

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 07-024

Approving a Concept for an East County Justice Facility and Directing Facilities and Property Management to Proceed with a Final Project Plan

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. There is Board agreement to:
 - I. Meet the County's statutory obligations under ORS 1.185 to address the needs of the Fourth Judicial District Circuit Court within East County by providing "suitable and sufficient courtrooms, office and jury rooms."
 - II. Follow through on the Board's commitment to relocate the occupants of the Hansen Building as laid out in the Hansen Action Plan dated March 2006.
 - III. Work with the City of Gresham to provide taxpayers with a beneficial public partnership.
- b. These goals provide the concept for an East County Justice Center as laid out in the Preliminary Planning Proposal previously approved by the Board in Resolution 05-031.
- c. Since the passage of Resolution 05-031, there has been significant discussion about which uses should be accommodated in the proposed facility. The Board confirms that the facility is intended to address all of the goals outlined above. The new facility will include four courtrooms with the ability to add two additional ones in the future. It will also house the Sheriff's functions which are currently located in the Hansen Building as well as the East County District Attorney offices and a space for IT. In addition, the facility will also include a Gresham Police precinct.
- d. This current focus provides a clear direction for more detailed planning and eliminates any other alternatives that were analyzed in the Project Proposal or examined by the Board since the approval of Resolution 05-076.
- e. Due to the time lapse between the previously approved Project Proposal and the current concept consensus, it is prudent to review the elements of the Project Proposal again to address possible increases in existing cost estimates and to review any additional County needs that might have arisen since 2005.
- f. Having received approval of the Project Proposal in Resolution 05-076 Facilities and Property Management moved forward with a Project Plan, held a public siting meeting and addressed the project development and costs aspects as laid out in the Project Plan process.

- g. The Project Proposal should be reviewed with respect to the current concept. Having already completed portions of the Project Plan, the County should move forward with a combined Project Proposal/Plan without further delays.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The East County Justice Facility should include solutions for the existing spatial concerns faced by the State Courts and the Sheriff's East County operations currently housed in the Hansen Building, in partnership with the City of Gresham to provide opportunities for law enforcement agencies to work together.
2. Facilities and Property Management is directed to prepare and submit to the Board within 30 days a Project Plan that addresses the Project Proposal and Project Plan requirements as laid out in the Major Facilities Capital Projects Process (FAC-1).

ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2007.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Ted Wheeler, Chair

REVIEWED:

AGNES SOWLE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 
Agnes Sowle, County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY:

Ted Wheeler, Chair and Lonnie Roberts, Commissioner, District 4