



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/14/13
 Agenda Item #: R.9
 Est. Start Time: 10:25 am
 Date Submitted: 2/27/13

Agenda Title: **Acting as the governing body of the Multnomah County Library District, approve resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County in accordance with Multnomah County Home Rule Charter 9.20(2)**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: March 14, 2013 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Library **Division:** Library Administration
Contact(s): Becky Cobb
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Jenny Morf, County Attorney; Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Convene as the governing body of the Multnomah County Library District and approve a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Multnomah County in accordance with the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter 9.20(2).

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In November, 2010, the voters amended the Multnomah County Charter and established a method under which the Board of County Commissioners may form a library district upon voter approval. In Resolution 2012-104, passed in August, 2012, the Board referred to the voters the formation of the Multnomah County Library District (MCLD) with a permanent rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A majority of voters approved the formation of the Library District during the November, 2012, election.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The voters approved a library district permanent rate of up to \$1.24 per \$1000 assessed value for ad valorem taxes beginning in 2013. These tax revenues will not be available to the MCLD until July, 2013. An IGA between Multnomah County and MCLD will provide bridge funding that will be reimbursed by MCLD. An IGA will also provide a structure for governance, internal services and management of MCLD during a period of transition. In accordance with the Multnomah County Charter 9.20(2), MCLD will become financially independent from the County on a date no later than 18 months from the November, 2012, vote.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, Chapter IX, allows for the “operating property, employees and debt associated with the Multnomah County Library” to be transferred to the MCLD pursuant to IGAs (Multnomah County Home Rule Charter, 9.20(2)). The same section of the Charter also allows the MCLD to be subsidized by the County during the negotiation of the IGA. This IGA will govern the transition period.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

There were a number of public hearings and community listening sessions in the months leading up to the November, 2012, vote on the library district. The Board of County Commissioners conducted an online survey in July, 2012, and the library recently completed a survey to elicit community input on hours and services. Board briefings were held on February 14 and 21, 2013. In the coming months, there will also be work sessions and hearings regarding the library budget.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date: Feb. 27, 2013