'S NOT THE DEAL. AND I GET THAT, BUT ARE WE THE, THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT TO RESEARCH THIS?

>> WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO MY COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION HAS HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON, WHICH IS A SHORT JAUNT UP TO FREEWAYS, AND NORTH, AND THERE IS NOT A, A BARBED FIRE FENCE OR BARRIER THAT WILL KEEP THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WHO ARE, ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA LEGALLY FROM COMING INTO OUR STATE AND IMPACTING OUR, OUR POPULATION'S HEALTH, SO I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO -- WE DO HAVE A ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE WE ARE IMPACTED ALREADY BY IT, EVEN THOUGH IT HASN'T COME TO OUR STATE YET. SO, I WOULD JUST, I WOULD JUST COMMENT THAT, THAT, THAT THE IMPACTS FOR US ARE PROBABLY ALREADY HERE, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING.

>> MADAM CHAIR, IF THIS COULD BE VIEWED IN A FRIENDLY LIGHT, YOU KNOW, PERHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE A BRIEF RECESS ON THIS VOTE TODAY BECAUSE I AM REALLY HAVING, HAVING LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS, I'M NOT REALLY INCLINED TO SUPPORT IT. I THINK THAT, THAT'S KIND OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS THAT I KNOW THAT, I KNOW THAT MR. LIGHTNING WANTS TO DO THE RESEARCH ON THIS, AND HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE RESEARCH, WHICH, OF COURSE, WE ALL DO, AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LAND, YOU KNOW, YOUR RESEARCH SOMEWHERE ON THIS ISSUE. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE POSTPONING THIS SINCE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS UNTIL JUNE 5, TAKING A BREATHER, AND CONSIDERING THIS. IF THAT -- IF THAT IS NOT GOING TO KNOCK YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS OFF THE RAILS.

>> I THINK THAT WILL BE OK.

>> A POINT OF ORDER, WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD, SO WE'LL NEED A MOTION AND A VOTE TO POSTPONE. IF THAT MOTION DOESN'T CARRY, WE WOULD BE VOTING ON THE MATTER THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD.

>> OK.

>> Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW THAT I NEED TO POSTPONE. I CAN, I CAN TAKE THE VOTE TODAY.

>> OK.

>> Chair Madrigal: WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE? OK.

>> I WOULD LIKE A MOTION, I AM NOT PLANNING ON SUPPORTING THIS, SO I WILL BE VOTING NO TODAY.

>> Chair Madrigal: OK.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE.

>> Chair Madrigal: OK.

>> A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY OR TO, TO, TO NEXT WEEK?

>> TO NEXT WEEK IS FINE.

>> Chair Madrigal: THERE IS A SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR OF POSTPONING TO NEXT THURSDAY, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED.

>> Commissioner Smith: AYE.

>> Chair Madrigal: THE MOTION TO POSTPONE PASSES. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS.

>>> BUDGET MODIFICATION.

>> IS MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-8.

>> I THINK WE'RE ALL HERE.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MADRIGAL.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE HERE -- I AM DAN STATON, A SHERIFF WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'RE HERE TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF 748,014 HELD IN GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FUND OUR THIRD QUARTER OVERTIME OPERATION. FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, A BUDGET NOTE WAS CREATED REGARDING A HISTORICAL ISSUE FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR OVERTIME SPENDING, WHERE IT HAS EXCEEDED THE LINE ALLOCATIONS. I HAVE BROUGHT OUR NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE PROCESSES AND HELP ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, AND I HAVE ALSO BROUGHT CHIEF, THE CHIEF DEPUTY TO ALSO HELP IN THIS PROCESS. SO AT THIS POINT, I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO CHIEF DEPUTY LINDA YANKEE.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU THIS MORNING. SO, SINCE LAST FISCAL YEAR, WE CONTINUED TO CONDUCT AN ONGOING ANALYSIS OF WORK HOURS FOR EACH JAIL FACILITY AS WELL AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS FOR, FOR BOTH THE DISCRETIONARY AND NON DISCRETIONARY OVERTIME DRIVERS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ONGOING EFFORTS TO WORK TOWARDS REDUCING THE OVERTIME, WE FIND THE REMAINS, THERE REMAINS NON DISCRETIONARY WORK THAT CONTINUES TO CREATE OVERTIME EXPENSES OUTSIDE OF OUR BUDGETED PROGRAM OFFERS. THIS IS MORE SO IN MANAGING OUR ACUTE MENTALLY ILL POPULATION, AND OUR POPULATION THAT HAS SIGNIFICANT HEALTH ISSUES THAT OFTEN REQUIRE EITHER CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH OR HOSPITALIZATION FOR THE MEDICAL CARE. BOTH OF THESE TYPES OF WORK DO REQUIRE A CONSTANT WATCH ON AN INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER THEY ARE ON THE CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH IN JAIL OR AT THE HOSPITAL SEEKING MEDICAL TREATMENT. THIS IS WORK THAT WE CANNOT WALK AWAY FROM, OR SIMPLY CANCEL BECAUSE IT'S NOT WITHIN OUR BUDGET DOLLARS TO DO. IN ADDITION, THIS WORK IS DEFINED BY CORRECTIONS HEALTH AND HAS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON OUR OVERTIME DOLLARS SPENT. THIS ISSUE IS ALSO COMPOUNDED BY THE NUMBER OF VACANT POSITIONS WE OPERATE WITH, PARTICULARLY, IN THE CORRECTIONS DIVISION, FUELED BY A STEADY STREAM OF RETIREMENT. WE CONTINUE TO HIRE AND RECRUIT AT A VIGOROUS PACE, BUT THE NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS BECOMING ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE EACH MONTH CONTINUES TO GROW. SO, WE'LL GET STARTED WITH, WITH THE PRESENTATION SPECIFIC TO THE SLIDES. IF YOU COULD TURN TO TABLE ONE WITH REGARD TO VACATED POSITIONS BY DIVISION, AT

THE END OF THE QUARTER 3, THE CORRECTIONS DIVISION HAS 30 VACANT POSITIONS. WE DID FILL 12 POSITIONS, HOWEVER, WE LOST THREE EMPLOYEES TO RETIREMENT AND, AND NINE EMPLOYEES LEFT THE AGENCY FOR OTHER REASONS, SUCH AS OTHER EMPLOYMENT, AND WE DID HAVE ONE RESIGNATION, AND WE DO HAVE PEOPLE THAT WE HIRE THAT FAIL TO MEET THE PROBATION STANDARDS. AND IN THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AT THE END OF QUARTER THREE, WE HAD TEN VACANCIES.

