

**ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE
MEETINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, October 20, 2008 – 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Multnomah Building, Sixth Floor Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

STRATEGY SESSION ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES IN MENTAL HEALTH

A quorum or more of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners may attend portions of the strategy session on legislative initiatives in mental health. For further information contact Phillip Kennedy-Wong at 503-988-5895

Thursday, October 23, 2008 - 9:30 AM
Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Ted Wheeler convened the meeting at 9:33 a.m., with Vice-Chair Jeff Cogen and Commissioner Lisa Naito present, Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey excused, and Commissioner Lonnie Roberts arriving at 9:37 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COGEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NAITO, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [3-0]

C-1 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCJ-08 Reclassifying a Probation/Parole Officer to a Corrections Counselor in the Adult Services Division, as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

R-1 Appointment of Michelle Gregory to the Multnomah County PLANNING COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER COGEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER NAITO SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-1.

SENIOR PLANNER CHUCK BEASLEY EXPLANATION, ADVISING THAT HE AND PROGRAM MANAGER KAREN SCHILLING RECOMMEND BOARD APPOINTMENT OF CORBETT RESIDENT MICHELLE GREGORY TO THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. BEASLEY EXPLAINED THE NINE MEMBER BODY, REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS DEMOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY, CONDUCTS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PROVIDES POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MR. BEASLEY ADVISED THAT MS. GREGORY'S EXPERTISE AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WILL BENEFIT THE WORK OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

CHAIR WHEELER THANKED MS. GREGORY FOR HER WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND ASKED HER WHAT KEY CHALLENGES SHE FORESEES. MS. GREGORY THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND EXPLAINED THE COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE ON LONG-TERM AND PROGRAMMATIC CHALLENGES SUCH AS HOW THE UPCOMING NATIONAL ECONOMIC TRANSITION WILL AFFECT LAND USE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER NAITO EXPRESSED HER APPRECIATION TO MS. GREGORY FOR HER WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON LAND USE ISSUES AND SERVE ON THE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Lonnie Roberts arrived at 9:37 a.m.

APPOINTMENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [4-0]

R-2 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply to Oregon Emergency Management for Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds

COMMISSIONER NAITO MOVED AND COMMISSIONER COGEN SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-2.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERIM DIRECTOR DAVE HOUGHTON EXPLANATION, ADVISING THAT FEMA FUNDS ARE PASSED THROUH FROM THE STATE, THAT ALL OREGON COUNTIES APPLY AND THE ALLOCATION AMOUNTS ARE DECIDED LATER.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF COMMISSIONER COGEN, MR. HOUGHTON ADVISED THE GENERAL FUND MATCH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ADVISED THAT FUNDING WILL INCLUDE TRAINING EXERCISES, TRAINING ON FEDERAL FEMA EXERCISE PLANS, HAZARD AND RISK ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE AND RECOVERY. MR. HOUGHTON EXPLAINED THAT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD NEXT SEPTEMBER.

NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [4-0]

R-3 Retroactive BUDGET MODIFICATION NOND-07, Increasing the Business Income Tax and Personal Income Tax (ITAX) Pass-Through Payments to Reflect Higher Revenue Collections in Fiscal Year 2008

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER COGEN SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-3.

BUDGET ANALYST JULIE NEBURKA EXPLANATION. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, MS. NEBURKA EXPLAINED THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS AS TO WHAT THE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS CAN DO WITH THE ITAX PASS THROUGH MONEY OTHER THAN WHAT WAS IN THE ORIGINAL ITAX MEASURE LANGUAGE.

COMMISSIONER NAITO ADVISED SHE AGREES WITH THE PASS THROUGH APPROPRIATION TO THE SCHOOLS, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT THE BIT PASS THROUGH TO GRESHAM, SO SHE WILL BE VOTING NO.

COMMISSIONER COGEN ADVISED SOME SCHOOLS ARE LOSING THEIR 21ST CENTURY GRANTS FOR SUN SCHOOL MODELS AND THAT HE HOPES THEY WILL USE THIS MONEY TO CONTINUE THEM. CHAIR WHEELER ADVISED HE MET WITH THE SUN SERVICE SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL TWO DAYS AGO AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO MITIGATE THE LOSS OF THE GRANT FUNDS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROVED, WITH COMMISSIONERS ROBERTS, COGEN AND WHEELER VOTING AYE, AND COMMISSIONER NAITO VOTING NO. [3-1]

R-4 Reallocation of Facilities Capital Project Funds FPM 09-01, Multnomah County Juvenile Justice Complex Roof Restoration Project

COMMISSIONER COGEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-4.

FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MANAGER JOHN LINDENTHAL EXPLANATION, ADVISING TWO SECTIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPLEX ROOF RECEIVED ONLY TWO PLYS INSTEAD OF THE FOUR ROOFING PLYS SPECIFIED IN THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT, THAT THE TWO PLYS HAVE FAILED AND DAMAGED THE ROOF INSULATION, REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO TEAR OFF THE ROOF, REPLACE THE INSULATION AND RE-ROOF THE AREAS.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY CHAIR WHEELER AND COMMISSIONERS COGEN, ROBERTS AND NAITO, MR. LINDENTHAL ADVISED THAT FACILITIES WILL INSPECT VARIOUS STAGES OF CONTRACTOR'S WORK ON FUTURE PROJECTS; AND THAT FACILITIES WILL CHECK THE WORK DONE BY THIS CONTRACTOR ON OTHER COUNTY PROJECTS. COUNTY ATTORNEY AGNES SOWLE ADVISED HER OFFICE IS LOOKING INTO OTHER WAYS TO GO

AFTER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMPLEX ROOF CONTRACTOR SINCE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (10 YEARS) HAS PASSED.

REALLOCATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [4-0]

R-5 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-07 Appropriating a U.S. EPA Solid Waste Management Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$15,000

COMMISSIONER COGEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-5.

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT KAT WEST EXPLANATION, ADVISING THE GOAL OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUSTAINABLE FOOD SERVICEWARE PROJECT IS TO COORDINATE A PROCESS TO ENGAGE LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS IN A POTENTIAL UPDATE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S 1989 FOOD SERVICEWARE ORDINANCE (A POLYSTYRENE BAN) WITH THE INTENTION OF PROMOTING REUSABLE, COMPOSTABLE BIOBASED, BIOBASED AND RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS INSTEAD OF LANDFILL BOUND PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS. MS. WEST ADVISED THIS IS THE FIRST OF SIX GRANTS THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE HAS APPLIED FOR AND IF ALL ARE AWARDED; THEY WILL BRING \$500,000 TO THE COUNTY FOR SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONERS NAITO AND COGEN AND CHAIR WHEELER EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION.

BUDGET MODIFICATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [4-0]

R-6 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCHS-09 Increasing the Department of County Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Federal/State Appropriation by \$1,065,493 in Grant Funding for the Community Services Division

COMMISSIONER COGEN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER NAITO SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-6.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION MANAGER MARY LI ADVISED SHE WAS OUT AT 5:00 AM THIS MORNING SURVEYING THE HOMELESS. MS. LI EXPLAINED THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR ENERGY SERVICES, HOUSING STABILIZATION HOMELESS FAMILY, AND HOMELESS YOUTH SYSTEM PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION.

COMMISSIONER COGEN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR MS. LI'S WORK WITH NW NATURAL GAS.

BUDGET MODIFICATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [4-0]

Commissioner Cogen was excused at 9:57 a.m.

R-7 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for Parental Access and Visitation (AV) Grant Funds

COMMISSIONER NAITO MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ROBERTS SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-7.

JUVENILE DIVISION, FAMILY COURT SERVICES MANAGER JANICE ASHE EXPLANATION, ADVISING THAT USE OF PARENTAL ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO INCREASE CONTACT BETWEEN NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS WILL HAVE GREATER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF COMMISSIONER NAITO, MS. ASHE EXPLAINED THAT A PORTION OF THE EXISTING PROGRAM MANAGER'S SALARY WILL BE USED TO MEET THE GRANT'S MATCH REQUIREMENT.

NOTICE OF INTENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. [3-0]

BOARD COMMENT

No board comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2008 - 10:00 AM
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BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Ted Wheeler convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m., with Vice-Chair Jeff Cogen and Commissioner Lisa Naito present, Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey excused, and Commissioner Lonnie Roberts arriving at 10:08 a.m.

B-1 Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Forecast and Budget Planning Process Overview. Presented by Karyne Kieta, Mike Jaspin, Jana McLellan and Chair Ted Wheeler.

BUDGET DIRECTOR KARYNE KIETA REPORTED THE FORECAST NEWS IS NOT GOOD BUT NOT UNEXPECTED.

Commissioner Lonnie Roberts arrived at 10:08 a.m.

BUDGET ANALYST MICHAEL JASPIN PRESENTED THE GENERAL FUND FORECAST AND RESPONDED TO BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON ISSUES INCLUDING BUSINESS INCOME TAX, PROPERTY TAX AND TIMBER/ SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS REVENUES; NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND TRENDS; HOUSE PRICE INDEX, INDEX TO MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND DEFAULT FILINGS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MR. JASPIN ADVISED THE BASELINE 2010 GENERAL FUND FORECAST ASSUMES A MODERATE RECESSION WITH RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, TIGHT CREDIT AND FALLING REAL ESTATE VALUES AND AN ONGOING GAP BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF \$23.9 MILLION EXPLAINED BY REDUCED REVENUES, ONGOING STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, ONE-TIME-ONLY FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 SUPPORTING ONGOING PROGRAMS, ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 SPENDING AND ANNUALIZED PROGRAM COSTS AND HIGHER PERSONNEL COSTS. MR. JASPIN ADVISED THE OPERATING DEFICITS WILL GROW TO \$30.1 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2011; A MORE SEVERE RECESSION WILL RESULT IN A \$28.9 MILLION DEFICIT IN FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND \$35.3 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2011. MR. JASPIN CAUTIONED THAT THE PESSIMISTIC CASE IS NOT WORSE CASE, DOES NOT INCLUDE STATE OR FEDERAL IMPACTS OR NOVEMBER ELECTION IMPACTS.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF COMMISSIONER COGEN, MR. JASPIN ADVISED IF THE BOARD CUT \$35 MILLION THIS YEAR THERE WOULD BE NO CUTS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

