

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, January 24, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith, and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Morf, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

No consent agenda items were included in this week's Board packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 RESOLUTION Adopting the 2013 Multnomah County State Legislative Agenda. Presenters: Nancy Bennett and Claudia Black, Co-Directors, Government Relations & Rhys Scholes, Policy Manager, Government Relations.

Vice-Chair Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-1.

Ms. Bennett said they would recap those issues discussed at Tuesday's Board Briefing.

Ms. Black gave an overview of the changes as a result of the elections. She said the Senate is split 16/14 and may cause a shift to a more conservative venue. Session begins February 4th. The House is 34/26 split with the Democrats in majority and with 13 new House members; 8 from Portland. There will be a shift in both Democratic and Republic caucuses, but both are making an effort to be bipartisan. She said the primary legislative issues are: budget, funding for schools and education, jobs, the I-5 bridge, health care, and firearm safety.

Mr. Scholes reviewed the budget and said the Governor is anticipating savings from the new health plan, reduced prison populations and PERS adjustments. All require legislative approvals. He intends to provide more money in education, early childhood development and research linked to economic development. He proposes small increases in funding for mental health, community corrections, and long term care.

Ms. Bennett said community partners, departments and legislatures are trying to identify top priorities. The agenda for Legislative Session includes issues such as economic development, transport, land use and public safety. She said it is always a challenge to develop a Legislative

Agenda that reflects priorities of the Board and it doesn't reflect every issue that they will work on in this Session. She said as changes arise during the session, they will bring this back to the Board.

Chair Cogen said he has been with the County seven years now and sees dramatic changes in relations with legislators and government partners.

She requested Adoption of our legislative agenda to provide guidance to the county government relations staff in representing Multnomah County before the Oregon Legislature.

Resolution No. 2013-007 was unanimously adopted.

R.2 Approval of Wage Reopener Settlement Between Multnomah County and the Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff's Association (MCDSA). Presenters: Steve Herron, Labor Relations & Class Comp Dir. & Mark Herron, MCDSA President.

Vice-Chair Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-2.

Steve Herron made opening remarks and introductions. He said the parties' current collective bargaining agreement is in effect through June 30, 2014. The reopener for 2011-2012 stated that the parties agreed to reopen Addendum A-1 Wages and bargained 18 months. They reached a tentative agreement for a 1.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), retroactive to July 1, 2011. The parties also reached tentative agreement on updates to the Health and Welfare Article consistent with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Based on the tentative agreement, DSA (a strike prohibited group) wages will be retroactively increased by 1.2% effective July 1, 2011. The estimated cost to implement this increase over the life of the contract (through FY 2014) is \$355,000. The estimate includes base pay, fringe and insurance costs. This impacts about 100 employees.

Steve Herron said if the Board approves the DSA labor contract, the Budget Office will submit a General Fund contingency request asking the Board to appropriate the FY 2012 costs associated with this contract.

Mark Herron said that this bargaining was a collaborative effort and he acknowledged the hard work of all parties involved.

The Chair and Commissioners commended the presenters for addressing the challenges in negotiations and reaching a fair compromise.

The Settlement Agreement was unanimously approved.

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCA-11, Converting 1.0 FTE IT Project Manager 2 Position to Regular from Limited Duration. Presenter: Tracey Massey, Sr. IT Manager.

Vice-Chair Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-3.

Ms. Massey explained that the department is requesting Board approval of this BudMod, converting an existing limited-duration position to an ongoing, regular position reporting to the

Planning, Projects and Portfolio Management program, adding that this is a budget neutral position that supports the strategic processes and SAP ERP system.

There is no fiscal impact in the current year, as the IT budget contains funding for a limited duration position for this purpose for a full year. Funding for the position is included in the IT rates for FY 2014.

Ms. Massey responded to questions and comments from the Board.

BudMod HD-12-23 was unanimously approved

BOARD COMMENT

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

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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