>>> WE FILLED 2.5 POSITIONS, AND WE HAD ONE SEPARATION RESULTING IN A NET CHANGE OF 1.5 POSITIONS. SO, OVERALL, FOR THE QUARTER, WE HAVE GAINED 4.5 POSITIONS. I KNOW THAT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE A LOT, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT, THAT OUR HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING VERY HARD TO FILL POSITIONS, AND THAT'S PRETTY EVIDENT BY THE FACT IN ONE QUARTER WE HAVE HIRED 19.5 PEOPLE. NINE OF THEM, ARE CORRECTIONS DEPUTIES. IF YOU LOOK AT CHART 1-A, WITH REGARD TO TOTAL OVERTIME, COMP AND SICK HOURS, OVERALL, THE NUMBERS HAVE DECREASED BETWEEN QUARTER 2 AND QUARTER 3. CHART 1-A, QUARTER 3 OVERTIME HOURS BY DIVISION, IN COMPARISON BETWEEN FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND FISCAL YEAR 2014. ACROSS ALL THE DIVISIONS, THERE WERE 3,160 FEWER OVERTIME HOURS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 DURING THE THIRD QUARTER THAN FISCAL YEAR 2013 IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THE BIGGEST REDUCTIONS FALL WITHIN THE CORRECTIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS. THE NEXT CHART OUTLINES WORKLOAD RELATED HOURS CONTRIBUTING TO OVERTIME DOLLARS. WORKLOAD RELATED TO INMATES ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH AND INMATES REQUIRING HOSPITAL CARE CONTINUES TO BE VERY HIGH. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A GOOD PIECE OF WORK BY OUR CORRECTIONS HEALTH STAFF IN MAKING GOOD ASSESSMENTS TO DETERMINE SUICIDE RISK AND PREVENT SUICIDES WITHIN THE JAIL. IN ADDITION, CHIEF DEPUTY SCHULTZ HAS MADE SUICIDE PREVENTION ONE OF THE TOP THREE PRIORITIES IN MANAGING OUR JAILS. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AT THIS TIME THAT, THAT ALTHOUGH THIS INMATE POPULATION MAY BE IN CUSTODY AT THE TIME, THIS IS THE SAME POPULATION THAT IS FREQUENTLY IN OUR COMMUNITY EVERY DAY, AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY RECEIVE ADEQUATE CARE. JUST TO, TO ILLUSTRATE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE SUICIDE WATCHES AND THE, THE HOSPITAL WATCHES ARE IMPACTING OUR OVERTIME, JUST THIS LAST SUNDAY, I DID A REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULES AND, AND DETERMINED THAT WE HAD FOUR INMATES ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH, WHICH REQUIRES FOUR DEPUTIES, ONE TO WATCH EACH INDIVIDUAL, AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAD FIVE INMATES SPREAD BETWEEN OHSU AND GOOD SAM HOSPITAL, REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION, AND EACH ONE OF THOSE INMATES REQUIRES ONE DEPUTY TO BE WITH THEM. AT THE SAME TIME, THIS WORKLOAD IS GENERATED BY CORRECTIONS HEALTH, AND WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THAT PIECE. THE SAME FOR INMATES ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH SUNDAY, ARE STILL ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH TODAY. I REALLY WANT TO SAY IT'S IMPORTANT -- THIS IS NOT CRITICAL, IF CORRECTIONS, OF

CORRECTIONS HEALTH. I THINK THE UNIT DOES REALLY GOOD WORK IN MANAGING THE SICK POPULATION. BUT, IT'S JUST TO RECOGNIZE THAT, THAT -- THE ACUITY OF THE POPULATION AND HOW IT'S IMPACTING OUR OVERTIME.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: I HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT CORRECTIONS HEALTH TAKES PEOPLE OFF OF SUICIDE WATCH, BUT THAT ANY OFFICER IN THE JAIL CAN PUT AN INMATE ON SUICIDE WATCH.

>> THAT'S PARTIALLY CORRECT. ANY OFFICER OR COUNCILOR OR CIVILIAN STAFF MEMBER CAN PUT A PERSON ON A WATCH. BUT, THE PRIMARY PERSON THAT DETERMINES THAT WATCH AND THE LEVEL OF THE WATCH, WHETHER IT BE A 15-MINUTE WATCH OR A CONSTANT ONE-ON-ONE WATCH IS DETERMINED BY CORRECTIONS HEALTH.

>> WHAT HAPPENS IF, IF A STAFF MEMBER DETERMINES THAT SOMEONE SHOULD BE ON, ON A SUICIDE WATCH, BUT THERE IS NO PERSON FROM CORRECTIONS HEALTH AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL?

>> WELL, WE DO HAVE CORRECTIONS HEALTH ON STAFF 24 HOURS A DAY. WE DON'T HAVE CORRECTIONS MENTAL HEALTH STAFF ON 24 HOURS A DAY AT THIS TIME. BUT, WE RELY ON THE EXPERTISE OF OUR CORRECTIONS HEALTH TO DETERMINE WHAT THAT LEVEL SHOULD BE.

>> EVEN IF THEY ARE JUST A MEDICAL NURSE AND NOT, NOT A, A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT?

>> YES.

>> OK. THANK YOU.

>> CHART 2 IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUICIDE WATCH HOURS. DURING QUARTER 3 FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, THERE WERE OVER 6300 UNFUNDED SUICIDE WATCH HOURS. THIS IS MORE THAN 1100 MORE THAN QUARTER 3 IN FISCAL YEAR 2013. THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 18,600 UNFUNDED SUICIDE WATCH HOURS BETWEEN JULY 1 OF THIS FISCAL YEAR THROUGH MARCH 31. LAST YEAR, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THERE WAS 15,000 UNFUNDED SUICIDE WATCH HOURS. THIS IS A 3,600-HOUR INCREASE BETWEEN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR AND THIS FISCAL YEAR.

