

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. With Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioner Sharon Meieran and Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:53 a.m.

Also attending were Kathryn Short, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-35-18: Authorizing one position reclassification within the Health Department
- C.2 Resolution Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property (R324419) as Allowed under ORS 275.275 to Tualatin Valley Water District
- C.3 Favorable Recommendation of Liquor License Application for Vista House Located at 40700 Historic Columbia River Hwy. Corbett, OR 97219
- C.4 Budget Modification JOHS-04-18 Reclassifies a 1.00 Program Specialist Sr. to a 1.00 Management Assistant

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND I WILL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. THANK YOU. [READS NAMES]

Grant Williams: I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

All: [RECITES THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

Grant Williams: ALL RIGHT, I AM INFLUENCED. THANKS, BRUCE. IMMIGRANT, I THINK I KNOW MOST OF YOU, I MET YOU ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, I AM WITH BRENTWOOD DARLINGTON FROM COMMUNITY WATCH AND I WANT TO PUT A FEW WORDS INTO PEOPLE'S WORDS ABOUT HOW WE FEEL IN GENERAL ABOUT THE WAPATO SALE. I WILL NOT BELEAGUER THE POINT. I THINK IT'S OBVIOUS THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER, ARE UPSET ABOUT A LACK OF AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT IS BECOMING A SAFETY CRISIS ON TOP OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE DOING WHAT YOU CAN WITH THE 61ST AND FOSTER SHELTER WHICH HAS SOME INHERENT DIFFICULTIES. THERE IS PUBLIC PERCEPTION ISSUES THAT I THINK ARE BECOMING VERY OBVIOUS. SOME DISCONTENT IN THE WAY THAT THAT WAS HANDLED. IF THIS IS AN INDICATION OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO BE GOING FORWARD, I THINK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE MORE ACTIVISM FROM THE LIVABILITY SIDE OF THINGS COMING FROM EAST OF THE RIVER.

I WOULD JUST WANT TO WRAP MY THOUGHTS UP BY SAYING PLEASE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO TO REEVALUATE YOUR POSITION ON HOW YOU HANDLE THE WAPATO AND GIVE HOMER WILLIAMS A CHANCE TO HAVE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT HE'S GETTING INTO TO GET 500 HOMELESS AND ADDICTED PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS, AND INTO A PATH TO GET THEM BACK INTO A RIGHT MIND AND YOU KNOW, REINVENT THEIR LIVES, THAT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT DOES NOT COME ALONG EASILY. YOU GAVE HIM THAT FACILITY DOWNTOWN, AND I APPLAUD YOU. THAT'S 100 PEOPLE AND THAT'S GREAT, THAT'S PROGRESS. BUT I THINK THAT WE REALLY MISSED THE BOAT ON WAPATO AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO REEVALUATE THAT AND PREROACH IT AND GIVE HIM THE FEASIBILITY STUDY I WOULD ASK YOU DO THAT. THANK YOU.

Bruce Broussard: I AM EXCITED, I JUST MET HIM TODAY, AND I HAVE ENOUGH TIME. A GOOD DAY, SUN IS SHINING, I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. FIRST OFF I SEE ONE OF THE KIDS GOING TO BE OUT OF THE MIX, I SAW HIM ON MY FACEBOOK GOING TO SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS. OUT OF SIGHT. OKAY. THIS IS GREAT. I REALLY LIKE SOME OF THE COMMENTS HE MADE. AND MY COMMENTS AGAIN WAS ABOUT WAPATO. I WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT HOMER WILLIAMS CAME TO THE TABLE AND BASICALLY HE'S REPRESENTING OTHER BUSINESSES INTERESTED IN DOING SOMETHING IN REGARDS TO PUTTING TOGETHER A TEMPORARY SHELTER WITH USING THE WAPATO ASPECT OF IT. SO I THINK THAT MAYBE WE MIGHT HAVE A SOLUTION THERE. AND [INAUDIBLE] IS A HOME GROWN PERSON, MAYBE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET TO GET WITH HOMER AND WORK SOMETHING OUT AND STILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT DOING, USING THAT FACILITY. I SAW THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THE TRIBUNE, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING SOMETHING WITH THE FACILITY DOWNTOWN

HERE, AND I THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS INTERESTING SO I JUST THOUGHT THAT I WOULD SHARE THAT WITH YOU. I HOPE WE CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM. HOMER IS A PRETTY GOOD -- HE'S A BUSINESSMAN. THAT WAS ONE POINT THAT I WANTED TO MAKE, AND IT SOLVES OUR PROBLEMS, TOO, ACROSS THE BOARD BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO SOLVE, THINGS ARE TOUGH RIGHT NOW.

Bruce Broussard: WE DO NOT WANT PEOPLE OUT THERE ON THE STREET. IT'S INHUMANE, BUT BECAUSE I AM RUNNING FOR OFFICE THAT'S WHAT I AM SUPPOSED TO DO. I AM NOT AN AGITATOR, JUST TRYING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM AND MAKING SURE THAT I GET IT. THE OTHER THING, I AM GETTING EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT, I TOLD LORETTA ABOUT THIS ON THE STREETS AND YOU ARE GOING TO BE DOING DISPENSARIES AND YOU ARE WORKING ON THAT, AND I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. AND WE NEED BICYCLES FOR SENIORS BY THE WAY, REAL QUICK-LIKE, TRICYCLES SO HE HAVE GOT THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS THAT I AM TALKING TO, AND THEY WILL MAYBE GET TO SEE THE HOUSE. AND OKAY, AND THE INSTITUTION RACES AND ASPECT PIECE OF IT, I THINK THE FLAG THING HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT. THAT HELPS IT OUT A BIT. MAYBE THAT MIGHT HELP OUT A BIT. AND I AM THINKING THAT I AM TRYING TO GET -- I HAVE GOT THE FIRST PERSON HERE TO DO THE SAME, AND BASICALLY LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND HOME I WILL GET THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOLUNTEER TO DO THAT IN THE FUTURE IF POSSIBLE.

CANDIDATE RUNNING, I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE FORMS WHILE RUNNING FOR OFFICE, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF YOU WOULD MAYBE SEND THEM SOME FORMS AND IDEAS, WHAT ARE THE ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY? SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE THOSE KIND OF DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE MOST CASES THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THINGS WITH NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DISTRICT. SO THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. AND OTHER THAN THAT, OKAY. I HAVE GOT THAT. I HAVE ALL THESE NOTES, AND THAT'S ENOUGH TIME. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Yu Te: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM GLAD TO BE HERE AND NOT UNDER FIRE SPEAKING BEFORE YOU. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE CIC, I WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, AND THE CONFLICT, LAST TUESDAY'S MEETING WAS SMOOTH AND COLLABORATIVE AND WE HAD PUBLIC OBSERVERS INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF STAFF. IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE CHAIR IS TAKING PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CIC'S WELLBEING. THEY [INAUDIBLE] TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, THE SUBJECT FOR RECOMMENDATION, THEY NOTED THAT IT'S BEST ON HOW TO DEAL WITH CONFLICT WITHIN THE MEMBERS. WE HAVE ELECTIONS FOR OFFICE NEXT MONTH, GREG WILL BE RUNNING FOR CHAIR AND I THINK JUDY MAY BE RUNNING AGAINST HIM AND WE'LL HAVE A HEALTHY RACE, A MICROCOSM OF THE GREATER RACES THAT ARE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. THE CIC IS THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMMITTEE. IT WAS GREAT, AND IN 1984, IT'S AN AVENUE FOR PEOPLE, FOR RESIDENTS TO BE ABLE TO GET HEARD BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANOTHER WAY AS WELL. BUT ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE DO IS RECRUIT AND TRAIN AND VOLUNTEERS FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. PERSONALLY I WAS HARDENED AT THE MEETING THAT TWO OF MY FELLOW CIC MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT ME ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT THAT WITH ME DURING HEARING.

Yu Te: I WAS ABLE TO ALSO EXPRESS MY DESIRE TO MAKE PEACE WITH THEM. APPARENTLY ALSO WHAT I LEARNED WAS THAT THESE STAFF, THE CIC MEETINGS ARE RECORDED BY STAFF SO IN YOUR FACT-FINDING RESEARCH I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ANOTHER WAY FOR YOU TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND THAT YOU CAN GET THE RECORDING FROM THIS TUESDAY'S MEETING, AND THE CONTROVERSIAL MEETING FROM FEBRUARY AS WELL, AND IF YOU DO GET IT, I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD, TO LOOK AT THAT AS WELL. IT SHOULD BE PUBLIC RECORD. LET ME SEE. I WISH WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIKE DISCUSS WON -- WAPATO WITH THE CIC. I THINK THESE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT, AND HISTORICALLY THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE WAS FORMED FROM THE CITIZEN ACTIVISTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY MOVING FORWARD WITH PROJECTS LIKE BACK THEN WITH THE MOUNT HOOD FREEWAY. I THINK THAT THEY WERE MAD FROM THE 205 THAT WAS PUT IN THE MIDDLE OF EAST PORTLAND AS WELL. THEY ENACTED THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, SO I WOULD LIKE TO -- I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME, AND I WOULD LIKE TO COME ON A REGULAR BASIS, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MAKE IT EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT THIS EARLY HOUR, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. GOOD MORNING.

Shauna Canote: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHAUNA [INAUDIBLE], AND I AM HERE BECAUSE I AM DISAPPOINTED WITH THE WAPATO VOTE. I REALIZED THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN VOTED ON ALREADY BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WAPATO COULD HAVE BEEN, AND I DO HOPE THAT IF ANYTHING, SOMETHING, SOME HOW CAN BE DONE, I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE DONE TO USE THE RESOURCES THERE IN A DIFFERENT WAY. THE BUILDING AND LAND OF WAPATO COULD HAVE PROVIDED SHELTER FOR THE HOUSELESS, AN R.V. PARK WITH A SEWAGE DUMP AND R.V. WASHING AREA, A TENT CAMPING AREA, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING, FOR PEOPLE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF RECOVERY. A TINY HOUSE DEVELOPMENT, SHOWERS, CAFETERIA, FOOD BANK DROP-OFF CENTER, LOW COST, FREE GROCERY STORE, COMMUNITY GARDEN, MEDICAL CLINIC, AND DENTAL CLINIC, LAUNDRY STORAGE, AND FREE CLOTHES AND SHOE STORE, SLEEPING BAGS AND OTHER WARM ITEMS COUNTER. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON-SITE, JOB TRAINING AND A CAREER CENTER, AND A PLACE TO HELP VETERANS WITH V.A. FORMS AND SO FORTH, LEADERSHIP

PROGRAMS, CAREER CENTER, AND COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRY, ADDICTION RECOVERY, CONFERENCE ROOMS, CLASSROOMS, AND A TECHNOLOGY CENTER AND AN AMPHITHEATER FOR SPEAKERS AND OTHER EVENTS, AREAS FOR SOCIALIZING, BASKETBALL COURTS, ETC., AND THE DROPIN CENTER FOR YOUTH AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN. I THINK IT IS AMAZING THAT -- I THINK IT'S AMAZING AND THAT INNOVATIVE THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE WITH 18 WHOLE ACRES. AND A HUGE BUILDING THAT COULD BE RE-PURPOSED.

Shauna Canote: WE NEED SOME COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE AN ATTITUDE CHANGE, A NEW PERSPECTIVE, RATHER THAN SAYING BUT IT'S A JAIL WE WOULD BE HOUSING, WAREHOUSING THE HOMELESS, THINK OUTSIDE OF YOUR MANSION. HAVE SOME HOPE AND CREATIVITY. SAY THIS WAS BUILT TO BE A JAIL BUT WE CAN REMODEL AND RE-PURPOSE THIS BUILDING. EVERYTHING DOES NOT HAVE TO BE CENTERED IN THE DOWNTOWN. CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, THE ASSOCIATION, BUILT A NEW BUILDING FOR HOUSELESS PEOPLE. IT PROVIDES IT IN ONE LOCATION HOUSING RECOVERY AND MEDICAL CARE, IT EXISTS ON EAST BURNSIDE AND NORTHEAST 122ND AVENUE. IT IS SAID TO BE THE ONLY FIFTH OVER-ARCHING FACILITY IN NORTH SIDE AMERICA. WAPATO COULD HAVE BEEN THE SIXTH. A DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL CITY CONCERN ONCE SAID THAT IF YOU CAN COMBINE THE RIGHT COMBINATION OF CLINICAL, RECOVERY, CLINICAL RECOVERY AND JOB SERVICES, YOU CAN BUILD PEOPLE'S RESILIENCY TO HOMELESSNESS IN THE LONG-TERM.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING. IF YOU WANT TO TURN IN WRITTEN COMMENTS WE'RE HAPPY TO READ THEM.

Shauna Canote: OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST? GO AHEAD.

Devorah Harris: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS DEVORAH HARRIS, PRESIDENT HARRIS INSTITUTE LLC. CANDIDATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR. FOR THOSE WHO CAN AND WILL I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT LEAST EIGHT SECONDS OF MY TIME IN MEMORY OF THE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE HEART FAMILY, PARENTS WHO CHOSE SUICIDE OVER LIFE ON THE FUTURE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THANK YOU. I DECREE AND I DECLARE CHAIR KAFOURY THAT YOU TAKE THE SHACKLES OFF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WHAT IS A SHACKLE? I AM GLAD YOU ASKED. IT IS A TYPE OF CHAIN THAT HOLDS DOWN RESTRAINTS, AND IT PREVENTS ITS OBJECT TO MOVE WITH FREEDOM. IN THE WAKE OF THE CELL OF WAPATO I STRUGGLE WITH CHAIR KAFOURY'S

SIZING WHICH READ, IT HAS ONLY DEEPENED MY RESOLVE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST. I WILL UNQUOTE THAT. I DIDN'T QUOTE IT. WHAT DID, WHAT DOES IT DO TO LEARN FROM THE PAST, CHAIR? WHEN YOU CARRY THOSE SHACKLES FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE. IT APPEARS THAT YOU HAVE THOSE SHACKLES IN PLACE FOR THE FUTURE. THERE ARE SHACKLES OF WAPATO CERTAINLY.