MR. JASPIN CONTINUED HIS PRESENTATION, ADVISING BASE CASE, ONGOING GENERAL FUND REVENUES OF \$346.2 MILLION INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX, BUSINESS INCOME TAX, MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX, VIDEO LOTTERY, LIQUOR AND CIGARETTE TAX, ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION RECORDING/CAFFA GRANT AND INDIRECT, US MARSHAL BEDS, JUVENILE DETENTION AND CITY OF PORTLAND CHRONIC OFFENDER REVENUES.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF COMMISSIONER COGEN, MR. JASPIN ADVISED TRYING TO ESTIMATE HOW SEVERELY BUSINESS INCOME TAX REVENUE WILL BE IMPACTED IS VERY DIFFICULT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF COMMISSIONER ROBERTS, MR. JASPIN ADVISED THAT MONTHLY RECORDING FEES RELATED TO BUYING AND SELLING PROPERTY HAVE FALLEN DRASTICALLY.

MR. JASPIN CONTINUED HIS PRESENTATION, DISCUSSING EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS OF PROGRAMS AND CASH TRANSFERS FUNDED ON A ONE-TIME-ONLY BASIS IN FISCAL YEAR 2009 THAT ARE NOT FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2010; NEW FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROGRAMS, ANNUALIZED PROGRAM COSTS, OR ADDITIONAL COST TO EXISTING PROGRAMS; THE COST DRIVERS OF INFLATION, MEDICAL/DENTAL, LIABILITY RATE, AVERAGE PERSONNEL COST GROWTH AND INTERNAL SERVICE COST GROWTH; AND POSSIBLE ONE-TIME-ONLY RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF CHAIR WHEELER, MR. JASPIN ADVISED THAT THE WAPATO CONTINGENCY WAS ASSUMED TO BE A ONE-TIME-ONLY COST.

MR. JASPIN DISCUSSED FORECAST RISKS AND ISSUES AND ADVISED THAT FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGETED REVENUES LOOK OKAY; AND THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPERATING DEFICIT OF \$23.9 MILLION WILL LIKELY BE \$30 MILLION BY FISCAL YEAR 2011 OR FISCAL YEAR 2010 IF THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO WORSEN.

CHAIR WHEELER STATED HE IS PROUD OF THE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD WITH AN EFFECTIVELY MANAGED BUDGET AND PAID DOWN \$24 MILLION DEBT. CHAIR WHEELER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO REDUCE CURRENT BUDGET EXPENDITURES NOW, WHICH IS A HUGE CHALLENGE BUT WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO BALANCE THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR AND ADVISED THAT HE IS ASKING FOR 15% GENERAL FUND REDUCTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010. CHAIR WHEELER SUGGESTED THAT WE SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE AND FIND WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS HOW PERSONALLY DIFFICULT THIS IS FOR EVERYONE, BUT TO FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COUNTY'S WORK.

COMMISSIONER NAITO STATED THIS IS VERY SOBERING NEWS AND THAT SHE IS REASSURED THE CHAIR WANTS TO INVOLVE BOARD IN BUDGETING AND CUTS. COMMISSIONER NAITO ADVISED THE COMMISSIONERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND THAT SHE FUNDAMENTALLY DISAGREES WITH ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS, AND THAT COUNTY PROVIDED SERVICES ARE WORTH FIGHTING FOR. COMMISSIONER NAITO RELATED THAT CITIZENS VOTED IN SUPPORT OF THE TEMPORARY ITAX TO HELP BRIDGE THE FUNDING GAP A FEW YEARS AGO AND SUGGESTED THAT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW COMMISSIONERS IS NEEDED, AND THAT WITH PERCEPTIONS AROUND STATE CHANGING REGARDING TIMBER REVENUE, FORMULAS NEED TO BE REEXAMINED AND PREEMPTIONS NEED TO BE LOOKED AT IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLY RAISING THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AND LOOKING INTO A PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS ADVISED HE APPRECIATIONS COMMISSIONER NAITO'S WORDS, AND THAT HE REALIZES THE COUNTY HAS A TOUGH SITUATION. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS STATED HE WANTS TO LEAVE OFFICE HAVING DONE BEST HE CAN AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EAST COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER.

DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER JANA MCLELLAN ADVISED THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO WORK WITH KEY LEADERS IN THE ORGANIZATION, MEETING REGULARLY TO RAMP UP THE WORK NEEDED FOR THE BUDGET PROCESS. MS. MCLELLAN ADVISED PETER OZANNE OUT OF TOWN TODAY, BUT THAT HE

IS WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES, THAT CAROL FORD, HECTOR ROCHE AND RHYS SCHOLES ARE WORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS, UNIONS, CLIENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS, THAT ALTHEA MILECHMAN OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE IS SWORKING WITH DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC, AND THAT THERE WILL BE A LIVE WEBSITE FOR FOLKS TO DISCUSS EFFICIENCIES, IDEAS AND CONCERNS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk and
Shirley Luo, Intern
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County