>> EXCUSE ME FOR JUMPING IN. I JUMPED RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE SENTENCE THERE, BUT, SO, I'M -- I'M NOW STRUGGLING A LITTLE BIT WITH

OUR LEXICON, UNFUNDED HOURS. IS THAT UNANTICIPATED OVERTIME? SO, THAT'S WHAT UNFUNDED IS?

>> I WOULD VIEW IT THAT WAY BECAUSE IT'S NOT A BUDGETED POSITION. SO, WHEN WE HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, FOUR INMATES ON, ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH TODAY, THOSE FOUR DEPUTY POSITIONS ARE NOT BUDGETED.

>> BUT, OF COURSE, I GUESS, THE, THE BONE THAT I'M PICKING HERE IS THAT, OF COURSE, WE DO FUND THOSE HOURS, AND THAT'S WHAT, WHAT WE'RE ALL HERE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, IS, IS, IS FUNDING THOSE HOURS, AND THE REAL ISSUE IS BEING ABLE TO ANTICIPATE OR GET A GRASP ON HOW TO BUDGET FOR MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE CONSTANTLY SURVEILLED AND SUICIDE WATCH IN JAIL. I REALIZE IT SOUNDS PICKY, BUT IF WE KEEP CHANGING OUR VOCABULARY, IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FOR US TO, TO CHASE THIS WITH ANY KIND OF CONSISTENCY. SO, UNFUNDED HOURS ARE OVERTIME HOURS THAT WERE NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE BUDGET DOCUMENT.

>> CORRECT.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: OK.

Chief Deputy Brosh: DREW BROSH. RETIRED. RETIRED CHIEF DEPUTY. IF I CAN JUST ADD SOMETHING --

>> Commissioner Shiprack: YOU ARE NOT DOING VERY WELL AT THAT, DREW.

Chief Deputy Brosh: I HAD TO THINK ABOUT IT FOR A MINUTE. I UNDERSTAND, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, YOUR POINT THAT WE BUDGET OVERTIME EVERY YEAR, AND WE HAVE OVERTIME NEEDS THAT, THAT WE ANTICIPATE FOR LEAVE, FOR SICK, FOR EMERGENCIES, AND FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS, AND SOME OF THOSE ARE FUNDED BY GRANTS WHICH WE, YOU KNOW, HAVE SPECIFIC OPERATIONS FOR. LARGELY, THEY ARE GENERAL, THEY ARE JAIL FUNDED. WE ANTICIPATE TO HAVE PROBLEMS, OR THINGS OR EMERGENCIES. I THINK THAT THE POINT OF THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR, HISTORICALLY, IS THAT OVER THE LAST COME OF YEARS, THE HOURS THAT WE COMMITTED TO THIS ACTIVITY HAVE EXPONENTIALLY RAISED SO NOW THE WORD UNFUNDED FEELS MORE IDENTIFIABLE BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT OUR OVERTIME -- WE STILL HAVE LEAVE AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SICK AND STILL HAVE FAMILY LEAVES AND THE OTHER ACTIVITIES. THIS PARTICULAR ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, AND THAT'S, THAT'S THE DISTINCTION. HOPEFULLY, THAT IS GETTING ACROSS.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: THIS DISCUSSION THAT WE ARE HAVING, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS, IS NOT, YOU KNOW, CUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFF AND, AND, YOU KNOW, AND HAVE YOU SORT OF FLOAT AWAY FROM THE MOTHER

SHIP. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS, IS HAVE, HAVE TOOLS IN PLACE SO THAT, THAT, THAT WE CAN BUDGET ACCURATELY FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS THAT ARE OCCURRING INSIDE OUR INSTITUTION. IT'S A BUDGET QUESTION. SO, THE CONCERN IS NOT THAT THERE ARE SUICIDE WATCH HOURS, BUT THAT, THAT WE HAVE SOME HOW BEEN CAST A DRIFT FROM THE REALITY OF, OF THE NUMBER OF SUICIDE WATCH HOURS THAT WE, ACTUALLY, HAVE AND, AND WHAT IT WAS THAT WE BUDGETED FOR A YEAR AGO. SO, WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS, IS BRING THIS, THIS, BRING THIS PROCESS INTO SYNC WITH OUR PLANNING CAPABILITIES.

>> TO RESPOND TO IN THAT, I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. BUT I THINK THE OTHER PART IS THAT BOTH FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSPECTIVE AND THE BOARD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND PAROLE AND PROBATION AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE ARE NOT TACKLING THE PROBLEM, SO WHERE THE PROBLEM IS COMING IS TO US. WE CANNOT PROJECT FOR THAT. WE CAN LOOK AT HISTORICALLY WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND WE CAN TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT HOW TO FINANCE THAT HISTORICALLY. WE CAN START TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN FIX IT. BUT, THESE NUMBERS ARE INCREASING. WE ARE OVER THE NUMBERS THIS FISCAL YEAR MORE SO THAN WHAT WE HAD LAST FISCAL YEAR. SO, WE KNOW THAT THIS PROBLEM IS GROWING. WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE MONEY ASPECTS OF IT.

[CLOSED CAPTIONING TRANSCRIBER SWITCH]

>>> WE'RE SAYING THAT THIS IS A MENTAL HEALTH ACUITY ISSUE, AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE PILOTS THAT WE'VE FUNDED AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND PERHAPS THIS IS A COMMENTARY FOR LATER ON THE BUDGET BUT IT SOMETIMES TO ME THAT IF THAT'S THE HYPOTHESIS THAT WE'RE TAKING MOVING FORWARD, HOW IS IT THAT WE'RE REALLY CLEAR QUARTER TO QUARTER NEXT YEAR THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY ADDRESSING THE REAL ISSUE WITH THESE DOLLARS AND BETTER SERVING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPACTED SO THEY'RE RECEIVING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AS OPPOSED TO THE SUICIDE WATCH AND THE JAIL? SO I THINK -- I GUESS IT'S MORE OF A COMMENT MOVING FORWARD. THAT'S A BIG GAP RIGHT NOW THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IN A BUDGET WAY BUT IT'S REALLY ABOUT PEOPLE NOT GETTING SERVED IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