Devorah Harris: I AM ALSO TALKING ABOUT NUMBER ONE IS THE SHACKLES OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. NUMBER TWO THE SHACKLES OF ENTITLEMENT TO PUBLICLY CALL WOMEN THE B WORD ON TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS AND TAXPAYERS' TIME. SHACKLE NUMBER THREE, SHACKLES OF HEALTH, DISPARITIES OF THE POOR, UNDERSERVED, AND UNDERREPRESENTED. NOW YOU CAN ADD THE SHACKLES OF GIVING AWAY WAPATO FOR 5 MILLION YET NO PLACE TO KEEP HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE FROM FREEZING IN THE UPCOMING WINTER. IT APPEARS CHAIR KAFOURY IF YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THE PAST, YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING TO FIX THE PAST. THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS THE LIVES, THE HELP, FAMILIES, DREAMS OF THE FUTURE FOR COUNTY WORKERS AND FOR THE COMMUNITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. REMOVE THE SHACKLES. BUILD PUBLIC TRUST AGAIN. THERE IS NO TRUST, PUBLIC TRUST IN GOVERNMENT. THE SHACKLES NEED TO GO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ron Swaren: GOOD MORNING. RON SWARREN, SOUTHEAST UMATILLA. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE CURRENT ISSUE THAT I ACTUALLY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE TO, AND THIS ALTERNATIVE WAS HEARD OUT OF 2011 FORUM, ROBERT LIBERTY, WE HAD AN ODOT CONSULTANT WHO LIKED THE IDEA. THE ISSUE IS POTENTIAL TOLLING ON I-5 AND 205. I THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY UNFAIR TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. I HAVE HAD TO GET ALL OVER THE METRO AREA IN MY CONSTRUCTION CAREER, AND THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO PAY, LET'S SAY AN EXTRA \$10 OR \$20 A DAY TO DO THAT WOULD BE OUTSTANDING, AND SO THIS TOLLING PROPOSAL THAT'S SENIOR CONSIDERED IS UNFAIR AND ALTHOUGH THERE IS GOOD INTENTIONS WITH IT, SUCH AS PROMOTING CAR-POOLING, I THINK THAT THE OVERALL FACTORS THAT WE'RE FACING WOULD NOT SEE A POSITIVE RESULT, AND THOSE TWO FACTORS ARE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH. THEY ARE SAYING HALF A MILLION NEW RESIDENTS IN PORTLAND BY 2040, AND ALSO ECONOMIC GROWTH ON THE WEST COAST WITH CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON, SHIPPING THEIR STUFF THROUGH HERE, SO THOSE TWO FACTORS ARE GOING TO KIND OF OUTRUN THE BENEFITS THAT WE WOULD GET FROM TOLLING. THIS IS THE ALTERNATIVE. I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR QUITE A LONG TIME, AND IT'S ECONOMICALLY ACHIEVABLE. IT WOULD REDUCE NEW BRIDGES FOR THE WILLAMETTE AND THE COLUMBIA, AND I HAVE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

Ron Swaren: THE NETWORK IS A COST EFFECTIVE ONE THAT OREGON HAS EXPERIENCE IN, WALDPOR HAS ONE. ROGUE RIVER, JUST BUILT ONE FOR \$12 MILLION. AND I HAVE EVEN CORRESPONDED WITH THE ENGINEER ON IT, SO IT'S VERY COST EFFECTIVE. THE OTHER THING IS THIS ROUTE WOULD CREATE NEW TRANSIT DISTRICTS. I TALKED TO THE C-TRAN CEO AND HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RUN EXPRESS BUSES ON THAT, SO HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH TRI-MET, AND THE PURPOSE OF THAT IS TO GET AN AGENCY THAT CAN HELP US TO GET A BILL THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE FOR FURTHER STUDY, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE TRI-MET HELP. I DON'T KNOW IF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHAT ROLE THEY COULD TAKE BUT, IN THE STUDY CONDUCTED, THEY IDENTIFIED COLUMBIA BOULEVARD AS A HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES FIGURE INTO THAT, AND AS FAR AS THE BRIDGES, I KNOW WE COULD DO AN EAST SIDE BRIDGE WITH THAT NETWORK, AND IT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY BECAUSE IT WOULD ATTRACT A LOT OF SHOPPERS FROM WASHINGTON. IT'S A BASIC FACTOR HERE WHEN WE HAVE A BRIDGE ACROSS THE COLUMBIA, PEOPLE COME FROM WASHINGTON TO SHOP SO IT'S A BENEFIT TO OREGON BUSINESSES. SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE RECOLLECTED -- SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD DO, TOLLING WE SHOULD NOT DO.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: THANK YOU, I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. TAKE NOTICE OF OUR [INAUDIBLE]. WOULD YOU PLEASE THING GOING ON THIS MORNING IS -- IT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A FEW YEARS, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IS MOST FAMILIAR WITH IT, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VERSUS THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU FOR A PATTERN AND PRACTICES THAT DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND SIMILAR TO MENTAL ILLNESS BEING DEPRIVED OF THEIR INSTITUTIONAL CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. OTHER CITIES HAVE FACED THAT PROBLEM. RIGHT NOW, JUDGE SIMON WILL BE TALKING ABOUT IT.

IT WAS INTERESTING TO HAVE YU TE UP HERE TALKING ABOUT THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS THEY ENTERED INTO A FREE WILL NEGOTIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY TO CREATE A BODY, A PUBLIC BODY, THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD, AND THEN WHEN THAT WORK BECAME DIFFICULT, THE BRILLIANT, THE 40 BRILLIANT LEGAL MINDS THAT WORK IN THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YES, OUR CITY ATTORNEY IS A LAW FIRM THAT EMPLOYS 40 PEOPLE, WE CAN KILL THE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD BY NOT APPOINTING PEOPLE TO THE SEATS THAT ARE VACATED BY PEOPLE THAT FLED THAT COMMITTEE TO PROTECT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH OR DO OTHER PUBLIC ACTIVITY. SO COMMISSIONER WALSH IS NOT THERE, JOE WALSH BECAUSE HE'S 76 YEARS OLD AND ON OXYGEN AND A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER. LIGHTNING, SUPER WATCHDOG, IS THERE. THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PORTLAND IS THERE TO SEE IF WE CAN MAINTAIN, ENGAGE COMMUNITY TO MOVE THE POLICE FORWARD

FROM A SITUATION WHERE JOHN ALFORD'S IS SHOT DEAD IN FRONT OF THE [INAUDIBLE] AT CITY TEAM MINISTRIES,

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: AND ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A CITY OF PORTLAND POLICE ISSUE THAT'S ALSO PARTLY YOUR ISSUE, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE WE GET TO TALK ABOUT THE LPSCC, AND WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT FOR A PERSON IN PRISON MULTIPLE TIMES FOR HIS EUROPEAN [INAUDIBLE], WHAT'S GOING ON WITH LPSCC AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE THAT WE'RE NOT PROVIDING THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO BETTER PROTECT OUR -- THAT PERSON FROM HIMSELF. HE WAS REALLY ONLY A DANGER TO HIMSELF EVEN THOUGH THE POLICE SAY THAT HE HAD TO BE FATALLY SHOT. LET'S LOOK AT COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND PARTNERING BETTER WITH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS EXACTLY, THE LEGAL STATUS, PAROLE OR WHATEVER, BUT YOU KNOW, HE CARJACKED -- THERE IS TRAUMATIZED VICTIMS OF THAT PERSON, AND HIS DAUGHTER WHO HAS NOW LOST HER FATHER, SO IT'S ON ALL OF US TO NOT JUST LOOK AT THE POLICE PROBLEM THERE, BUT ASSESS A. COMMUNITY, WE CAN INTERCEPT RACISTS AND GET THEM OUT OF CRIMINAL PATTERNS. THANK YOU.

R.1 Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge - Greenroads Foundation Plaque Presentation. Presenter: Ian Cannon, County Engineer and Jeralee Anderson, Greenroads Foundation Representative

Chair Kafoury: COME ON DOWN. IAN YOU ARE UP.

Ian Cannon: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I'M IAN CANNON, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SERVED AS THE MANAGER FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND WITH ME I HAVE --

Jeralee Anderson: JERALEE ANDERSON, THE CEO OF GREENROADS' FOUNDATION.

Freeman Anthony: AND FREEMAN ANTHONY, A PROJECT ENGINEER WITH THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM PUBLIC WORKS. BUT ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR GREENROADS.

Ian Cannon: SO THIS MORNING WE HAVE GOT A VERY BRIEF PRESENTATION ABOUT THE VALUES OF THE COUNTY AS WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT. VALUES HAVE INCLUDED EQUITY, PARTNERSHIP, AND STEWARDSHIP, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND THIS MORNING'S FOCUS I GUESS WOULD BE ON SUSTAINABILITY AS THE COUNTY IS RECEIVING AN AWARD FROM THE GREENROADS FOUNDATION. I WILL LET JERALEE TAKE IT FROM THERE.

Jeralee Anderson: SURE, GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. GREENROADS FOUNDATION IS AN INDEPENDENT 501C3 NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT ADVANCES THE SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND INITIATIVES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND IT WAS STARTED IN 2010 IN THE SEATTLE AREA. SO I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. AS THE DEVELOPER OF THE GREENROADS RATING SYSTEM WE MANAGE A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROCESS, VERY SIMILAR TO THE LEAD PROCESS FOR SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS HERE IN THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY AND WE SEEK TO RECOGNIZE HIGH PERFORMING PROJECTS FOR DOCUMENTED EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY.

THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST OF 10 ACCEPTED APPLICANTS TO THE GREENROADS PROGRAM IN ITS INCEPTION IN 2011, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO SHARE ITS SUCCESS STORY TODAY WITH THANKS SPECIFICALLY TO THE COUNTY FOR BEING EARLY ADOPTERS. AS A RESULT OF THE BET YOU MADE ON US IN 2011, CURRENTLY WE ARE WORKING WITH 100 STREETS, HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, RAILS, AND TRAILS ALL OVER THE WORLD TOWARDS A CERTIFICATION VALUED AT \$24 BILLION. THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE RIGHT HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE 39TH CERTIFIED PROJECT TO COMPLETE WITH THE SILVER RATING. IT CURRENTLY HOLDS THE TOP SCORE OF 48 POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST VERSION OF THE RATING SYSTEM. CURRENTLY IT HOLDS THE TITLES OF HIGHEST AND FIRST RATING NOT ONLY -- AND ONLY RATING IN THE STATE OF OREGON. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S NEXT.

SUCCESSFUL CERTIFICATION IS A SIGNATURE ACHIEVEMENT REPRESENTING MORE THAN SIX YEARS OF WORK, THOUGHTFUL DESIGN AND CAREFUL CONSTRUCTION BY THE PROJECT TEAM WHO APPROACHED THE SUSTAINABILITY HOLISTICALLY, SO HERE ARE A FEW OF THOSE HIGHLIGHTS, AND MR. CANNON SHARED WITH ME THE PEOPLE IN COLLABORATION WERE THE HIGHLIGHT FOR HIM PERSONALLY AS WELL AS WE WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE FOCUS ON INTEGRATING MULTIPLE MODES WITH WIDER PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES ON EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, NEW CONNECTIONS FOR TRANSIT AND PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO STOP, LEARN THE HISTORY OF THE WATERFRONT WITH EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE AND ALSO, OF COURSE, ENJOY THE VIEW. IT IS ALSO ECO-FRIENDLY AND LOW IMPACT IN LINE WITH THE COUNTY VALUES INCLUDING DARK SKY FRIENDLY LUMINAIRES WITH LED LIGHTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEAUTIFUL BIO RETENTION FEATURES FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND NATIVE VEGETATION. IT ALSO POSITIVELY IMPACTS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH 94% OF THE MATERIALS BY COST, SOURCED WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE COUNTY AND THE SITE. AND I WILL MENTION THAT I LOVE TO SHARE THESE STATISTICS BECAUSE ALL GREENROADS PROJECTS ARE UNIQUE WITH A DIFFERENT PROFILE REGARDLESS OF WHERE I GO, AND THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE

REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS THE RESULT OF A REALLY INTER-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT FROM THE COUNTY AND THE PARTNERS WHO ALSO, I WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE PARTNERS, WHICH IS THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, AND ALSO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TEAM OF [INAUDIBLE] DAVID EVERYONE'S ASSOCIATES AND CONTRACTORS [INAUDIBLE] JOINT VENTURE.

Jeralee Anderson: THE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS TRULY ONE THAT EMBODIES THE MISSION OF GREENROADS FOUNDATION, AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS I AM PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO THE CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE PROJECT TEAM FOR SUCCESSFULLY IS COMPLETING A GREENROADS SILVER CERTIFICATION FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. I GUESS THAT WE HAVE A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IF THAT'S OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: LET'S TAKE A PHOTO.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I ASKED IAN, IS THERE A GOAL? HE SAID NO, THERE IS A GREEN CERTIFICATION, SO I AM LIKE THAT'S THE GOAL FOR THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE THEN TO GO UP AND TRY TO ACHIEVE THAT ONE. I ALSO THINK THAT NOT ONLY WAS THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, YOU KNOW, GREEN BUT I THINK THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE WITH THE NEW BRIDGE ALLOW FOR A MORE MULTI-MODAL AND GREEN FOCUSED WAY OF GETTING AROUND, SO I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE THAT AS PART OF THE DESIGN AND HOW PEOPLE ARE USING IT TODAY.

Freeman Anthony: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SO CONGRATULATIONS, WHEN WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF THOSE FLAX IN BELLINGHAM SO FEEL FREE TO GO PURSUE MORE. IT HAS, GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF GETTING OUR FIRST GREEN CERTIFIED PROJECT SOME OF THE THINGS WE LEARNED GOING THROUGH THOSE HAVE TRICKLED DOWN TO OTHER PROJECTS THAT WE DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS NOW IN OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH OUR WITHOUT CERTIFICATION SO HATS OFF, AND GOOD THINGS WILL COME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Jaralee Anderson: I WILL POINT OUT THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM HAS 8 PROJECTS, SO A COUPLE TO CATCH UP ON BUT YOUR PROJECT IS HIGHER THAN THEIRS. THERE IS A GOLD AND FOREVER GREEN CERTIFICATION, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST, AND CURRENTLY NO GOLD AND NO EVERGREEN PROJECTS IN THE WORLD.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROJECT TEAM FOR DOING SUCH AN AMAZING JOB. THIS PREDATES MY TIME BUT IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE WITH MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE CREDIT FOR SUCH AN AMAZING PROJECT AND THANK YOU TO OUR CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO WERE BOTH INVOLVED DEEPLY IN THAT PROJECT. SO YEAH, I LOVE THE FACT, THAT THE FACT THAT YOU HAD MENTIONED THE STAT OF 94% OF THE MATERIALS WERE SOURCED WITHIN 50 MILES. THAT IS AMAZING. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID THAT, IAN. GREAT JOB. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I LOVED YOUR QUOTE BUT CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. I THINK THAT WE ALREADY HAVE A NEW FOCUS OF WHAT'S NEXT. THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE. BUT WE DO -- I AM A LITTLE ASHAMED THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE IN OREGON AND YOU HAVE EIGHT IF -- EIGHT IN BELLINGHAM.

Ian Conner: YOU ARE ON.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS IAN AND TO YOUR TEAM.

Ian Conner: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Jeralee Anderson: CONGRATULATIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

R.2 Budget Modification-DCHS-24-18. Increasing the Aging, Disability & Veteran Services Division Federal/State Fund Appropriation by \$31,142. Presenter(s): Erin Grahek, Manager Senior & Lee Girard ADVSD Division Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2. GOOD MORNING.

Erin Grahek: GOOD MORNING, I AM ERIN GRAHEK, THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER WITH AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMIDITY -- HUMAN SERVICES, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR DEPARTMENT REQUESTING APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION, DCHS, 24-18, WHICH INCREASES OUR AGING AND DISABILITY AND VETERAN'S SERVICES BUDGET FOR FY-2018 BY \$31,142. THOSE DOLLARS WILL BE USED TO ADD A NEW REGULAR.25 FTE CASE MANAGER 2 POSITION. IT'S A.25 BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY .25 LEFT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR ONGOING, IT WILL BE A 1.0 FTE IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. THE INCREASE IN THE FUNDING IS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF OREGON INCREASING ADRC, NO WRONG DOOR FUNDING, THE STATE HAS BEEN GIVEN APPROVAL TO MATCH THE GENERAL FUND WITH THE MEDICAID FUNDS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPTIONS,

COUNSELING SERVICES, AND CARE TRANSITION SERVICES. OPTIONS COUNSELING IS A SERVICE BASED ON A NATIONAL MODEL IN WHICH A PERSON CENTERED PLAN IS DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR STAFF AND THE CONSUMER IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Erin Grahek: THE PLAN IS TO HELP THE CONSUMER MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS, CARE TRANSITIONS IS AN EVIDENT-BASED MODEL WHERE CARE TRANSITIONS, COACHES MEET WITH PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL AS WELL AS IN THEIR OWN HOME FOLLOWING THE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE. THE INTERVENTIONS IN THE CARE TRANSITION'S MODEL HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE HOSPITAL READMISSIONS RATES SIGNIFICANTLY. THIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT WILL RESULT IN LEVERAGING THE STATE GENERAL FUNDS TO MATCH WITH MEDICAID AND THEREBY INCREASING OUR OVERALL REVENUE TO ADD MORE STAFFING AND SERVE MORE CONSUMERS. CURRENTLY THE PROGRAM FUNDS AN EXISTING FULL-TIME CASE MANAGER, TOO. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL ALLOW US TO ADD AN EXTRA PERSON TO INCREASE THE SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, AND DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR ERIN? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. SORRY. WE DO HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: ONE PUBLIC COMMENT, MR. BROUSSARD.

Bruce Broussard: I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER SEAT NUMBER TWO. BRUCE BRUSSARD. MY COMMENCE IN REGARDS TO THE V.A.'S PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE A FEW CONCERNS, AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I AM RUNNING FOR OFFICE. I WAS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WHEN I FIRST SAW THE PROGRAM, WE HAD A VETERAN, A FORM OF VETERAN THAT WAS THERE, AND WE DON'T HAVE A VETERAN IN THAT POSITION. AND THE REASON BEING IS THAT I HAVE DEALT WITH THE OUTREACH TO THE VETERANS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE VETS WOULD ALWAYS SAY IS WE TEND TO FEEL A BIT MORE SAFER AND COMFORTABLE IF THERE WAS A VET IN THAT POSITION, AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WE DON'T HAVE A VET IN THAT POSITION AT THIS POINT IN TIME. THE OTHER THING IS THAT YOU KNOW, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOAL OF THE COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO REACHING OUT TO THE VET IS THAT WE ARE WANTING TO GO INTO THE BIG ROOF OF THE V.A. I COULD SEE THAT WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB ALONG THAT, MEANING FOR INSTANCE, OPENING 24 HOURS AS OPPOSED TO AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY, AND AS A WAY OF DOING THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE IS A 800 NUMBER. AND WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT THAT IN PLACE. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD POINT. AND THE REACHING OUT ATTITUDE IS, IS AN AREA THAT I WOULD THINK THAT MAY NEED A LITTLE SOMETHING. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DIRECTOR, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE NOT GOTTEN MY CALLS RETURNED, AND I WILL BE

RIGHT UP FRONT WITH YOU ABOUT THAT PART AND HOPEFULLY MAY BE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOMEONE TO RESPOND TO THAT BECAUSE I WANT TO HELP. I REALLY WANT TO HELP. I AM OUT THERE EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S WHAT I DO, AND AS A NONPROFIT REACHING OUT TO THE VETS IN OREGON, AND SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN DO THAT, BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I AM RUNNING FOR OFFICE. TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE GOT A GOOD OUTREACH PROGRAM TO VETS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I AM SURE THAT ERIN WILL BE HAPPY.

Bruce Broussard: HAPPY TO CHECK IN AFTER.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.3 Resolution Declaring the Multnomah County Courthouse, Located at 1021 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, Surplus; and Establishing a Public Comment Period. Presenters: Sherry Swackhamer, DCA Director; Henry Alaman FPM Director.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. AND BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH OUR PROCEEDINGS, I UNDERSTAND THAT COMMISSIONER MEIERAN HAS A PRELIMINARY MATTER?

Commissioner Meieran: YES, THANK YOU CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO RECUSE MYSELF FROM THIS MATTER. I DO NOT HAVE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AT THIS TIME, BUT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A CONFLICT ARISING IN THE FUTURE. THE CURRENT DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER AS HISTORIC PLACES, AND MY BROTHER IS A REDEVELOPER OF HISTORIC PROPERTY. HE HAS NOT DECLARED ANY INTEREST IN THE COURTHOUSE AT THIS TIME, BUT IN THE EVENT THAT HE DOES BECOME INTERESTED IN THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE AND TO AVOID EVEN THE PERCEPTION OF ANY FUTURE POTENTIAL CONFLICT I HAVE DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS MATTER AT ALL.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR THIS CONSIDERATION. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM ALL OTHER, ALL FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER. HENRY.

Henry Alaman: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM HENRY ALAMAN. I AM YOUR FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. I AM HERE TO INITIATE THE SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS FOR THE COURTHOUSE. SO PURSUANT ON RESOLUTION NUMBER

2018-005, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE COUNTY'S POLICY FOR DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, THE COUNTY STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 1021 SOUTHWEST 4TH AVENUE IN PORTLAND BE DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND RECOMMENDING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF 60 DAYS. THE FACILITY HAS BEEN USED FOR, BY THE COUNTY, AS A COURTHOUSE. A NEW COURTHOUSE IS NOW BEING BUILT IN THE CITY, AND YOU ARE WATCHING IT GOING UP, UP AS WE SPEAK. UPON COMPLETION OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE THE PROPERTY WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED, ADDITIONALLY THE COUNTY STAFF HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO OTHER CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED COUNTY USE FOR THE PROPERTY. THAT THE PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR DISPOSITION AND THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST WILL BE BEST SERVED BY THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY. DURING THAT 60-DAY PUBLIC PERIOD, THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE RECOMMENDATION AND MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF THE PROPERTY. WE ALSO ESTABLISHED AN ONLINE ACCESS ONLINE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THEN I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALSO AVERAGED FOR AN OPEN HOUSE IN MAY, SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: DO YOU HAVE THE WEBSITE FOR THAT?

Henry Alaman: I DO, IT'S LONG. BUT IT IS ON OUR COUNTY WEBSITE, TOO.

Chair Kafoury: GET THAT OUT TO THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

Henry Alaman: STAFF WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TOWARDS PREPARING THE PROPERTY FOR DISPOSITION AND WE WILL RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY AFTER THAT COMMENT PERIOD AND THE MARKETING PERIOD. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ON THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT, I AM WONDERING, SO THE BUILDING IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. AND I AM JUST WONDERING WHAT KIND OF IMPACT DOES THAT HAVE ON THE DISPOSITION OR THE ULTIMATE USE OR WHO MIGHT BUY IT.

Henry Alaman: BECAUSE IT'S REGISTERED, THERE ARE SOME RINGS ON WHAT THE FOLKS WHO BUY THAT CAN DO TO THE BUILDING EXTERIOR. THE NATIONAL REGISTER HAS KIND OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AS FAR AS WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE DONE TO RETAIN THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE BUILDING.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DOES THAT PREVENT IT FROM BEING DEMOLISHED?

Henry Alaman: YES, UNLESS THEY WERE TO DEMOLISH IT FULLY REPLACE IT, TO REPLICATE WHAT IS CURRENTLY THERE. THAT'S CORRECT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THAT WAS ONE OF MY QUESTIONS. AND THEN THE OTHER QUESTION IS YOU KNOW, WHEN WE DID THE CENTRAL, THE OFFICE CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING'S SURPLUS, THAT WAS A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND I ASKED FOR WHAT WAS THE REASON SO I AM GOING TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION FOR THIS ONE TO GET IT ON THE RECORD OF WHAT FACTORS LED TO SETTING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MARKETING FOR 60 DAYS?

Henry Alaman: WELL ONE THERE IS THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE BUILDING ITSELF. THE PUBLIC INTEREST MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLKS TO COMMENT, THAT THE FOLKS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY. WE CREATED THIS MARKETING BROCHURE, IT'S A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL DOCUMENT. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH TIME TO LOOK OVER THAT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THERE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: IS IT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITE ITSELF OR THE INTEREST, THE POTENTIAL INTEREST FOR THIS PROPERTY?

Henry Alaman: THINK IT'S BOTH. IT IS A COMPLEX SITE. IT'S DOWNTOWN. THE FOOTPRINT IS LARGE, AND THEN THERE IS A LOT OF -- IF YOU HAVE EVER WANDERED AROUND IN THAT BASEMENT IT'S LIKE NOOKS AND CRANNIES EVERYWHERE AND IT WOULD TAKE A LOT TO EXPLORE THAT AREA AND DO IT REALLY GOOD DUE DILIGENCE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU. YOU SAY THAT THERE IS NO CURRENT USE FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE. ARE WE PLANNING TO MOVE EVERYONE OUT TODAY?

Henry Alaman: WELL NO. WE HAVE A TRANSITION PLAN SO ONCE THE NEW COURTHOUSE IS BUILT, THERE WILL BE AN EVENTUAL TRANSITION PLAN FROM MOVING TO, FROM THE EXISTING OPERATIONS TO THE NEW ONE.

Commissioner Smith: I WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE IN YOUR STATEMENT, YOU SAID THAT THERE IS NO CURRENT USE FOR THE COURTHOUSE, AND I WAS THINKING THAT WE WERE GOING TO GO TO ANOTHER PLACE BEFORE WE MOVED INTO THE NEW ONE. DO WE HAVE A CURRENT BUYER FOR THIS PROPERTY?

Henry Alaman: NO, WE DON'T.

Commissioner Smith: DO WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS SENT A SOLICITED PROPOSAL TO US ABOUT THIS SITE?

Henry Alaman: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY, ANY OF THAT, AND THAT WOULD ALL BE RUN THROUGH EVENTUALLY CBRE ONCE THE MARKETING PERIOD IS OPENED.

Commissioner Smith: SO WE'RE TRYING TO PREPARE. WHEN IS THE COURTHOUSE SCHEDULED TO OPEN, THE NEW ONE?

Henry Alaman: IN 2020.

Commissioner Smith: 2020, SO WE ARE ABOUT TWO YEARS OUT. AND SO YOUR SENSE IS THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO MARKET THIS?

Henry Alaman: NO MA'AM. I THINK THAT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS WE'RE INITIATING THAT SO THAT THERE IS A GOOD TRANSITION PERIOD SO THAT WE CAN POTENTIALLY SELL THE PROPERTY AND HAVE THE, YOU KNOW, THE FUTURE BUYER HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO START DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING THAT SO THAT, SO THAT WHEN WE MOVE OUT THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PREPARED FOR IT.

Commissioner Smith: IS IT YOUR SENSE WE ARE GOING TO SELL THIS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS?

Henry Alaman: I CAN'T REALLY ANSWER THAT QUESTION, MA'AM.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY. SO THIS SOUNDS LIKE THERE IS A BUYER ON THE LINE.

Henry Alaman: NO MA'AM. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY BUYER ON THE LINE.

Commissioner Smith: SO WHAT I WANT TO DO, DO YOU HAVE A REPORT THAT SUGGESTS WHAT THE VALUE OF THIS PROPERTY IS?

Henry Alaman: OF THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT?

Commissioner Smith: YES.

Commissioner Smith: DO YOU HAVE A PRELIMINARY VALUE, AND WHAT IS THAT?

Henry Alaman: I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME. I CAN CHECK INTO THAT AND FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST QUESTION I WOULD ASK, WHAT IS IT

VALUED AT AND WHY ARE WE SELLING IT SO QUICKLY, AND IF YOU HAVE A SENSE THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF LAG TIME, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD KNOW THAT, IF THERE WAS NOT A BUYER ON THE LINE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. IS THERE SOMEBODY ELSE THAT KNOWS THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY?

Chair Kafoury:: SHERRY SWACKHAMER WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE PRESENTATION AND SHE HAD TO LEAVE DUE TO A FAMILY EMERGENCY, SO I APPRECIATE YOU STEPPING IN HENRY AND TAKING THESE QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO KNOW THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GETTING A FAIR PRICE FOR THE VALUE AND THE RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT FOR THIS PROPERTY.

Henry Alaman: ABSOLUTELY.

Chair Kafoury: HENRY CAN YOU TELL US, SO AFTER THE 60-DAY PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT EXPIRES, THEN WHAT HAPPENS AT THAT POINT?

Henry Alaman: AFTER THE 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OUR JOB IS REALLY TO GATHER THOSE COMMENTS AND PRESENT TO YOU KIND OF A SUMMARY OF WHAT THE FOLKS HAVE HAD TO PROVIDE, SO THAT THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE THAT INFORMATION. THE MARKETING PERIOD WILL BE LAGGING, TWO WEEKS SO THAT'S ANY COMMENTS THAT COME FROM THERE AND ANY DIRECTION THAT THE BOARD MAY WANT TO PROVIDE WE COULD POTENTIALLY INCORPORATE INTO THE MARKETING PLAN THAT WE HAVE WITH CBRE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH US AS TO WHAT THOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS LOOK LIKE?

Henry Alaman: ABSOLUTELY.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT.

Henry Alaman: THAT'S THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE DECISIONS.

Commissioner Smith: ONE QUESTION, IF SOMEONE PURCHASES, BECAUSE AS SOON AS IT IS SURPLUSSED SOMEONE CAN PURCHASE IT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE A NEW BUYER WILL NOT HAVE THE FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING OVER IN THE COURTHOUSE TO MOVE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BUY IT. SO YOU ARE GOING TO ASSURE EVERYBODY THAT THIS WILL NOT -- NO MOVE WILL HAPPEN UNTIL WE MOVE INTO THE NEW COURTHOUSE?

Henry Alaman: YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM. OUR PLAN WAS IF WE WERE TO SELL THAT EARLY, THAT WE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST AN ARRANGEMENT THAT ALLOWED US TO STAY UNTIL THE NEW COURTHOUSE WAS AVAILABLE, AND THEN WE CAN TRANSITION SMOOTHLY INTO THAT.

Commissioner Smith: AND THAT WILL BE PUT INTO THE LANGUAGE WITH CBRE OF ANY CONTRACT THAT WE SIGN?

Henry Alaman: IT WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE PSA. THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT.

Commissioner Smith: IN THE ERNEST MONEY AGREEMENT SO THAT IT'S VERY CLEAR BECAUSE I WOULD HATE TO HAVE A NEW BUYER TRY TO MAKE US LEAVE EARLY.

Henry Alaman: YES, MA'AM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THAT COVERED.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I JUST HAD ONE MORE QUESTION. IS IT POSSIBLE TO WRITE IN THE CONTRACT WHEN WE WORK WITH CBRE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF -- DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS THAT IF FOR SOME REASON THAT YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY COMES IN AND BUYS IF AND THEY THINK IT'S GOING TO COST X, TO REMODEL IT, AND IT COST MORE, WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HAVE ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION THAT WOULD SERVE US IF WE HAVE TO GO BACK OUT TO THE MARKET?