>> AND COMMISSIONER, TO RESPOND TO THAT, I'VE SAID IN MULTIPLE MEETINGS CURRENTLY WE HAVE A GROUP THAT MEETS WITH THE CHAIR, WHICH I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT THAT INCLUDES THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE DIRECTOR. WE'VE IDENTIFIED WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE AND THAT EXIST. SOMEONE WILL ACQUIRE THE OVERTIME. WE CAN SHIFT AND I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHIFT OUR SUICIDE WATCHES OVER TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE BUDGET THEN SHIFT TO THAT SIDE AND THOSE OVERTIME ISSUES ARE GOING TO CLIMB INSIDE THEIR DEPARTMENT. SOMEONE WILL ACQUIRE THE OVERTIME. WHAT WE

NEED TO LOOK AT AND WHAT WE'VE HAD THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AND I GUESS THIS WAS PART OF THE CLOSING BECAUSE I HAD ASSUMED ESPECIALLY WITH COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, I KNEW SHE WOULD ASK ME THE QUESTION, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO FIX THIS? WELL, WE'RE TALKING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABOUT LOOKING AT THE CHARGES ON THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE HOLDING ON SUICIDE WATCH. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DATA THAT WE'VE COLLECTED OR YOU HAVEN'T BUT THERE'S A PRESENTATION COMING TO THE BOARD ON THAT, THAT WE'RE HOLDING PEOPLE ON LOWER-LEVEL MISDEMEANORS. AND AS THIS BOARD KNOWS, MOST OF THOSE LOWER-LEVEL MISDEMEANORS, WHEN SOMEONE COME IN, THEY'RE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED BUT WE'RE BEING FORCED TO HOLD THEM BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENT NATURE WHEN THEY ENTER OUR JAIL SYSTEM. THE OTHER END OF THIS IS LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN BRING THE FOLKS IN. THE JAIL SYSTEM CAN BE USED AS A CALMING EFFECT AND A STABILIZATION EFFECT BUT THEN IN TURN RELEASE THEM WITHOUT BEING FORCED TO HOLD THEM. THIS IS WHERE PROBATION COMES INTO PLAY. SO IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO REDUCE THIS OVERTIME THAT WE'RE SEEING HERE. WE'VE GOT MENTALLY ILL COMING IN. I'LL TELL YOU HERE THE JAIL SYSTEM IS NOT A PLACE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. WE'RE HOLDING MENTALLY ILL FOLKS IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM THAT ARE ON LOWER-LEVEL CHARGES THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY RELEASE SO THAT WE WOULDN'T INCUR THOSE COSTS. AND THEN THE ONE-ON-ONE SUPERVISION THAT'S REQUIRED IN THESE CASES, I WENT OVER AND I WOULD SUGGEST YOU GO OVER AND WATCH WHAT IS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE ON THOSE ONE-ON-ONE OBSERVATIONS, WHY THE STAFF CAN'T LEAVE THE CELL, WHAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CAPABLE OF WHEN IT COMES TO SELF-HARM. WE CAN BRING IN VIDEOS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THEM, I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, IF YOU WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THOSE INDIVIDUALLY WE CAN SHOW YOU WHAT SELF-HARM IS AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE. THIS IS WHY WE DO THE COSTS OF WATCHES. BUT WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE OVERTIME HOURS, WE BUDGET, WE COME TO THE BOARD, WE USE HISTORICAL DATA, WE PUT OUR PROGRAM OFFER TOGETHER, WE'LL BRING IT TO THIS BOARD TO APPROVE. IF IN A GIVEN YEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN WE SEE A SPIKE IN MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO OUR CUSTODY, THERE'S NO WAY TO PROJECT THAT. I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO PROJECT THAT. I GUESS I WOULD LOOK AT THIS BOARD AND SUGGEST HOW YOU WOULD EXPECT BOTH PAROLE AND PROBATION, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND BE ABLE TO TELL HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE COMMITTING CRIMES IN CRISIS PHASES THAT END UP IN OUR JUDICIAL PROCESS AND OUR JAILS. THIS IS A PROBLEM AND I UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIS, WE BUDGET FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE HISTORICALLY WHEN WE DO THE PROGRAM OFFER BUT WE CAN'T PROJECT TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THIS BOARD AND SAY WELL, WE CAN MOVE THAT YELLOW LINE UP BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WE'RE EXPECTING THIS YEAR.

>> I AGREE WHERE WE WANT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE TO BE TREATED. I GUESS WHAT I WOULD TAKE ISSUE IS, THE GREEN LINE. IF WE'RE BUDGETING HISTORICALLY, THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS CHART WOULD REFLECT FOR FOR 14 BECAUSE WE'VE BUDGETED BELOW WHERE IT WAS FOR LAST YEAR. THAT'S BEEN ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY REFLECT HISTORY. THAT'S JUST ONE POINT I WANTED TO MAKE.

>> WELL, AND THAT'S -- YOU'RE GETTING A PRESENTATION ON TWO YEARS, TWO FISCAL YEARS. WE HAVE THE DATA COLLECTED WHERE YOU CAN LOOK AT A 10-YEAR PROCESS. OR A FIVE-YEAR PROCESS. WHATEVER THE BOARD WOULD SUGGEST TO LOOK AT. THESE NUMBERS ARE GOING UP EXPONENTIALLY. WE SAT AT A RELATIVELY FLAT LINE -- FOR A LONG PERIOD. AND I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD WHAT THE STATE HAS DONE WITH MENTAL INSTITUTIONS AND WHERE THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE GOING. A LOT OF THEM ARE ON OUR STREETS RIGHT NOW.

>> Chair Madrigal: THE DISCUSSION REMINDS ME OF A QUESTION THAT WE ASKED AT THE LAST BRIEFING, DREW, WHICH WAS IF YOU COULD GET US THE NUMBERS ON UNDERSPENDING AND PERSONNEL, DUE TO YOUR VACANCIES, DO YOU HAVE THAT NUMBER TODAY?

>> I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER AT THE MOMENT BUT I'M SURE THAT WE CAN GET THAT TO YOU. YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE TOTAL WILL BE UP TO THE -- AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER FOR VACANT POSITIONS?

>> Chair Madrigal: YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW VACANCIES SO I THINK FOR US TO HAVE THE ENTIRE PICTURE, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND -- MY ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN THAT YOUR SALARY SAVINGS FROM YOUR VACANCIES ARE PAYING FOR A LOT OF THE OVERTIME BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT SO IF YOU HAVE THOSE NUMBERS HANDY, IT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> WE'LL GET THEM TO YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: THANK YOU, YEAH. I GUESS I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND THEY'RE PROBABLY ANSWERED IN THE GRAPH BUT LET ME ASK MY QUESTIONS ANYWAY JUST TO HUMOR ME. SO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON SUICIDE WATCH FOR THE QUARTER HAS AVERAGED AT...

>> I DON'T THINK WE HAVE AN AVERAGE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US BUT I CAN GET AN AVERAGE FOR YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: SO IT'S REALLY KIND OF ON ANY GIVEN DAY, HOW MANY FOLKS IN OUR JAIL ARE ON SUICIDE WATCH? SO WE'LL HOLD THAT. AND THE

OTHER QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE AVERAGE COST PER DAY OF A PERSON ON SUICIDE WATCH?

>> I'LL ANSWER THAT. COMMISSIONER, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE DEVELOPING NOW AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF WORKING WITH THE CHAIR AND THE PRESENTATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE. THE KEY INDICATORS THAT I'VE LOOKED AT, I ASKED FOR OUR TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AND NEEDED AS CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND RIGHT NOW, THOSE FIGURES ARE PUSHING ANYWHERE FROM 1.2 TO \$1.4 MILLION ON THE TOP 10. WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT'S ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCHES AND THIS IS THE INMATE THAT I WENT AND PAID A VISIT TO. HE'S COST THIS COUNTY ABOUT \$683,000, BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH.

>> Comm. Shiprack: SO THE COST PER DAY?

>> BREAKING OUT THE COST PER DAY, WE CAN DO THAT AND WE'RE WORKING ON THAT NOW SO THAT WE HAVE IT FOR THE NEXT PRESENTATION. BUT I THINK WHAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE IS YOU HAD SOME OF THE INDICATORS ON ONE INDIVIDUAL, I FOUND IT APPALLING THAT WE'RE SPENDING THAT KIND OF MONEY ON ONE INDIVIDUAL IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM.

>> SO A FOLLOW-UP, THANK YOU. DO WE KNOW HOW MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE PRETRIAL AND HOW MANY ARE SENTENCED OFFENDERS?

>> I'VE ASKED FOR THAT BREAKDOWN, AS WELL.

>> SO WE DON'T KNOW.

>> I DON'T HAVE IT AVAILABLE TODAY WITH ME FOR YOU TODAY. BUT WE'VE GOT IT AS PART OF THE PACKET. WE'VE GOT A VERY EXTENSIVE PACKET ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE ALONG WITH SUGGESTIONS THAT I WILL BE MAKING OR HAVING AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD.

>> WHERE I'M TRYING TO GO HERE, SHERIFF, IS -- WE'RE ALL FRUSTRATED BY THIS BUT THERE IS AUTHORITY AND THERE ARE AVENUES OF CONTROL SOMEWHERE INSIDE THE SYSTEM AND I'M, YOU KNOW, NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME TO START AS ANY. I'M FRUSTRATED WE DIDN'T START THIS A YEAR AGO BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT CONTROL AND AUTHORITY AND I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU, AND I THINK WE'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE ARE NOT WELL SERVED BY BEING HELD IN JAIL AND I HAVE TOURED AND WATCHED SUICIDE WATCH AND IT'S NOT A VERY PRODUCTIVE USE REALLY OF ANYBODY'S TIME BUT IF IT SAVES A LIFE OBVIOUSLY THAT'S TREMENDOUSLY VALUABLE. THE AREA THAT I'M TRYING TO GO HERE IS WHETHER THERE IS AUTHORITY INSIDE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO TAKE A POPULATION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HEAVY USERS OF SUICIDE WATCH AND

TRANSFER THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE AND WHETHER THAT AUTHORITY RESIDES WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND WHETHER THAT AUTHORITY IS THE SAME FOR A PRETRIAL PERSON OR A SENTENCED PERSON. DOES THE SHERIFF, FOR EXAMPLE, LET ME JUST ASK IT AS A DIRECT QUESTION, DO YOU HAVE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A MENTALLY ILL PERSON FROM AN INSTITUTION THAT YOU CONTROL, DOWNTOWN DETENTION FACILITY, TO ANOTHER FACILITY THAT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE?