Henry Alaman: I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL GIVE US GUIDANCE ON, BASED ON THE RESPONSE THAT WE GET FROM THE MARKET.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I WOULD ASK THAT WE MAKE THAT A REQUIREMENT INSTEAD OF JUST GUIDANCE BECAUSE I THINK THAT DATE IS REALLY HELPFUL AS FAR AS WHEN WE HAVE SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Henry Alaman: LET ME MAKE SURE THAT I CAPTURE THAT CORRECTLY. YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CBRE COMES BACK TO US WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL REMODELING OF THE SPACE?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: RIGHT. IF SOMEBODY BUYS THE BUILDING AND THEY HAVE A DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO IN AND THEY ARE GOING TO SAY I WANT TO REMODEL THAT BUILDING, I THINK IT WILL COST X AMOUNT OF MONEY. WHEN A REALITY MAYBE IT COST MORE. AND SO THEY MAY DECIDE NOT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IT BECAUSE IT COST MORE. WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT WITH THAT OLD OF A BUILDING THERE ARE SO

MANY UNKNOWNNS THAT INFORMATION COULD BE VALUABLE TO US AS A CURRENT OWNER TO GO OUT AND REMARK IT. SO I WOULD ASK IF THERE IS A WAY FOR US TO ASK FOR THOSE DOCUMENTS OR AT LEAST A SUMMARY, ISSUE THAT SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T, YOU KNOW, BUT AT LEAST KIND OF A HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY OF, YOU KNOW, IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN WHY THEY FELT THAT THOSE COSTS WERE INSURMOUNTABLE.

Henry Alaman: LET ME CHECK IN WITH CBRE AND MAKE SURE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO AND GET BACK TO YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AT THIS POINT? WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Board Cler: YES MADAM CHAIR. CHARLES BRIDGE CRANE JOHNSON AND BRUCE BRUSSARD, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Bruce Broussard: AGAIN I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, I AM RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER SEAT NUMBER TWO. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I AM RUNNING, I FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS [INAUDIBLE] PROPERTIES THAT WE SEND TO SELL. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED I THINK THAT WE SHOULD NOT SELL THEM. THAT'S REALLY LET THEM OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT MAKES SENSE IF YOU WILL TO KEEP THEM AND FOR INSTANCE LIKE HOUSING AND FOR THAT MATTER, IF WE ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH LOW INCOME HOUSING IF YOU WILL FOR FOLKS THAT WOULD BE A WAY IF YOU WILL OF KEEPING THE NUMBERS DOWN AND MAKING SURE THAT WE GET OUR A PRESENT SHIP FOLKS INVOLVED.

THE IDEA IS THAT MONEY IS GOING TO BE TIGHT SO CONSEQUENTLY ANY WAY THAT WE CAN GET MONEY IS A CREATIVE ASPECT. I HAPPEN TO BE A FORMER DEVELOPER AND A REMODELING ASPECT OF IT, AND THAT'S ANOTHER REASON THAT I FEEL THAT, I FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING IN THAT SEAT. AS FAR AS THE DOWNTOWN PROPERTY, ASSESS YOU KNOW, PORTLAND IS ON THE MAP. WE'RE BIG-TIME SO BOTTOM LINE IS THAT I THINK THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SURE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE TO BRING TO THE BOARD THE IDEA THAT ONE, WHAT IS THE APPRAISAL FOR THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY AND WHAT'S THE FEASIBILITY OF HOW CAN WE MAKE SOME MONEY WITH THE COUNTY AND KEEP IT. AND BASED ON THAT, WE CAN CUT A DEAL WITH THAT, THE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WOULD THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH IS SINCE WE HAVE THE PROPERTY, MAYBE WE MIGHT GIVE THEM AN IDEA OF WHAT WE MIGHT LIKE FOR THEM TO BUILD, THE DEVELOPER, IF YOU WILL, THE CONTENTS OF THAT PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY.

Bruce Broussard: I THINK THOSE ARE THE IDEAS BUT MY POINT IS THAT I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD JUST DO A QUICKY SALE. WE ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION WITH THE WAPATO SITUATION. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, ABOUT THE ERNEST MONEY AGREEMENT AND YOU DON'T HAVE THAT BACKGROUND. I DO. AND I WOULD SOMEWHERE HELPED OUT WITH THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS IN MAKING SURE THAT WE MADE SURE THAT WE GOT THAT MONEY ON WAPATO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. AS WE LEARNED FROM THE OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS HERE, MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH FINDING AND USING UP TO 18 ACRES OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND TO PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE. WHEN IT'S WAY, 25-MINUTE WALK FROM THE NEAREST BUS 11 STOP, AND IT'S A FORMER INCARERSRAL ENVIRONMENT, WHAT CAN WE SAY? THE HOMELESS PERSON, SURELY YOU CAN SURVIVE IN YOUR TENT FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE THAT IN THE BUSY CITY OF PORTLAND WE COULD FIND A QUARTER MILLION SQUARE [INAUDIBLE] THAT HAS CLIMATE CONTROL, AND YOU KNOW, PEOPLE USED TO SLEEP IN THAT BUILDING. THEY USED TO BE ORDERED TO SLEEP IN THAT BUILDING, SOUTHWEST 4TH.

NOW WE'RE EFFICIENT. SO WE PAY THE SHERIFF STAFF TO ESCORT PEOPLE INTO THAT BUILDING, ABOUT 50 AT A TIME, AND SAY YOU ARE ONLY HERE FOR THE DAYTIME. IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE FOR US TO SUPERVISE YOU SLEEPING AT NIGHT BECAUSE THE TOP OF THAT BUILDING IS THE JAIL. THE OLD JAIL. SO WE DON'T KNOW -- IT LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE WON'T BE GOING OUT OF THERE UNTIL 2020 BUT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE WILL TO GIVE HUMAN BEINGS ACCESS TO TOILETS AND CLIMATE CONTROL. A QUARTER MILLION SQUARE FEET AND WHEN WE GET RID OF THIS PROPERTY AND PROBABLY EVEN THOUGH WE MADE CRIMINALS SLEEP THERE WE WON'T ALLOW HOMELESS PEOPLE TO USE THOSE TOILETS AND SHOWERS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY COME BACK WITH THIS REPORT WE TALK ABOUT SPECIFICALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEIER AND FRANK, PDX.COM. NOT A 1909 BUILDING BUT NEWER. BUT THERE ARE GREAT THINGS GOING ON. THE GREAT VOTERS IN THIS COMMUNITY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF BOND MONEY TO TRY AND FIX OUR HOUSING PROJECT WHEN METRO COMES UP WITH THEIR THREE QUARTER MILLION OR WHATEVER THEY ARE GOING TO ADD TO THE STAGNANT QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS OF BOND FUNDING THAT THE CITY HAS PASSED BUT NOT REALLY IMPLEMENTED TO GET LOW INCOME WORKING FAMILIES INTO HOUSING. SO WE NEED TO THINK BEYOND JUST LIKE OH, LET'S JUST SELL IT. AND WE'LL HAVE MONEY THAT WE CAN DO STUFF WITH THE MONEY. THE CITY HAS DECIDED, WE COULD PUT A TOWER KOREAN INSIDE THE BUILDING AND REHAB THE BUILDING FOR 100 MILLION.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO GO, THESE PEOPLE ARE CRAZY. LET'S SELL IT SO WE DON'T DO SOMETHING THAT CRAZY BUT IT IS A QUARTER MILLION SQUARE FEET OF SPACE. PROBABLY NOT INCLUDING THE NICKS AND CRANNIES IN THE BASEMENT. AND IF IT DOESN'T MOVE FAST, IT WILL BE A GOOD EMERGENCY SHELTER BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE SLEEP IN THE BASEMENT OF THE PAROLE AND PROBATION BUILDING THIS YEAR. THANKS.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. HENRY, DID WE CONSIDER THIS AS A POSSIBLE HOMELESS SHELTER OR SOME SORT OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE ZONING CHANGED THAT WOULD PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE SPOT THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP AND TO CONTROL?

Henry Alaman: I KNOW THAT THERE WAS DISCUSSIONS WITH MARK JOLIN ON IT. IT DID NOT LOOK LIKE A VERY VIABLE OPTION. ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CONCERNS IS ACTUALLY THE SEISMIC LIABILITY OF THAT FACILITY. IT'S A 100-YEAR-OLD FACILITY.

Commissioner Smith: THERE IS AN ORDINANCE AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND THAT REQUIRES BUILDING OWNERS MAKE UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MAKE THEM EARTHQUAKE PROOF. AND SO IF WE KEPT THIS PROPERTY WE WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT AS WELL, AND THAT WOULD BE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND TO GET THAT REPAIRED, CORRECT?

Henry Alaman: MILLIONS.

Commissioner Smith: MILLIONS. I WAS THINKING IF WE KEPT IT AND WE MOVED THE BUILDING AND WE PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, WE COULD BASICALLY CONTROL THAT WITH, YOU KNOW, COUPLE IT WITH THE DOLLARS FROM THE 258 MILLION MEASURE THAT WE HAVE TO BUILD THE 1300 SPACES FOR. DID YOU ALL THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IS I SUPPORT WHAT YOU ARE DOING, BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE SOME OPTIONS. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST FOR US TO ONE, MAKE IT OUT OF A HOMELESS SHELTER WITH THE EXISTING. TWO, WHAT WOULD IT COST FOR US TO KEEP THE BUILDING AND ACTUALLY BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE WE HAVE NEW HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS RIGHT NOW, AND IF WE MOVE THE BUILDING SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE OF THE HISTORIC NATURE, WE WOULD COMPLY WITH THE HISTORICAL ISSUES, BUT WE WOULD STILL HAVE -- I IMAGINE THE SITE IS -- I CANNOT EVEN TELL YOU OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I WOULD IMAGINE THIS SITE IS CLOSE TO WHAT, 50 MILLION? THAT'S A HUGE PIECE OF PROPERTY IN THE SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN PORTLAND.

Henry Alaman: MA'AM, I THINK THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IS THE SEISMIC LIABILITY. LAST YEAR WHAT WE REPORTED AS A SEISMIC LIABILITY FOR THE COURTHOUSE ALONE IS IN EXCESS OF 70 MILLION. THAT'S --

Commissioner Smith: THE SEISMIC, IF THE SEISMIC LIABILITY, SO MY QUESTION TO YOU IS COULD YOU BRING FORWARD TO THE BOARD SOME SCENARIOS? HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO MOVE THE COURTHOUSE, AND WE WOULD HAVE AN EMPTY SPACE, AND WE WOULD KEEP IT, AND WE WOULD BUILD ON IT. WHAT WOULD THE COST OF THAT BE? WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Henry Alaman: YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT PHYSICALLY TAKING, LIFTING UP THE COURTHOUSE AND MOVING IT?

Commissioner Smith: YES. IF THEY CAN MOVE THE SPRUCE GOOSE I KNOW THAT THEY CAN MOVE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Henry Alaman: I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME SCENARIOS BECAUSE I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. IF WE ALREADY HAVE PRIME LAND, WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT BECAUSE SOMEBODY, WHOEVER BUYS IT, THEY ARE EITHER GOING TO TRY TO TAKE THE ZONING, RECHANGE THE ZONING, BUILD HOUSING, SOMETHING ON THAT SITE. SO WHAT IF WE KEPT IT IN OUR, YOU KNOW, IN OUR PORTFOLIO SO THAT WE COULD ENSURE THAT THERE WAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR SOMETHING THAT WE NEED FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD ON THAT SITE.

Henry Alaman: I AM HAPPY TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU WITH SOME DIFFERENT SCENARIOS.

Commissioner Smith: COULD YOU BRING THOSE SCENARIOS BECAUSE DURING THIS 60-DAY REPORTING PERIOD, SO THAT WE ALL CAN HAVE IT SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN SEE WHAT IT WOULD COST SO THEY HAVE AN IDEA OF OUR OPTIONS. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN GIVEN ONE OPTION AND THAT'S JUST TO SURPLUS IT, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE A BUYER FOR IT WE STILL HAVE TIME TO CREATE THOSE SCENARIOS, SO PEOPLE COULD SEE EXACTLY WHAT IT WOULD COST TO DO A, B, AND. WHY. SO THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE POSSIBLE IS.

Henry Alaman: WE CAN PURSUE DIFFERENT OPTIONS. I WILL NEED TO GET TOGETHER WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT I AM CLEAR ON WHAT IT IS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT SURPLUSSING THE PROPERTIES AND WHAT USE THE FUNDS WOULD GO TO. WAS THERE ANY

ACTION BY A PREVIOUS BOARD ON DESIGNATING WHAT THESE FUNDS WOULD GO TO?

Henry Alaman; YES, MA'AM. IN FACT, OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO PAY DOWN THE DEBT ON THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT. IT WAS ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF SURPLUSSING IT, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF BEING ABLE TO USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS SALE TO PAY DOWN THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO BASED ON THE BUDGET, LIKE HOW MUCH WE'RE BONDING AND WHAT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING THE NEW COURTHOUSE IS, STAYING WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THAT, IS CONTINGENT ON GETTING SOME KIND OF VALUE AND LIKE HIGHEST SALE PRICE FOR THIS BUILDING, IS THAT CORRECT?

Henry Alaman: I THINK WHAT THE SCENARIO WAS THAT WE HAVE -- WE ARE FULLY FUNDED, WE HAVE GOT ALL OF OUR FUNDING IN PLACE, AND OUR HOPE WAS TO PAY DOWN THE DEBT GIVEN THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WHICH WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY IN THE LONG RUN?

Henry Alaman: YES.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO GET THIS STRAIGHT. NOW WE VOTED ON THE COURTHOUSE, AND WHAT THE COST WAS AND THE DOLLARS WERE COMING FROM, AND SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY IS CONTINGENT UPON US NEEDING OUR, OUR BUDGET FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE?

Henry Alaman: NO MA'AM.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR ON THAT. BUT YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH IN YOUR HEAD EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC NUMBER, YOU HAVE AN IDEA IN YOUR HEAD WHAT THIS PROPERTY IS WORTH BECAUSE YOU JUST SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BUY DOWN THE DEBT. SO WHAT WERE YOU THINKING YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY THE DEBT DOWN WITH AND HOW MUCH?

Henry Alaman: WE DIDN'T GO THAT FAR. WE ESSENTIALLY SAID THAT THIS IS AN AVENUE TO PAY DOWN DEBT. LET'S EXPLORE THAT AND REALLY GET A FEEL FOR WHERE THE MARKET IS.

Chair Kafoury: THAT'S WHY WE HIRED A PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE TEAM BECAUSE WHILE OUR FACILITY STAFF ARE VERY TALENTED IN MANY WAYS,

THEY DON'T HAVE THE HANDLE ON THE MARKET, YOU KNOW, THE MARKET IS STILL BOOMING IN PORTLAND. WE WANTED TO HIRE PEOPLE WHO REALLY HAVE THEIR FINGER ON THE PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY, SO, AND IF HENRY WERE TO GIVE OUT A NUMBER THAT MIGHT DISSUADE PEOPLE FROM OFFERING MORE THAN THAT SO WE TRY TO SHY AWAY FROM RANDOM GUESSTIMATES WHEN WE HAVE PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE GOING TO BE OUT THERE TRYING TO GET THE HIGHEST.