>> YES. BUT THEN IT STARTS LOOKING AT THE CAPACITIES OF THE OTHER FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY THE MEDICAL FACILITIES, FOR INSTANCE, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY'LL ACCEPT THEM IN A VIOLENT STATE. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ONE COUNTY THAT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYBODY THAT IS MENTALLY ILL WITHOUT SEEING A PHYSICIAN IN A HOSPITAL AND YOU'VE SAT IN ON THOSE MEETINGS DOWNTOWN WHERE WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE HOSPITALS. THEY HAVEN'T GOT THE CAPABILITY TO ACCEPT THEM. THIS IS WHERE IT BECOMES DO WE HAVE -- IS THE COUNTY -- IS THE COUNTY OR ANOTHER ENTITY PROVIDING A SERVICE THAT I COULD SHIFT THESE INDIVIDUALS TO FOR TREATMENT? NO. THEY ARE THERE BUT THEIR CAPACITIES ARE VERY LIMITED, SUCH AS THE HOSPITALS, AS WELL. THEIR CAPACITY IS VERY LIMITED. SO THE ONLY -- OBVIOUSLY, THE ONLY RECOURSE IS TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE JAIL SETTING. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND WHAT THE DISCUSSION IS NOW ESPECIALLY WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS CAN WE BRING THEM IN AND CAN WE STABILIZE THEM AND THEN CAN WE TURN AROUND AND RELEASE THEM WITHOUT HOLDING THEM? THAT'S WHEN I GET BACK INTO THE LOWER LEVEL CHARGES. CAN WE BRING THEM IN AND STABILIZE THEM IF THEY'RE IN A VIOLENT STATE, THEN CITE AND RELEASE THEM TO A PARENT COURT? THAT'S THE DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING RIGHT NOW WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THEN IT ALSO -- THAT ALSO FALLS IN WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. WHEN THE STAFF IS PRESENT, WHETHER OR NOT WE RELEASE IS DEPENDENT ON WHAT THEIR READ IS ON THE INDIVIDUAL. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW AND YOU'RE FULLY AWARE OF IT, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY SITTING IN THIS ROOM THAT IS A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BUT WE TRY TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE RISKS ARE, WE HAVE TWO RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS, ONE THAT OUR DEPUTIES USE WHEN THEY CROSS THROUGH THE THRESHOLD OF THE DOORWAY AND WE'VE GOT THAT AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION. BUT THEN WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE WHAT THE THRESHOLD IS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT AN INDIVIDUAL AND MAKING THEIR ASSESSMENT AND DETERMINATION. AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE ALL HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT BECAUSE I AS A SHERIFF YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, I DO HAVE CERTAIN AUTHORITY. BUT ONE SEGMENT OF THAT IS THAT I WILL NOT RELEASE SOMEBODY BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY THAT I KNOW IS A THREAT BOTH TO THEMSELVES AND TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. AND MOST OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SEE THAT ARE ON CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH ARE A THREAT TO BOTH. SO WHAT IS IT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT? HOW WE'RE

GOING TO PROCESS THIS? WHERE WILL PAROLE AND PROBATION COME INTO PLAY? AWAY ALSO LOOK AT HOW THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING ACROSS OUR THRESHOLD. SOME OF THEM ARE COMING IN THROUGH PVs. THAT'S AN INDICATION THAT PAROLE AND PROBATION IS GOING OUT, TAKING THESE PEOPLE IN, CROSSING OUR DOORWAY AND THEY'RE MENTALLY ILL. HOW DO WE PREVENT THAT OUT IN THE FIELD BEFORE IT COMES TO OUR DOORSTEP?

>> Comm. Shiprack: AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE LOTS AND LOTS OF REASONS WHY WE CAN'T EVER GAIN ANY TRACTION ON THIS PROBLEM AND WE'RE GOING TO JUST CONTINUE LIVING WITH IT BUT FOR \$3 MILLION A YEAR, I WOULD THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE MOTIVATION TO ADDRESS WHAT IT IS THAT WE'VE SAT HERE AND TALKED ABOUT AND TALKED ABOUT AND TALKED ABOUT AND ADDRESS IT IN SOME WAY THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING HELD IN JAIL. AND I KNOW THAT YOU WELCOME OUR INTEREST AND MOTIVATION TO GET IN THERE WITH YOU. \$3 MILLION PROVIDES A LOT OF MOTIVATION. THAT'S THE REASON THAT WE'VE BEEN HAVING THESE -- TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE DOING WITH SUICIDE WATCHES. I GUESS THE FRUSTRATION IS A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE CAN'T BE PRODUCTIVE AND ALL I WANT TO HEAR IS SOME REASONS OR WAYS THAT WE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE. THAT'S THE TOPIC.

>> COMMISSIONER, IF THIS BOARD WILL STEP ASIDE AND LET ME DO WHAT I NEED TO DO, WE CAN FIX THE PROBLEM. WHEN I COME AND ASK THE QUESTION OR WHEN I COME TO ASK FOR THE SUPPORT, THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE BEHIND ME ON THIS. I CAN'T RUN THE FIELD AND DEAL WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PAROLE AND PROBATION, WHICH IS UNDER YOUR AUSPICES. SO HAVING THEM COME IN AND DIRECTLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, I CAN ASK, BUT IN A LOT OF CASES IT'S GOING TO TAKE THIS BOARD TO FORCE THEM TO PROVIDE THOSE ANSWERS AND PROVIDE THE SUPPORT, COME TO THE TABLE. THE CHAIR HAS TAKEN THAT APPROACH FOR ME BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET THEM TO THE TABLE ON MY OWN. SO FORTUNATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH EVERYBODY AT THE TABLE. NOW, THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTAND. BUT THIS HAS BEEN A DISCUSSION WE'VE HAD NOW, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE AND WAS GOING ON BEFORE I WAS IN OFFICE. AND WAS GOING ON BEFORE YOU WERE SITTING IN YOUR CHAIR, CURRENTLY, COMMISSIONER.

>> Comm. Shiprack: A LOT OF THINGS WENT ON BEFORE I SAT IN THIN THIS CHAIR BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THAT TODAY. I'M DONE.

>> OKAY.

>> Chair Madrigal: OKAY. ONTO THE NEXT CHART, WHICH IS CHART THREE, THE IMPACT OF PRIMARY OVERTIME DRIVERS.

>> DURING THE THIRD QUARTER, THE OVERTIME DID DECREASE OVERALL BY

MORE THAN 1,800 HOURS. THIS IS PARTIALLY DUE TO JANUARY IN EACH YEAR, CHIEF SCHULTZ DOES A REALIGNMENT OF HIS STAFFING TO FILL VACANCIES WHERE THEY OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE OTHER THING THAT IS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS THAT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, OUR STAFF TAKES FAR LESS VACATION TIME. AND THEN THE THIRD CONTRIBUTING FACTOR THAT I'VE FOUND IS THAT WITH ALL OF OUR RETIREMENT, THOSE DEPUTIES ARE ACCRUING A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF LEAVE TIME. SOME HAVE HEALTH ISSUES THAT'S CAUSING MORE USE OF THE TIME AND WE'RE REPLACING THEM WITH FAR LESS EXPENSIVE DEPUTIES THAT ACCRUE FAR LESS LEAVE TIME AND USE LESS SICK TIME. AND THE FINAL CHART IS THE TOP 10 OVERTIME RECIPIENTS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID DIFFERENT TO THIS CHART VERSUS PREVIOUS QUARTERS IS WE'VE IDENTIFIED -- SOMETIMES, I FELT LIKE THE CHART COULD BE CONFUSING, WHEREAS ONE MIGHT ASSUME THAT THE SAME PEOPLE ARE IN QUARTER ONE AND TWO AND THREE, WHEN, IN FACT, THE HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW AND THE HIGHLIGHTED GREEN ARE THE ONLY TWO STAFF MEMBERS THAT WERE IN THE TOP 10 FOR ALL THREE QUARTERS. AND THAT ENDS OUR PRESENTATION TODAY.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE SHERIFF AND HIS TEAM?