Henry Alaman: WE ARE RELYING ON CBRE'S EXPERTISE, AND THEY HAVE GOT A PULSE ON THE MARKET.

Commissioner Smith: I LIKE THAT, AND THAT'S WHY I SAID I NEED SOME SCENARIOS BECAUSE YOU HAVE ONLY GIVEN US ONE OPTION, AND THAT'S THE SALE. SO BECAUSE WE HAVE OTHER MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES WITH THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. SINCE WE ARE A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING. WE HAVE A PRIME PIECE OF PROPERTY. I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO PRIVATE HANDS UNTIL I SEE WHAT WE COULD DO WITH IT WHILE WE ARE IN CONTROL OF IT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: EVEN A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

Henry Alaman: SURE.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [AYES; COMMISSIONER MEIERAN ABSTAINED]. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.4 Resolution Declaring the McCoy Building, Located at 426 SW Stark St., Portland, as Surplus; and Establishing a Public Comment Period. Presenters: Sherry Swackhamer, DCA Director; and Henry Alaman, FPM Director

Chair Kafoury: IT'S ALMOST THE SAME BUT THIS IS THE MCCOY BUILDING. ALL RIGHT, DO I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R4.

Henry Alaman: GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Henry Alaman: I HAVEN'T GONE ANYWHERE, I AM STILL HENRY ALAMAN, YOUR PROPERTY FACILITIES PROPERTY MANAGER. SIMILARLY THE COUNTY STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE MCCOY BUILDING LOCATED AT 426 SOUTHWEST STARK STREET BE DECLARED A SURPLUS PROPERTY AND IS RECOMMENDING A PUBLIC PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF 60 DAYS AS WELL. THE

FACILITY HAS BEEN USED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THE HEADQUARTERS, BUT THE COUNTY NOW IS BUILDING A NEW HEADQUARTERS. UPON COMPLETION THE PROPERTY WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.

Henry Alaman: THE COUNTY STAFF IS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO OTHER CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED COUNTY USE FOR THE PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR DISPOSITION. THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS BEST SERVED BY THE DISPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC. WE CAN RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT EITHER ONLINE, THROUGH THE OPEN HOUSE, AND THEN MIKE REMINDED ME THAT THEY CAN SEND ME MAIL, ALSO. I WILL SEE WHAT MY MAILBOX LOOKS LIKE AFTER WE MAKE THIS PUBLIC. WE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND MARKETING PERIOD. AND AS COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AND COMMISSIONER SMITH HAVE ASKED FOR, IS WE'LL COME IN WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? I WILL ADD THAT -- DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Henry Alaman: YES, ONE PUBLIC.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WILL ADD THAT WE TALKED WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU ABOUT THIS PROPERTY TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO GO INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH US FOR HOUSING, BUT THE COST OF RENOVATION ON THIS BUILDING IS SO GREAT THAT IT DOES NOT MAKE FINANCIAL SENSE SIMILAR TO THE DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. THEY ARE JUST THE SEISMIC UPGRADES, THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ON THESE BUILDINGS -- THEY REALLY BOTH HAVE OUTLASTED THEIR -- WE HAVE GOTTEN OUR MONEYS OUT OF THESE BUILDINGS.

Henry Alaman: YES, MA'AM, WE CERTAINLY HAVE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, COULD YOU GIVE ME SOME SCENARIOS SO THAT I CAN SEE SOME NUMBERS? PEOPLE KEEP SAYING THAT IT'S, IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE BUT I DON'T SEE THE NUMBERS ON IT. SO I WANT TO SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, WHAT'S TOO EXPENSIVE. WHAT'S NOT TOO EXPENSIVE.

Henry Alaman: CAN FOLLOW-UP.

Chair Kafoury: AND PUBLIC COMMENT, MARINA?

Board Clerk: MR. [READS NAMES]

Bruce Broussard: I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, AND I AM RUNNING FOR THE COUNTY DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. ANYWAY, MY COMMENT AGAIN REGARDS THE LAST PIECE OF PROPERTY, AGAIN BEING A DEVELOPER, FIRST OFF ANYBODY WHO BUYS THAT PROPERTY, ARE NOT TRYING TO BUY IT FOR A LOSS. YOU HAVE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT. THEY ARE LOOKING AT MAKING A BUCK LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. AND MY POINT IS THAT THE FIRST PIECE OF PROPERTY, FOR INSTANCE, I COULD SEE IT RETAIL AT THE BOTTOM AND HOUSING ON THE TOP. THAT'S MONEY. IF I WERE TO BUY THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY, THAT'S WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE. I WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OTHER, THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MARKET, THE FEDERAL DOLLARS, THE HOUSING, HUD, AND ALL, AND MY POINT IS YOU HAVE TO BE CREATIVE. BUT WITH ALL DUE RESPECT MY BOTTOM LINE IS SIMPLE.

WE KEEP WHAT WE GOT, MAKE SURE THAT WE NET IT OUT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ONE, HAVE SOME SAY AS TO WHAT IS GOING TO BE GOING IN THAT PARTICULAR BUILDING THAT BENEFITS US ALL HERE WITHIN THE COUNTY. TWO MAKE SURE IT DEALS WITH THE ISSUE OF HOUSING. WE ARE HAVING A MAJOR ISSUE WITH HOUSING, AND THAT SHOULD BE DEFINITELY A CONSIDERATION, ALONG THAT SITUATION. SO I WOULD SAY THAT WE DON'T SELL NOTHING UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THAT IT FITS OUR CRITERIA. AND AGAIN LIKE I SAID, WHEN I STARTED OFF BY SAYING, NO ONE IS GOING TO BUY THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR A LOSS. AND WE CAN BE OUR OWN CONTRACTOR, AND WE CAN DEVELOP OUR OWN PIECE OF PROPERTY. AND THE OTHER BENEFITS WOULD BE OUR GOING, WOMEN AND MINORITY PROGRAMS, AND OUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, ALL KINDS OF GOODIES THAT WE CAN GET. BUT I WANT TO REMIND YOU AGAIN THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE STRONG CONSIDERATION ABOUT KEEPING THAT PROPERTY AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE GETTING RESPONSE IN TERMS OF WHAT IS GOING, WHAT IT'S GOING TO MEAN TO US, THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE THE ONE TO ANSWER THIS HENRY, AND MAYBE IF SHERRY WAS HERE WE COULD HAVE THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. I KNOW THAT SHE HAS SHARED THIS WITH ME IN THE PAST SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT DURING OUR SURPLUS PROCESS IT'S IMPORTANT TO GO THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF WHATEVER THE INVENTORY IS TO ENSURE THAT IT'S NOT -- THAT IT WOULDN'T BE BETTER SUITED FOR A COUNTY PURPOSE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IF WE HAVE A PROPERTY THAT'S SUITABLE FOR A COUNTY PURPOSE THAT'S BEST KEPT. WE WOULD DO THAT, AND SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT'S A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH OUR PROPERTIES.

WHEN WE DO SELL THEM, IF WE HAVE BUILDINGS THAT ARE WORTH, YOU KNOW, TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THEN GOING THROUGH THE FORMULAS, AND LOOKING AT POTENTIAL USES OF THE SURPLUS, AS AVAILABLE PROPERTIES FOR THE COUNTY VERSUS THE MILLIONS OF

DOLLARS THAT CAN GO INTO OUR GENERAL FUND AND BE FREED UP SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THOSE CRUCIAL SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO SATISFY OUR MISSION AS THE SAFETY NET FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE. SOMETIMES TENS AND HUNDREDS AND MILLIONS OUTWEIGH WHATEVER THE POTENTIAL USE COULD BE, AND THAT OFTEN -- THAT, YOU KNOW, THE POTENTIAL USE, COST TO DO THAT IS PROHIBITIVE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS, BUT I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOU, YOU KNOW, IN THE FUTURE KIND OF BRINGING SOME ADDITIONAL --

Bruce Broussard: THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID. I THOUGHT THAT I HAD AN EXTRA MINUTE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. AND MR. CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY. FOR THE RECORD CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. JUST BEEN NOTED. THAT'S THE PROPERTY -- WHEN I SAW STARK, I AM LIKE WAIT, WE JUST SURPLUSSED THE PROPERTY ON STARK. THIS HAS TO BE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUFF, BUT I THINK THAT WOULD YOU PLEASE THING WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT IS WHY IS THIS CALLED THE MCCOY BUILDING? SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE MCCOY BUILDING OR IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY DID MORE RECENTLY. AND MAYBE WE'LL HAVE A BRIEF COMMENT ABOUT THAT AFTER MY THREE MINUTES IS UP. BUT IT'S ALSO MORE COMPLEX. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A QUARTER BLOCK PROPERTY, NOT A WHOLE BLOCK LIKE THE COURTHOUSE. AND ONE COURT ON THIS BLOCK IS GOING TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE MENASHE FAMILY WHO MADE THE HOMELESS SHELTER OUT OF THEIR BUILDING FOR A YEAR SO IT'S A MORE INTERESTING AND DYNAMIC BLOCK WITH MORE DEMOLITION POTENTIAL NEXT TO THE KEYBANK. I THINK THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE WHEN I WAS STANDING IN THE BACK AND I HAD NOT RESEARCHED THIS ADDRESS LIKE THE 1021 SOUTHWEST FOR THE COURTHOUSE. THAT I HEARD THE MCCOY BUILDING TALKING A WHILE BACK THAT WE DEDICATED THE ELECTIONS BUILDING, DONE AWAY AND SHAME ON ME FOR ESCAPING THE TWO NAMES, BUT IF WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN NAMED, COINCIDENTALLY SHARE THE SAME NAME AS FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DON'T REFLECT UPON THE GREAT SERVICE THAT HAS GONE BEFORE US. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: AND WE HAVE THE NAME OF THE NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: THE NEW ONE THAT PPI WILL CARRY THE SAME NAME? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I DROPPED A RESOLUTION A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NEW BUILDING WHICH WAS CALLED THE U2 BUILDING, OUR NEW

HEADQUARTERS, AND WE DID THAT A COUPLE YEARS AGO, DIDN'T WE, MADAM CHAIR? WE NAMED IT AFTER GLADYS MCCOY, SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, AND WE MOVED THE NAME FROM OVER THERE. IT'S NOT JUST THE BUILDING. OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS CALLED THE GLADYS MCCOY MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH HEADQUARTERS.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: EXCEPT WE MISSED A KEY MARKETING. THOSE ARE U65, ALL THOSE UNUSED BUT IF ONLY WE GOT BONE -- BONO TO COME AND TALK WITH GLADYS.

Chair Kafoury: YES. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.5 Resolution Certifying an Estimate of Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for Assessment & Taxation in Accordance with ORS 294.175. Presenter: Mike Vaughn, County Assessor.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. GOOD MORNING.

Mike Vaughn: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MIKE VAUGHN YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR. WHAT WE'RE SEEKING IS YOUR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY EXPENDITURES FOR ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019. THE REASON WE'RE ASKING FOR THIS NOW AHEAD OF THE BUDGET PROCESS IS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A TIMELY APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR A GRANTED, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS CAFFA.

Chair Kafoury: YOU FORGOT, MARC USUALLY BRINGS A COW WHEN HE COMES TO TALK ABOUT THE CAFFA. SORRY.

Mike Vaughn: I DIDN'T GET THAT ONE. SORRY.

Chair Kafoury: DIDN'T GET THE MEMO.

Mike Vaughn: I LIKE THAT IDEA, THOUGH. I THINK IT'S A PIG. IS IT? ANYWAY. ANYWAY. SO IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE A TIMELY APPLICATION TO THE STATE BY MAY 1, AND THAT'S TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ONCE WE SUBMIT OUR APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REVIEWS OUR EXPENDITURES FOR ADEQUACY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION LAWS, AND WE ARE BASICALLY IN A CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL BUDGET, AND OUR EXPENDITURES ARE GOING TO TOTAL 22,455,167. AGAIN CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, DART MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL A AND T LAWS SO WE DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY ISSUES WITH OUR APPLICATION. ONCE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE APPROVES OUR APPLICATION, OUR BUDGET OFFICE ALONG WITH DCM'S BUSINESS SERVICES HAS ESTIMATED OUR CAFFA PORTION ABOVE 3.8

MILLION SLIGHTLY. WITH THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: DID YOU SAY THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASE OVER THE LAST YEAR? 3.5 MILLION YOU MENTIONED?

Mike Vaughn: SO THE CAFFA DISTRIBUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 IS ABOUT A 2% INCREASE OVER FISCAL YEAR 2018 SO WE'RE LOOKING AT JUST SLIGHTLY ABOVE 3.8 MILLION.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. SO IT COST US ABOUT 22 MILLION TO DO THE JOB OF COLLECTING THE TAXES AND REMANDING THEM UP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND THEN FROM THE STATE WE GET BACK 3.8 MILLION TO LIKE FOR THE -- FOR OUR JOB?

Mike Vaughn: SO THE 22 MILLION INCLUDES ALL DIRECT AND OF COURSE SOME INDIRECT EXPENDITURE SAYS ALLOWABLE FOR A AND T PURPOSES. IT'S KIND OF AN OVERSIGHT TOOL THAT THE STATE USES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR A AND T. IT USED TO BE WHEN THE LAW WAS ENACTED THAT CAFFA FUNDED 35% OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND NOW IT'S DOWN BELOW 20%, SOMEWHERE AROUND 18 OR 19%, SO IT'S A WAY TO SAY THAT IF YOU ARE FUNDING ADEQUATELY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE LAWS OF ADMINISTERING FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES, THEN YOU GET TO SHARE IN THIS POOL OF MONEY.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WHICH HAS BEEN DECREASING?

Mike Vaughn: WHICH HAS BEEN DECREASING.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

Mike Vaughn: I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. NEXT TIME BABY COW.

R.6 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ODOT to Fund Morrison Bridge Main Spans Painting Project. Presenter: Jon Henrichsen, Transportation

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Jon Henrichsen: GOOD MORNING. I AM JON HENRICHSEN. I AM THE BRIDGE SERVICES MANAGER, THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO REQUEST APPROVAL

OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. TO FUND THE MORRISON BRIDGE MAIN SPAN PAINTED PROJECT. THE GOAL IS TO REMOVE THE LEAD-BASED PAINT OVER THE RIVER, REPAIR ANY STEEL THAT IS DEGRADED OVER THE YEARS FROM THE FAILING PAINT SYSTEM. IS RECOAT THE BRIDGE. MOST OF THE WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BE DONE UNDER THE TRAVELING LANES, AND IN THE MOVABLE SPAN PIT. THE SURFACE TRAVEL LANE IMPACTS WE EXPECT JUST SINGLE LANE CLOSURES AND FOR THE MOST PART WE EXPECT THE TRAVELING PUBLIC TO TRAVEL BOTH DIRECTIONS OVER THE BRIDGE DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT. THERE WILL BE PERIODS WHEN ONLY ONE OR TWO LEAVES WILL OPEN.

DURING THAT TIME WE'LL PROVIDE TUG ASSISTANCE TO ANY RIVER TRAFFIC THAT NEEDS IT TO PASS BY THE BRIDGE. THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES APPROXIMATELY 19.9 MILLION TO FUND THE PROJECT. 17.9 MILLION OF THAT WILL COME FROM THE FEDERAL FUNDS. AND THE REMAINING MATCH, THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE WILL BE ABOUT 2 MILLION. THE COUNTY MATCH IS A PROGRAM ON THE BRIDGE SECTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, 2020, AND 2021. WE EXPECT THE DESIGN TO BEGIN IN JULY OF THIS YEAR AND CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH OF 2020 AND CONSTRUCTION TO GO ON THROUGH THE END OF 2021. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE IGA IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.7 Resolution Consenting to Chair Kafoury's Appointment of Truls Neal as the Director of the Department of Community Justice and Peggy Brey as the Director of the Department of County Human Services. Presenter: Chair Deborah Kafoury.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7. WOULD YOU TWO LIKE TO COME DOWN PLEASE WHILE I TALK NICE THINGS BUT? IT IS MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO PRESENT MY COLLEAGUES WITH TWO DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO CRITICAL POSTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TODAY I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU CONSENT TO MY APPOINTMENT OF TRULS NEAL AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND PEGGY BREY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. THE SERVICES, BOTH THESE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. NOT ONLY WILL THEIR APPOINTMENTS ENSURE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY OF THOSE SERVICES, BUT THEY PUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE BEST POSITION TO LEAD THE COUNTRY IN INNOVATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMMING.

Chair Kafoury: AS MANAGERS THEY HAVE PROVEN COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, AND WORKFORCE EQUITY THAT WILL CREATE EXCELLENCE TODAY AND SUCCESSFUL PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. TRULS IS A 30-YEAR CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL WHO SERVED MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR TEN YEARS IN A MULTITUDE OF CAPACITIES. AS A SENIOR MANAGER AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RE-ENTRY ENHANCEMENT COORDINATION PROGRAM. A SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY PROGRAM CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE TODAY. PRIOR TO BEING ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR HE SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR FOR DJA, SERVES ON THE BOARD FOR THE AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION AND SERVED AS AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY MANAGERS OF COLOR. TRULS'S LIFE MISSION IS TO BUILD COMMUNITY AT WORK, HOME AND IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. PEGGY BREY IS A 33-YEAR HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL. I KNOW I AM MAKING THEM SOUND LIKE THEY ARE OLD BUT THEY ARE NOT. JUST HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE.

Truls Neal: WE STARTED WHEN WE WERE TEN.

Chair Kafoury: PEGGY BRINGS A BROAD ARRAY OF EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES, CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, MANAGEMENT, SOCIAL WORK ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. SHE HAS SERVED MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND DCHS FOR SEVEN YEARS. PREVIOUSLY PEGGY SERVED THE MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE LONG, OFFICE OF LONG-TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES AND MICHIGAN'S QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BENEFICIARY SERVICES. PEGGY SERVED AS THE CHAIR FOR THE OREGON ASSOCIATION OF AREAS, AGENCIES ON AGING. THAT IS A MOUTHFUL AND A NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STATE. PEGGY'S VISION FOR DCHS IS TO CREATE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS THEIR ENTIRE LIFE-SPAN. THANK YOU, PEGGY AND TRULS FOR YOUR DEDICATION, PASSION AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

Truls Neal: SURE. CHAIR KAFOURY, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY FOR 26 YEARS. I AM IN COMMISSIONER SMITH'S DISTRICT, DISTRICT 2, AND HAVE WATCHED MULTNOMAH COUNTY FROM AFAR FOR 16 YEARS WHILE IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY. I HAVE FELT SO HONORED TO BE HERE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS SERVING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY INNOVATIVE. I HAVE TO POINT OUT MY SUCCESSOR, SCOTT TAYLOR WHO DID AN AMAZING JOB OF LEADING US IN A VISIONARY WAY ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES, REDUCING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES, AND WITH OUR DETENTION REFORM IN JUVENILE.

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE PRIORITIES THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON. THE OTHER THING THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US AT DCJ IS TO BE A LEADER IN

THE WORKFORCE EQUITY PLAN THAT WE HEARD ABOUT A FEW WEEKS AGO. DCJ, WE HAVE A LOT OF AMAZING EMPLOYEES AND PROGRAMS, BUT NOT ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES FEEL VALUED, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT AND MAKE SOME CHANGES TO ADDRESS HOW PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING, OR EXPERIENCING THE WORKPLACE. AGAIN BUILDING COMMUNITY IS WHAT I TRY TO DO. I AM ALSO THE VICE CHAIR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR CONCORDIA. I AM ACTIVE IN MY CHURCH AND FOR ME AND MY WIFE ROBIN, WHO IS IN THE BACK, WE ARE ABOUT BUILDING COMMUNITY.

Peggy Brey: TO FEEL WELCOMED AND TO FEEL SAFE AND TO FEEL LIKE THIS IS A PLACE WHERE THEY HAVE TRUST WITH US AND THAT IS REALLY THE WORK EQUALLY IS WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR WORKFORCE EQUITY STRATEGY AND TO REALLY BUILD DCHS AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS THOUGHT OF AS WELCOMING AND THAT THERE'S A RELATIONSHIP AND SO THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO KEEP DOING WHILE I'M HERE AND JUST AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. IT'S HARD WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT IT'S ENERGIZING. I'M READY, I'M THERE. SO ANYWAYS THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE BOARD COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: HELLO, THERE. I AM JUST SO THRILLED TO HAVE YOU SITTING THERE ON THE BRINK OF BEING NAMED THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. I'M STILL FAIRLY NEW AS A COMMISSIONER, BUT I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A LITTLE BIT THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE AT THE COUNTY AND WHAT HAS IMPRESSED ME REALLY ABOUT BOTH OF YOU ARE JUST -- SO MANY WONDERFUL QUALITIES, BUT IN PARTICULAR YOU ARE TRUE SYSTEMS THINKERS. YOU BOTH HAVE YOUR UNIQUE ROLES AND WHAT YOU'VE DONE, BUT YOU HAVE THIS SYSTEMS FOCUS. YOU RECOGNIZE HOW ALL THE PARTS WORK TOGETHER AT THE COUNTY AND HOW THERE ARE SO MANY INTERCONNECTIONS AND INTERSECTIONS IN THE WORK THAT WE DO EVERY DAY.

BOTH OF YOU FOCUS ON THE EQUITY WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO BOTH WITHIN OUR OWN INSTITUTION AND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS THAT YOU'LL BE WORKING IN AND THE CLIENT THAT YOU'LL BE SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY AND YOU DO HAVE SUCH A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY, BUT ALL OF THIS IS WHILE MAINTAINING THIS FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUALS WE SERVE, THE WHOLE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE AND ALWAYS WHENEVER I TALK TO EITHER OF YOU, IT BRINGS IT DOWN TO WHO THAT PERSON IS AND THAT'S SO IMPORTANT, TO BRIDGE THAT SYSTEMS THINKING WITH THE FACT THAT EVERY DAY, WE SERVE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE WHO DESPERATELY NEED OUR SERVICES. SO I'M JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE AND JUST THANK YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENTS. IT HAS BEEN A HUGE HONOR TO GET TO KNOW YOU OVER THE LAST SEVEN, EIGHT YEARS, TRULS. I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT BOTH OF YOU ARE THE BEST CHOICE, YES, TO BE THE NEXT DIRECTORS OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AND I KNOW THAT YOU BOTH ARE MORE THAN QUALIFIED. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEDICATION TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT SERVICE YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO COUNTY STAFF AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. IT HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND EXPERT IN EVERY WAY. I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS WITH GREAT DISTINCTION. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I JUST WANT TO ADD MY VOICE, TOO. I THINK MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID IT VERY WELL. I'M SO HAPPY TO TAKE THIS VOTE. I FEEL SO CONFIDENT IN THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU GUYS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDING FOR THESE DEPARTMENTS. YOU BOTH HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP AND STEPPING UP INTO THE LEADERSHIP ROLES AND I REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR WORDS, TRULS, IN TERMS OF CONTINUING WITH THE GOOD POSITIVE THINGS THAT -- THE WORK WE'VE BEEN DOING AS A COUNTY AND EVEN, YOU KNOW, REALLY TAKING ON SOME OF THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL ARE VERY COMMITTED TO AND JUST APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, THE EXPERIENCE AND TALENT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR SO MANY YEARS THAT WE'RE BEING A LITTLE BIT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND ALSO ENCOURAGE WITH HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW WITH THE TALENT THAT WE HAVE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO CONTINUE THIS GREAT PIPELINE OF LEADERSHIP.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. TRULS, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A GREAT PARTNER TO OUR OFFICE FROM DAY ONE. SO HE'S WORKED WITH US TO CONVENE CONVERSATIONS AROUND EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND REENTRY BARRIERS WITH CLIENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED INCARCERATION AND THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE'VE BUILT RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROVIDERS WHO HAVE HELPED BRING US VOICES OF LIVED EXPERIENCE TO THE RAC ARTWORK SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. MANY OF THE ARTISTS INVOLVED IN THIS SELECTION PROCESS HAVE BEEN PUBLIC ART PROJECTS FOR DECADES AND HAVE REMARKED AT HOW THOUGHTFUL AND INFORMED THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPACT THAT SPACE, ART AND MOOD HAVE ON ALL USERS OF THE COURTHOUSE. TRULS, YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO BE PART OF OUR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOUSING, OPTIONS TO REDUCE BARRIERS FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED COMMUNITIES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AT DCJ AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS FOR JAIL BED REDUCTION AND JUSTICE REFORM. PEGGY, PEGGY

HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR EFFORTS TO CONVENE OUR HOUSING STRATEGIES WORK GROUP WHEN OUR RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED TO EARMARK THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF WAPATO FOR LONG-TERM HOUSING STRATEGIES. PEGGY GRADUATE HER FACILITATION SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IN CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROCESS. SHE EXPERTLY CAPTURES THE VARIOUS STRATEGIES DISCUSSED AND THEIR SPECIFIC AREAS OF INFLUENCE AND WITH THE HELP OF OUR VERY TALENTED STAFF FROM THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES, DCHS AND EVERY DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIES THAT WILL IMPACT LONG-TERM HOUSING STABILITY. PEGGY, YOU'VE BEEN A JOY TO WORK WITH AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I'M SURE THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAVE A LOT OF GREAT THINGS TO SAY ABOUT WORKING WITH THE BOTH OF YOU, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SAVE THAT FOR LATER. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] AND I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR ADDING SOME JOY TO OUR LIVES TODAY. THIS IS A GREAT MOMENT FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

R.8 Notice of Intent Canine Behavior Modification & Rehabilitation Program – Lazin Animal Foundation. Presenter: Jackie Rose, Director of Animal Services

Commissioner Kafoury: I MOVE TO POSTPONE THIS INDEFINITELY.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES TO POSTPONE THIS INDEFINITELY. DO I HAVE A SECOND?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: THE PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO TESTIFY IS NOT HERE TODAY SO WE WILL POSTPONE THIS INDEFINITELY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE POSTPONING INDEFINITELY IS APPROVED.

R.9 Proclamation Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month in Multnomah County. Sponsor: Commissioner Lori Stegmann, District 4. Presenters: Nathan Clark, Policy Advisor, Commissioner Stegmann's Office; Katrina Holland, Executive Director, Community Alliance of Tenants; Diane Hess, Education and Outreach Director, Fair Housing Council of Oregon.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.9. TAKE IT AWAY.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I AM SO PLEASED TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD TODAY. THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DESIGNATED AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH, BUT AS YOU MAY KNOW, OUR HISTORY OF HOUSING IN OREGON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A SOMBER PAST. MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD THE STORIES AND PERHAPS EVEN LIVED THROUGH THE PRACTICES OF RED LINING, EMINENT DOMAIN AND SEGREGATION. SADLY, EVEN WITH FAIR HOUSING LAWS TODAY, THERE ARE STILL COMMUNITIES THAT STRUGGLE AND FACE DISCRIMINATION. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO ARM OURSELVES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR HISTORY SO THOSE MISTAKES ARE NOT REPEATED IN THE FUTURE. LAST YEAR, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR HOUSING TOUR.

I LEARNED ABOUT OUR DISTURBING HISTORY OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, RED LINING AND INTERNMENT AND HOW OUR RACIAL PREJUDICES PUSHED, OPPRESSED AND DEVASTATED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND ENTIRE COMMUNITIES. TODAY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT OF 1968 AND THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1988 ARE ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL IN OUR CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS IN WHICH OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. THE ACT WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ALLOW FOR HOUSING CHOICE IN AN ERA OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, FUNDING DISCRIMINATION, AND DELIBERATE RACIAL CELEBRATION. SO WHILE WE CELEBRATE THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, I HOPE THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE VOICES WE WILL HEAR TODAY WILL MOTIVATE AND STIR SOMETHING INSIDE OF US TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND AMELIORATE THE DISCRIMINATION AND SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION FACING OUR COMMUNITIES. AND NOW, NATHAN WILL INTRODUCE OUR PRESENTERS.

Nathan Clark: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, GOOD MORNING CHAIR. MY NAME IS NATHAN CLARK, I'M A POLICY ADVISOR FOR COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER COMING BEFORE THE BOARD AND THAT MANY GLAD IT IS TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. WITH ME TODAY ARE DIANE HESS, OUTREACH DIRECTOR FOR THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OREGON AND KATRINA HOLLAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS. TODAY, DIANE WILL WALK US THROUGH A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE ISSUES THAT PEOPLE STILL FACE. I'M GOING TO PASS IT OFF TO DIANE.

Diane Hess: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY. I'M VERY HAPPY TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WITH YOU. THE FAIR HOUSING ACT MADE IT ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AND SEGREGATE IN HOUSING AND IT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT PIECE OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION TO GET THROUGH CONGRESS, MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 64 AND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 65 AND THOSE WERE BOTH VERY DIFFICULT. THERE WAS THIS POWERFUL FEAR THAT

INTEGRATED NEIGHBORHOODS BROUGHT DOWN PROPERTY VALUES AND BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1900S, REALTORS, LENDERS, INSURERS AND GOVERNMENTS ALL CONSPIRED TO SEGREGATE AND RED LINE, INCLUDING HERE IN PORTLAND WHERE THE AREA WAS ALBINA AND NORTHEAST PORTLAND. THE IDEA WAS THAT PROPERTY VALUES AND THIS WAS REALLY PUSHED BY THESE ENTITIES, THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY WAS NOT ONLY BASED ON BRICK-AND-MORTAR, BUT ON RACE AND ETHNICITY AND I PASSED OUT ONE LIST JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, THE MANUALS THAT RATED, WHICH GROUPS WERE CONSIDERED MOST FAVORABLE TO PROPERTY VALUES AND WHICH WERE LEAST.