>> Comm. Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THAT DETAILED REPORT. I KNOW THIS IS A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE TO GET UP TO SPEED ON AND IT'S VERY HELPFUL TO US AND IT IS REALLY GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO DREW. YOU THOUGHT YOU GOT AWAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SHERIFF FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> MR. JOE WALSH.

>> MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. LET ME MAKE THIS VERY CLEAR. I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE MONEY. THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM. \$3 MILLION A YEAR IS A LOT OF MONEY. BUT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THAT. WHAT I DO HAVE AN INTEREST IN IS THAT 40% OF THE POPULATION IN OUR JAILS ARE MENTALLY ILL. I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN ABOUT THAT. A LOT OF THE STUFF THAT THE SHERIFF SAID I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH. BUT ONE STATEMENT THAT HE MADE MADE MY STOMACH TURN. AND THAT IS IF YOU THINK GOING TO JAIL IS A CALMING EFFECT ON ANY HUMAN BEING, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO JAIL. IT IS THE MOST HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE YOU CAN HAVE. YOU'RE IN HANDCUFFS, YOU'RE TOTALLY DISABLED, AND I'M TALKING ABOUT AN ACTIVIST HERE. I'VE BEEN ARRESTED A NUMBER OF TIMES IN DIFFERENT PROTESTS. PUT IN HANDCUFFS, GONE THROUGH THE PROCEDURE. I AM NOT MENTALLY ILL, AT LEAST MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK

SO. IMAGINE IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR FAMILY IS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING AND SOMEONE PUTS YOU IN HANDCUFFS. WHAT TRAUMA YOU GO THROUGH. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT COMMISSIONERS, YOU'VE ASKED REALLY GOOD QUESTIONS. AND WE WERE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR QUESTIONS. BUT AS A PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE HERE TODAY, I AM REALLY FRUSTRATED THAT IT'S ALWAYS WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS. WE ARE WORKING ON THIS. WE ARE GOING TO GET PEOPLE AT THE TABLE. YOU HAVE A \$3 MILLION BILL. WHY CAN'T EVERYBODY JUST SAY WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY OF NOT HAVING MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE TAKEN INTO OUR JAILS? GOT \$3 MILLION TO PLAY WITH HERE. I COULD DO THE STUDY FOR \$40. YOU CONTROL A LOT OF THE INFLUENCE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT. IT SHOULD NOT BE IN THE SHERIFF'S. I HAVE SOME COMPASSION FOR THE SHERIFF WHEN HE HAS TO TAKE IN PEOPLE BECAUSE THE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB AND YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. THIS IS THE COUNTY. YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF INFLUENCE, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF POWER. DO SOMETHING WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE AND SAY TO THEM HOW DO WE GET OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAILS THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THERE. WE DON'T WANT TO BURDEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH THIS ANYMORE. AS HUMAN BEINGS, WE HAVE TO GET THEM IN THE HOSPITAL, IF THE HOSPITALS DON'T LIKE IT, YOU GET INFLUENCE WITH THE HOSPITALS, YOU TELL THEM TO DO IT!

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU, JOE.

>> DO IT, THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Comm. Shiprack: IF I COULD. YOU KNOW, THAT GOT A LITTLE BIT HEATED -- IT'S NICE TO HAVE YOU HERE, SHERIFF, AND I THINK THE HEAT THAT IS COMING OFF OF THIS TOPIC IS FRUSTRATION AND IT ALSO HAS A LITTLE BIT TO DO WITH THE NATURE OF THIS BUDGET NOTE THAT HAS BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER ON A FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS AND NOT AS PRODUCTIVELY AS ANY OF US WOULD HAVE LIKED, THE ISSUE REMAINS. BUT MAYBE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN I'M GIVING IT CREDIT FOR BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS A TRULY AUTHENTIC EFFORT TO GAIN ADDITIONAL CONTROL OVER SOME BUSINESS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THAT REALLY DOES RELATE TO THE DEGREE OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IT'S DEFINITELY RELATED TO RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE OR NOT AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND ALSO FRANKLY HAS TO DO WITH US ERRING ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION WHICH I TOTALLY SUPPORT TO PROTECT INMATES IN OUR JAIL AS YOU POINTED OUT, WHO MIGHT HURT THEMSELVES. SO I GUESS THE FRUSTRATION IS THAT WE HAVE NOT MADE MORE PROGRESS THAN WE

HAVE, THAT IF I GO BACK AND LOOK AT NUMBERS THAT I HAVE PULLED UP, I THOUGHT FROM EARLIER TESTIMONY AND OTHER GATHERINGS BASED OFF OF THAT BUDGET NOTE FROM LAST BUDGET WHICH REQUIRED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO COME TALK TO US QUARTERLY ABOUT OVERTIME, IT LOOKS TO ME THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF SOMEBODY ON A CONSTANT SUICIDE WATCH IS IN THE VICINITY OF \$1,800 A DAY. AND THAT IF WE KEEP THE PRESSURE ON, AS UNCOMFORTABLE AS IT IS, I WELCOME ADDING MORE PEOPLE TO THE HOT SEAT, WE CAN BRING HOSPITALS IN THEIR CAPACITY. WE CAN SHARE THE HOT SEAT, SHERIFF, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT THERE ALL BY YOURSELF, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT REALLY THE POINT. I GUESS REALLY THE POINT IS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO SEE THIS AS NOT A TAX FROM ONE PART OF THE SYSTEM ON ANOTHER PART OF THE SYSTEM BUT A JOINT EFFORT BY THE SYSTEM TO GET TO A BETTER PLACE. SO I DON'T THINK THAT WE'VE GOTTEN THERE, FRANKLY, YOU KNOW. NOT GOING TO DECLARE DEFEAT. BUT I AM FRUSTRATED WITH WHERE THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BROUGHT US AND I GUESS ALL I CAN SAY IS THE WAY I GO ABOUT MY BUSINESS HERE IS THE BEATINGS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MORALE IMPROVES.