Diane Hess: SO FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T SEEN THIS. ENGLISH GERMAN SCOTTISH IRISH SCANDINAVIAN MOST VALUABLE. QUOTE NEGROES AT NINE, MEXICANS AT 10, NATIVE AMERICANS NOT EVEN ON THE LIST. YOU'LL NOTICE THAT NORTHERN ITALIANS WERE CONSIDERED MORE VALUABLE TO PROPERTY VALUES THAN SOUTHERN ITALIANS, AND THAT WAS BECAUSE OF SKIN COLOR. SO THIS WAS USED FOR DECADES. AND AS I MENTIONED, IT WAS NOT ONLY THE PRIVATE MARKET, BUT GOVERNMENTS THAT CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN WORSEN THE SITUATION. SO JUST ONE EXAMPLE, WHICH I THINK IS REALLY POWERFUL OF THIS, IS THE FHA. SO BEFORE THE FHA, IF YOU WANTED TO BUY A HOUSE YOU PAID 50% DOWN AND YOU HAD LIKE FIVE TO 10 YEARS TO PAY OFF THE REST. WITH THE FHA IN THE 1930S, THAT BROUGHT IN THE SMALL DOWN PAYMENT AND A 30 YEAR MORTGAGE THAT OPENED HOME OWNERSHIP TO SO MANY AMERICANS THAT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT. BUT OF THE \$120 BILLION IN LOANS THAT THE FHA ISSUED FROM THE '30S THROUGH THE '60S, ONLY 2% WENT TO PEOPLE OF COLOR. SO NOT ONLY DID THAT SEVERELY LIMIT ACCESS TO HOME OWNERSHIP, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE WEALTH GAP BETWEEN WHITES AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, HOME EQUITY IS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF WEALTH THAT BUILDS OVER GENERATIONS AND GOES TO CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. SO 1966, 67, EARLY 68, GIVEN THIS CLIMATE, THE FAIR HOUSING ACT DID NOT MOVE FORWARD.

IT WAS STUCK IN COMMITTEE. AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON APRIL 4TH, 1968, THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON MANAGED TO PUSH IT THROUGH CONGRESS ON APRIL 11TH, AND I HAVE TO SAY IT WASN'T SIMPLY TO HONOR DR. KING. THERE WERE RIOTS IN 125 CITIES AFTER THE ASSASSINATION AND PART OF THE STRATEGY OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS USING THIS TO PUSH THE BILL FORWARD. SO IN 1968, THE FAIR HOUSING ACT MADE IT ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN. THE INTENT WAS TO ADDRESS BOTH INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZED SEGREGATION AND IT DIRECTED GOVERNMENTS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADDRESSING SEGREGATION AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXPANSIONS OF THE PROTECTIONS, WE HAD THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN THE '70S AND IT BECAME ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE BASED ON

SEX. A LOT OF THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES WE DEAL WITH FALL UNDER SEX DISCRIMINATION. IN 1988, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MENTIONED THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT BEING PASSED. THAT DID A COUPLE OF THINGS. IT ADDED TWO NEW PROTECTED CLASSES, ONE WAS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND IN OREGON BEFORE 1988, NEARLY 70% OF RENTALS WERE NO CHILDREN ALLOWED. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT THAT WAS FOR FAMILIES, NO CHILDREN, NO PETS. IT ALSO MADE IT ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Diane Hess: THAT CAME AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVIST INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT AND IT ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME PUT REAL PENALTIES TO VIOLATORS OF THE LAW. BEFORE THEN, EVEN BIG FAIR HOUSING CASES, THERE WAS ALMOST NO FINANCIAL DAMAGES SO IT REALLY STRENGTHENED THE LAW. OREGON HAS ADDED PROTECTIONS BASED ON MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOURCE OF INCOME AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALSO HAS PROTECTIONS BASED ON AGE OVER 18 AND OCCUPATION. SO THERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUED GROWTH IN FAIR HOUSING PROTECTIONS, SOME OF THEM THROUGH THE COURTS AND SOME THROUGH RULINGS THAT HAVE COME DOWN FROM HUD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. MOST RECENTLY IN 2016, ONE HAVING TO DO WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY AND LOOKING AT LANDLORDS SCREENING, THAT THEY CAN'T JUST SAY NO FELONIES, NO CRIMINAL HISTORY, THAT THAT HAS TO BE DERN VERY DIFFERENTLY AND ALSO IN 2016, A RULING ON HARASSMENT THAT TAKES PLACE IN HOUSING. SO OUR ORGANIZATION'S HOTLINE RECEIVES ABOUT 2,000 CALLS A YEAR, 600 FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE DON'T HAVE THE SIGNS WE USED TO HAVE, WHITES ONLY, NO CHILDREN. BUT DISCRIMINATION REMAINS PERVASIVE. IN OREGON AND NATIONALLY, 1 IN EVERY 10 ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION ARE EVER REPORTED SO LOOKING AT WHAT IS REPORTED, WHAT WE SEE IN TERMS OF THE LARGEST AMOUNTS OF COMPLAINTS THAT WE GET, DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY, RACE, SOURCE OF INCOME AND NATIONAL ORIGIN.

WE'VE ALSO OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS SEEN A REAL INCREASE IN HATE, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND THREATS IN HOUSING ENVIRONMENT AND THAT REFLECTS A NATIONAL TREND UNFORTUNATELY, THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER HAS SHOWN OVER 30% OF ACTS OF HATE OCCUR IN HOUSING ENVIRONMENTS. WE'RE PROUD TO SAY THAT IN 70% OF THE CASES WE DEAL WITH WE'RE ABLE TO UTILIZE ADVOCACY TO RESOLVE THEM, BUT WE ALSO WORK IN FILING AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO HAVE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO ATTORNEYS WHO SPECIALIZE IN FAIR HOUSING. WE COLLABORATE WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS WHO WILL REFER FAIR HOUSING SITUATIONS TO US.

Diane Hess: WE CONDUCT TRAININGS FOR ADVOCACY GROUPS, HOUSING PROVIDERS AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MENTIONED OUR BUS TOUR ON THE HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION, SEGREGATION, DISPLACEMENT. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF SCHEDULING A FIFTH TOUR FOR ANOTHER GROUP OF STAFF FROM AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES. WE DO HAVE THE DISPLAY ON SOME OF THE HISTORY IN THE LOBBY. I ALSO LIKE TO MENTION ANOTHER HANDOUT YOU HAVE. WE'VE BEEN DOING EVENTS RELATED TO THE ANNIVERSARY AROUND THE STATE, INCLUDING HERE IN PORTLAND AND THERE'S ONE MORE COMING UP ON THE 30TH IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO COME IN THE EVENING, MAKING HOME AND COMMUNITY BEFORE AND AFTER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WHERE IT WILL BE ELDERS PRIMARILY WHO LIVED THROUGH THAT PERIOD, SHARING THEIR STORIES. SO IF ANY OF YOU ARE INTERESTED, I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US. LASTLY, YOU MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONS, I HAVE SOME POSTERS FOR YOU IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH THAT I'M GOING TO LEAVE FOR YOUR OFFICES. IT'S ACTUALLY THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY. THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUS TOUR, THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR POSTER CONTEST. SO I'LL WAIT AND SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT THANK YOU AGAIN SO MUCH FOR INVITING ME.

Katrina Holland: NO QUESTIONS? OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN SPEAK FIRST, AND THEN WE'LL ASK QUESTIONS.

Katrina Holland: SURE. SO GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US HERE THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. MY NAME IS KATRINA HOLLAND, I SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS. WE ARE A RENTER'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATION LED AND DRIVEN BY RENTERS IN THE STATE OF OREGON. WE ARE PRIMARILY BASED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WE'VE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 22 YEARS NOW. WE OPERATE A HOTLINE SIMILAR TO THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL, BUT DEALING PRIMARILY WITH LANDLORD TENANT LAW.

OUR INCOMING CALL VOLUME IS AROUND 19,000 CALLS PER QUARTER. WE ARE ABLE TO SERVICE ABOUT ONE TO 2% OF THOSE. IT'S BEEN -- IF I'M HONEST IT WAS PRETTY DIFFICULT TO COME TODAY BECAUSE IN THINKING ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'VE MADE GREAT STEPS FORWARD, BUT WE HAVE A REALLY LONG, REALLY LONG WAY TO GO. IN TERMS OF HOUSELESSNESS, WE'VE SEEN IT INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, SPECIFICALLY BLACK AMERICANS. THE LACK OF CHOICE THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO FIND HOUSING AND BE STABILIZED IN HOUSING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS PRETTY DARN BAD I THINK. SOME OF THE RECENT RESEARCH THAT HAS BEEN DONE, AND I THINK A REPORT WAS RELEASED WINTER LAST WEEK OR SO THAT SHOWED THAT WE ARE JUST AS DIVIDED AS WE ARE SINCE WE PASSED THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, AND I THINK IN SOME

INSTANCES A LITTLE BIT WORSE. PEOPLE ARE MOVING FARTHER OUT, FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL, GO TO WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY, PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITY, TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Katrina Holland: SOME AREAS ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF HOUSING REPORT PRODUCED BY THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU COMPLETELY EXCLUDED BASED OFF OF INCOME, BASED OFF THE FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATES FOR INCOMES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND HISPANICS, PRIMARILY WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND MY NEWEST RESEARCH, IT WASN'T PARTICULARLY SCIENTIFIC AND I DIDN'T PUBLISH A REPORT, I DID SOMETHING FOR PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY IN TAKING A LITTLE PIECE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO LOOK WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE MASS EXODUS OF FOLKS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010 OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND WE SAW THAT IT ACCELERATED BETWEEN 2010 AND 2016. AND ONE PARTICULAR AREA I THINK THE POPULATION WAS 11%. BY 2014, IT WAS 0%. I THINK THERE WERE FOUR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. HOWEVER, VALUES, OF COURSE, HAVE GONE UP, BUT INCOME, THE NUMBER OF RENTERS, HOME OWNERSHIP REMAINS STAGNANT SO IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT DISCRIMINATION RUNS RAMPANT IN OUR COUNTY AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING IN OUR COUNTY. I LOVE MY COUNTY. I LOVE WHERE WE LIVE, AND I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US. THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN OUR CONVERSATIONS HERE TODAY, I WANT TO LANDMARK BECAUSE I THINK THAT WITH THE LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE HERE, WITH THE LEADERSHIP THAT IS COMING, I THINK THAT WE CAN TAKE DECISIVE, BOLD ACTION IN HOW WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WE FACE TODAY. AFFIRMATIVELY, FAIR HOUSING MEANS THAT ANY JURISDICTION RECEIVING MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE COMMITTED TO AND HAVE OUTCOMES THAT REPRESENT A COMMITMENT TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING, NOT JUST IN GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES, BUT IN THE PRIVATE MARKET, PARTICULARLY HOUSING-RELATED ACTIVITIES,

SO THAT'S TRANSPORTATION, THAT'S HEALTH, AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S PRIVATE MARKET HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. AS I SAID, AS MUCH AS I AM SAD I DO SEE AN OPPORTUNITY. BEFORE WE BECOME SAN FRANCISCO OR NEW YORK, HIGHLY SEGREGATED, I THINK THAT WE CAN TAKE BOLD ACTION TO MOVE FROM REACTIVITY TO PROACTIVITY. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS IS PUSHING AND THAT WE'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT IS REGIONAL COORDINATION AROUND SERVICES AND DATA WITH FOLKS AROUND THE PORTLAND METRO AREA TO UNDERSTAND OUR HOUSING MARKET, TO SEE HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED. AND TO BE PREEMPTIVE IN HOW WE ADDRESS THOSE. I THINK THERE ARE SOME COMMON SENSE REGULATIONS OF THE PRIVATE MARKET THAT WE HAVE YET TO DO, AS A STATE REALLY IF WE WANT TO BE HONEST. BUT ALSO AS A COUNTY AND ALSO AS A CITY. COMMON SENSE RENT STABILIZATION

POLICIES, INCLUSIONARY ZONING FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, JUST-CAUSE EVICTION STANDARDS, POTENTIAL RELOCATION, AND SOME OF THE AREAS WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT HAVE NOT PASSED AS THE CITY OF PORTLAND DOES, LINKAGE FEES, MANDATING COMMUNITY CONTROL WITH LOCAL AND NEW PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENTS, ENSURING HABITABILITY BEFORE PRIVATE MARKET RAISES RENTS AS THEY HAVE DONE IN SEATTLE.

Katrina Holland: I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE, AND I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF EXPERTISE, BOTH IN OUR LEADERSHIP AND WITH COMMUNITY ADVOCATES TO BE ABLE TO COUNTER THIS TREND THAT WE'RE SEEING. THAT BEING SAID, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO HELP REVERSE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE SEEN, THE HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, IN RENT ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE SEEN IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PARTNERING WITH OTHER COUNTIES IN THE HOME FOR EVERYONE TABLE, I THINK THAT WE'RE MOVING IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION AND SO I THANK YOU, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU IN ADDRESSING THIS VERY REAL PROBLEM.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION FORWARD, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. THIS IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A LOOK BACK OF WHERE WE WERE BEFORE AND THOSE NUMBERS THAT YOU GAVE EARLIER WERE STAGGERING, ABOUT 2% OF MINORITY COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING IN FHA SO WE DO KNOW WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU DO FOR FOLKS WHO ARE RENTING IN THIS COMMUNITY. I KNOW THIS IS A CLIMATE THAT IN MANY WAYS IS A HUGE CRISIS FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE BARE MINIMUM AND I THINK ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOURS ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK THAT THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING THAT WE TAKE THE TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ANNIVERSARY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND WHAT IT'S DONE. I DID HAVE A QUESTION. YOU KNOW, I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THAT WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF AND WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT IN TERMS OF HOW VIABLE IT IS, THREATS TO IT, THINGS LIKE THAT.

Diane Hess: I'LL START, AND THEN SEE IF KATRINA WANTS TO ADD. I ALWAYS WONDER HOW FAR I CAN GO WITH THIS. ALL RIGHT. WELL, YEAH, RIGHT NOW HUD IS REALLY CHANGING SO I MENTIONED THOSE LAST TWO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND CRIMINAL HISTORY AND HARASSMENT IN 2016. SO WHAT HAPPENED UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS A NUMBER OF THINGS. ONE THAT GOT A LOT OF ATTENTION OF TRYING TO CHANGE HUD'S MISSION TO ELIMINATE THE PART ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES. HUD IS REALLY PUSHING AGAINST AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING AND WEAKENING IT.