>> I WAS GOING TO TRY TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ENDED THERE. I MAY HAVE TO GO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR AND THE SHERIFF AND OTHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AROUND THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOTS BECAUSE I DO AGREE THAT WE NEED TO GET TO THE ROOT CAUSE OF WHAT THIS ISSUE IS, AND I THINK JOE IS RIGHT, WHERE DO WE WANT TO SPEND THAT \$3 MILLION? DO WE WANT TO SPEND IT IN OVERTIME IN THE JAILS OR DO WE WANT TO SPEND IT ON MAKING PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER? AND WE ALL AGREE ON THE LATTER AND I GUESS I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE PROCESS THAT'S IN PLACE AROUND THE 3194 DOLLARS CAN BE THE WAY WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT THE TABLE TOGETHER. THERE'S PLENTY OF BLAME TO GO AROUND BUT HOW CAN WE GET TO A PROBLEM SOLVING PLACE AND DO THE WORK BETTER WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. IT IS A LOT OF MONEY AND IT'S PEOPLE'S LIVES ON A DAILY BASIS. I THINK WE HAVE SOME MOMENTUM COMING OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS AND THAT MODEL TO LOOK TO IN THE FUTURE.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Comm. Smith: DITTO ON WHAT YOU SAID AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY SOME REAL KEY ISSUES INTO PREVENTING FOLKS FROM BEING IN YOUR SHOP. AND I THINK THERE WERE SOME ARTICLES THIS WEEK THAT IDENTIFIED PARTICULARLY THE ONE IN THE SCANNER ABOUT HOW TO PREVENT FOLKS FROM GOING INTO THE JAIL SYSTEM, AND I THINK IF WE PUT MORE DOLLARS IN THE PREVENTION SIDE, IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD ON YOU IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> I WOULD SAY WE HAVE OUR CALL TO ACTION, AS WELL. IN THIS.

>> Chair Madrigal: I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IN THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD AND THANK YOU, SHERIFF FOR COMING AND BEING PART OF THOSE, WHAT I THINK HAVE BEEN REALLY PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH ALL OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS AND OUR HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERS. THE THING THAT WE HEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HEAR IN OTHER AREAS THAT THE THING PEOPLE REALLY NEED IS HOUSING AND THAT'S WHY THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS THE KEY ELEMENT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED. WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DO ANYTHING ELSE. AND IT'S EASY FOR A CRISIS TO ESCALATE TO THE POINT WHERE PEOPLE NEED TO BE RESTRAINED AND NEED TO BE IN A SECURE FACILITY. AND SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THIS POPULATION THAT'S IN THE JAIL, THERE'S A CONTINUUM OF NEED AND THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT IS REALLY DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE ON PAROLE AND PROBATION VIOLATIONS. AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL HAVE SUCCESS WITH THAT POPULATION, BE ABLE TO EXPAND IT BUT I THINK STARTING THERE, WE HAVE THE MOST CONTROL WHERE OUR P.O.s CAN REALLY ASSIGN SOMEONE TO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INSTEAD OF TO JAIL, I THINK THAT IS KEY TO GETTING A GRIP ON WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. THIS PILOT IS NOT -- IT'S NOT RAINBOWS AND UNICORNS. IT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE ENTIRE ISSUE BUT I THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A HUGE STEP FORWARD, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, THE BOARD SHOULD MAYBE DISCUSS THE PILOT INCLUDES 20 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS FOR THIS POPULATION. IS THAT ENOUGH, COULD WE DO MORE? IS THERE COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO DO MORE FOR THAT? WHAT I HEARD FROM A BRIEFING WITH THE SERVICE COORDINATION TEAM OF THE PORTLAND POLICE IS THAT WHEN IT COMES TO TREATMENT, THERE'S A LOT MORE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT, THERE'S A LOT MORE OPTIONS, THERE'S A LOT MORE HOUSING AND THERE JUST ISN'T THAT AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. SO LOTS OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT HERE. THANK YOU, SHERIFF AND YOUR TEAM FOR BEING HERE. AND IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER COMMENTS, OR QUESTIONS, WE CAN TAKE A VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Chair Madrigal: NOW IS THE TIME WE HAVE FOR BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ASSIGNMENTS. DOES ANYONE HAVE AN ITEM TO DISCUSS TODAY?

>> Comm. McKeel: I HAVE TWO THINGS. I INVITE PEOPLE TO COME TO THE

TROUTDALE LIBRARY THIS AFTERNOON AND HAVE THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE TESTED ALONG WITH ME. I WILL BE THERE. AND ALSO COMMISSIONER WENDT GAVE ME, THIS WAS IN HER NEWSPAPER, THIS IS PART OF OUR VETERANS OUTREACH DOLLARS IF YOU REMEMBER A GRANT FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. WE RECEIVE MONEY HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR OUR VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE TO DO OUTREACH SO THIS FLIER IS -- THEY'RE DOING A NUMBER OF THINGS BUT THIS IS BEING PLACED IN ALL THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS AROUND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SHOWING VETERANS HOW TO ACCESS OUR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE. SO THIS IS JUST PART OF THEIR OUTREACH. COMMISSIONER WENDT SAW IT AND BROUGHT IT.

>> Chair Madrigal: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR OUR INVIGORATING INTELLECTUAL DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HERE. I THINK WE'RE FIVE STRONG PASSIONATE, INTELLIGENT PEOPLE AND I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT COME BEFORE US AND WE OFTEN AGREE BUT WHEN WE DON'T, I THINK WE DO SO RESPECTFULLY AND I JUST THANK YOU FOR THAT, I'M FEELING GRATEFUL. THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? WE ARE GOING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD, ALLOW OUR BOARD CLERK TO HIT THE RESET BUTTON, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO RECONVENE AS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION NUMBER SIX. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS IN THE REGULAR MEETING, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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