THE HUD SECRETARY HAS CALLED IT SOCIAL ENGINEERING, BUT KIND OF LIKE THE FHA, A LOT OF THE POLICIES WE HAVE WERE FROM GOVERNMENTS DOING SOCIAL ENGINEERING TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN SEGREGATION. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER CHANGES. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK IN THE COURTS ALREADY. THIS DIDN'T INCLUDE PORTLAND, BUT A NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED CITIES WHERE PEOPLE COULD USE THEIR SECTION 8 VOUCHERS TO MOVE INTO OTHER AREAS OF HIGHER OPPORTUNITY THAT WERE NOT SEGREGATED. SO THE CURRENT HUD ADMINISTRATION TRIED TO ELIMINATE THAT, BUT THAT WAS OVERRULED IN THE COURTS. ALSO, THERE WERE HIGH-PROFILE CASES THAT WERE CALLED SECRETARY CASES THAT WERE INITIATED BY THE LAST HUD SECRETARY, REALLY IMPORTANT CASES, AND WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGED, THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION FROZE THEM SO NONE OF THOSE CASES ARE MOVING FORWARD THAT WERE IN THE HOPPER. AND ACTUALLY THERE WAS ONE CASE AGAINST OUR CURRENT TREASURY SECRETARY, A HUD COMPLAINT. SO I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT IN A WHILE SO I'M GUESSING THAT'S FROZEN, AS WELL. SO AS FAR AS FEDERAL LEADERSHIP GOES RIGHT NOW.

THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY AND I WILL SAY THERE WAS ALL THIS NEWS ABOUT WHAT WAS IT 30 PLUS THOUSAND DOLLARS DESK THAT THE HUD SECRETARY OR TABLE GOT, BUT A LOT OF THIS OTHER STUFF, ALTHOUGH I WILL SAY THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS HAD SOME EDITORIALS ABOUT IT. JUST BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON SO WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HUD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THAT'S THE OTHER ONE, CONTINUING TO MAKE FAIR HOUSING AND CIVIL RIGHTS MORE BROADLY A PRIORITY. SO THAT IS A CONCERN. OBVIOUSLY, WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO LOCALLY, BUT I THINK WE DO NEED TO BE REALLY AWARE, AND I THINK THE PUSHBACK ON THE CHANGE IN MISSION, THEY DID BACK OFF ON THAT SO THERE'S A MESSAGE THERE OF OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING TO MONITOR THAT. DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING ON THAT?

Katrina Holland: AS FAR AS FEDERAL LEADERSHIP IS CONCERNED, IT'S NOT THERE. THIS WASN'T PRODUCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT MATTHEW DESMOND JUST RELEASED THE EVICTIONS THAT LOOKED AT 83 MILLION RECORDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY OF EVICTIONS AND HAVE SHOWN THAT AS WE KNOW COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY

EXPERIENCING EVICTIONS AT RATES THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. HOW THAT TRANSLATES INTO THE LOCAL LEVEL IS WE HAVE SEEN AT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS AN INCREASE AS DIANE WAS TALKING ABOUT IN HARASSMENT AND TRUMPED UP EVICTION CHARGES AGAINST TENANTS WHO ARE BEING EVICTED FOR THINGS THAT DON'T EVEN MAKE SENSE.

I KNOW IN PARTICULAR ONE FAMILY WHO HAD A STACKABLE ATTACHED LAUNDRY UNIT, AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN, AN ELDERLY WOMAN AND SHE'S LIVED IN THE SAME PROPERTY FOR 11 YEARS AND USED THIS STACKABLE FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AND THE MOST RECENT MANAGEMENT CHANGE DOES NOT HAVE A VERY GOOD HISTORY WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND THEIR INTERACTIONS. THEY CHARGED HER WITH INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT IN DEFENDING HERSELF IN KEEPING THAT STACKABLE. THEY ARE SAYING AFTER THAT DIDN'T WORK, THEY ISSUED I THINK IT WAS 30 INSPECTION NOTICES WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS. RIGHT NOW, SHE'S FACING A POTENTIAL EVICTION FOR NOT GETTING RID OF THE STACKABLE, BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WASH. SHE'S ELDERLY AND LIVES IN THE HOSPITAL BED IN HER LIVING ROOM. IT'S A VERY UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE.

Diane Hess: I THOUGHT OF ANOTHER THING. THE ONE FAIR HOUSING ISSUE THAT HUD IS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO AND CONSIDERING TAKING ACTION ON IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT WOULD RESTRICT FAIR HOUSING, AND IT'S THE RIGHT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED ASSISTANCE ANIMALS IN HOUSING. THEY'RE LOOKING TO CHANGE THAT SO IT WOULD ONLY BE IN TERMS OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND FOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES OF RESTRICTING THAT TO VETERANS ACTUALLY AND JUST LIKE VETERANS COULD HAVE PTSD SO COULD MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS, THAT'S THE ONLY THING I'VE SEEN THAT I'M AWARE OF WHERE THEY'RE POTENTIALLY -- I GUESS THEY WERE RESEARCHING NATIONAL APARTMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND HAVE TAKEN THAT ON AS THE ONE THING THEY'RE LOOKING INTO SO THAT'S ONE MORE THING.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU FOR THAT AND I REALLY APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOU TALKING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S ACTIVE, IT'S GOING ON, IT'S A LIVING THING AND WE HAVE TO PROTECT IT AND WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT BOTH AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BUT ALSO WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY. WE HAVEN'T MADE ENOUGH GAINS ON THIS TO LOSE ANY GROUND, LET ALONE GO BACKWARDS, START WALKING BACKWARDS ON THIS. AND, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK IT ALSO POINT OUT THAT TODAY, THERE'S A REAL LEGACY OF THE RACISM THAT HAS BEEN IN HOUSING POLICIES, AND IT'S STILL BEARING BITTER FRUIT TODAY. IF YOU WERE TO OVERLAY A MAP OF THE MOST VALUED HOUSING IN PORTLAND WITH WHERE PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE LIVING, THERE WOULDN'T BE A LOT OF OVERLAP, RIGHT?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE KNOW THERE ARE LOWER HOUSING VALUES WHERE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE OF COLOR LIVING EVEN TO THIS DAY. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE STILL GRAPPLING WITH. AND IN ADDITION TO YOUR WORK, I ALSO WANTED TO THANK THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO MAKE FIRST TIME HOME OWNERSHIP NOT JUST A DREAM, BUT A REALITY FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE'S A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING. I'M MOST FAMILIAR WITH HACIENDA AND THE PROGRAMS THEY HAVE, BUT THOSE PROGRAMS ALSO STILL NEED INVESTMENT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE SOMETHING THAT SUPPORTS THEIR FAMILIES AND FINANCIAL FUTURE SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

Commissioner Meieran: I ALSO WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, REALLY APPRECIATE THAT AND ALSO TO YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. IT'S REALLY GREAT TO BE ABLE TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND KNOW THAT THAT FOUNDATION IS THERE, THOUGH WE NEED TO WORK EVERY DAY TO PROTECT IT. BUT I ALSO PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE KATRINA POINTING OUT THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF TIMES WE SAY THINGS LIKE WE'VE COME REALLY FAR, BUT NOT FAR ENOUGH, BUT IN PORTLAND, WE HAVEN'T EVEN REALLY COME VERY FAR WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION HERE AND SO WE JUST NEED TO MOVE FORWARD VERY INTENTIONALLY AND DO WHAT WE CAN WITHIN OUR REGION TO MAKE THE PROMISE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT A REALITY. AND SO I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE TODAY TO EDUCATE US AND LET US KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY. AND LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THE WORK, CONTINUING ON. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: SO THANK YOU SO MUCH TO DIANE AND KATRINA, ESPECIALLY I KNOW THAT BOTH OF YOU ARE IN THE TRENCHES AND THIS IS DIFFICULT, HEAVY WORK, BUT I THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND FOR CARRYING THAT LOAD. SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS IMPORTANT HISTORY AND YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND NATHAN, GREAT JOB ON YOUR FIRST PROCLAMATION. SO FOLLOWING THE BOARD MEETING I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE INTO THE LOBBY TO VIEW AN EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT CALLED ANYWHERE, BUT HERE, THE HISTORY OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN OREGON. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE EXHIBIT, NOT ALL OF THIS HISTORY IS PLEASANT AND THERE ARE STORIES AND IMAGES THAT ARE DISTURBING. BUT I AM OPEN TO ANY CONVERSATIONS THAT EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS THEY SYNTHESIZE THIS INFORMATION AND REFLECT ON THE HISTORY OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN OREGON. SO THIS EXHIBIT IS ON LOAN FROM THE FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OREGON AND WILL REMAIN IN OUR LOBBY UNTIL APRIL 25TH AND WE HAVE COOKIES. NOW, NATHAN WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION. NOW, THE CHAIR WILL COMMENT. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY BOTH OF YOU AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION AND I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN EVER SPEND ENOUGH TIME ON IT. WHAT'S REALLY INTERESTING TO ME ARE THE RECENT NUMBERS THAT YOU'VE SHARED WITH US ABOUT HOW EVEN WHEN HOUSING IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF I WOULD SAY THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE'S MINDS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE HAVE STILL SEEN THE DISPLACEMENT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS FROM THEIR COMMUNITY AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. I MEAN, SO I THINK IT SHOWS THAT IT'S NOT JUST ONCE AGAIN THE GOOD INTENT. YOU HAVE TO BE INTENTIONAL IN YOUR ACTIONS BECAUSE WHAT MAY SEEM TO BE PROGRESSIVE, PROACTIVE CAN OFTEN HURT -- WELL, OFTEN DOES, MOST CASES DOES HURT THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE AND WHO HAVE THE LEAST VOICE. I ALSO THINK IT'S REALLY INTERESTING AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS A LOT RIGHT NOW THAT I'M HEARING FROM SOME PEOPLE "WELL YOU KNOW, THEY JUST NEED TO PULL THEMSELVES UP BY THE BOOTSTRAPS" AND WHEN YOU THINK OF WHITE AMERICANS AND WHITE OREGONIANS IN PARTICULAR WHO HAVE HAD GENERATIONS OF HOME OWNERSHIP, THAT HAVE HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR WEALTH ACCUMULATION IN THEIR FAMILIES AND THAT HAS BEEN DENIED TO PEOPLE OF COLOR IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT PULLING YOURSELF UP BY THE BOOTSTRAPS. IT'S ABOUT OVERCOMING HUGE BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR YEARS AND YEARS, EVEN WITH WONDERFUL ACTS LIKE THE FAIR HOUSING ACT. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, IN PARTICULAR KATRINA WHEN YOU SAID THAT IT WAS HARD TO BE HERE TODAY, IT IS ALWAYS INSPIRING FOR ME TO LISTEN TO YOU AND I AM SO APPRECIATIVE THAT YOU CAME TODAY TO SHARE YOUR STORIES BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING ON THE GROUND WITH PEOPLE LIKE THE ELDERLY WOMAN WITH THE STACKABLE WASHER AND DRYER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU MORE THIS UPCOMING YEAR ON HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS FORWARD.

Nathan Clark: I WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS, CHAIR KAFOURY. MARTIN LUTHER KING SAID HOW DO YOU EXPECT SOMEONE TO PULL THEMSELVES UP BY THEIR BOOTSTRAPS WHEN THEY'RE NOT EVEN GIVEN THE BOOT. ALL RIGHT. I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES WHO HELPED ME TONS WITH THIS SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR HER HELP. SO FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, RECOGNIZE APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS: APRIL 11TH, 2018, MARKED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT OF 1968 AND THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1988; THE FAIR HOUSING ACT WAS ENACTED TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES AND UNDUE RACIAL HOUSING SEGREGATION PATTERNS AND TO ENSURE ALL INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, GENDER, STATUS OR DISABILITY RECEIVE EQUITABLE TREATMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR HOUSING CHOICES;

Nathan Clark: IN ADDITION, TO FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO DISCRIMINATE BASED ON MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOURCE OF INCOME, INCLUDING HOUSING ASSISTANCE, MILITARY STATUS, GENDER IDENTITY, ETHNICITY OR HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING OR SEXUAL ASSAULT. MEMBERS OF PROTECTED CLASS ARE INCREASINGLY AND DISPROPORTIONATELY MORE VULNERABLE TO HOMELESSNESS, DISPLACEMENT, POOR QUALITY HOUSING AND BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY DUE TO RACIAL SEGREGATION, EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION, HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND RISING HOUSING COSTS. THE IMPACTS OF BARRIERS TO HOUSING CHOICE AND RACIAL SEGREGATION PATTERNS NEGATIVELY IMPACT SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC AND HEALTH OUTCOMES. AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING MEANS UNDERSTANDING, WHICH COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLICY BARRIERS TO HOUSING CHOICE AND WHY OFFERING MEANINGFUL RESOURCES AND POLICIES TO ADDRESS THOSE DISPARITIES MEASURING THE IMPACTS OF OUR ACTIONS AND HOLDING OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE. MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS A RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGES AND EMBRACES ITS OBLIGATION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING AND ACTIVELY PROMOTE GENUINE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION APRIL 20, 18 TO BE FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. FAIR HOUSING MONTH ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO JOIN THE EFFORT TO PROMOTE FAIR HOUSING FOR ALL.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW, IS THE TIME FOR BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. AND I HAVE SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO BRING FORWARD. NOW, THAT TODAY'S BUSINESS HAS CONCLUDED I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A STAFF MEMBER WHO IS ALL BUSINESS. OUR AMAZING BOARD CLERK, LYNDA GROW, HAS JUST SAT THROUGH HER LAST BOARD MEETING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HER IMPACT ON OUR PUBLIC PROCESS. DURING LYNDA'S TENURE WITH US, SHE'S BEEN HERE SINCE 2009, SHE SAW THE GROWING NEED AROUND ACCESSIBILITY AND ACTED. SHE BROUGHT GREATER TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION TO OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS BY WORKING WITH I.T. TO IMPLEMENT SOFTWARE UPDATES.

Chair Kafoury: THIS MOVED THE COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS FROM USING VHS TAPES INTO THE DIGITAL WORLD. SHE PRIORITIZED EQUITABLE CHANGES FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES BY PROCURE, MAINTAINING AND OFFERING INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT AND LYNDIA HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ENHANCE A.D.A. ACCESSIBILITY BY PROVIDING CLOSED CAPTIONING FOR ALL BOARD MEETINGS. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT LYNDIA HAS BROUGHT TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU, LYNDIA, FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND WRANGLING OUR WEEKLY MEETING AGENDAS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BRIEFINGS SO FIERCELY. AND I ALSO WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE TIMES MY STAFF PUSHED THOSE DEADLINES WHEN IT CAME TO THE PAPERWORK. I KNOW THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT A BIG TO-DO MADE ABOUT YOUR LAST DAY, BUT YOUR WORK HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN HELPING THIS BOARD EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY GOVERN AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU, LYNDIA. [APPLAUSE] OTHER BOARD COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR, IS LYNDIA HERE? CAN YOU COME TO THE FRONT AND CENTER, PLEASE? I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU ONE MORE TIME RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. MS. LYNDIA. CAN YOU SIT DOWN HERE JUST FOR A SECOND SO I CAN TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ABSOLUTELY -- IN THE CHAIRS IN THE FRONT, IN THE HOTSEAT. OKAY. SHE IS REALLY SHY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO MAKING US BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE FROM DAY ONE WHEN I ARRIVED AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU WERE SO KIND AND WILLING TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ME AND TO THIS DAY, NOTHING HAS CHANGED. AND I SO APPRECIATE YOU TAKING MY SUMMER WORKS INTERNS AND REALLY GIVING THEM A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF WHAT YOU DO YOU AND MS. MARINA HAVE BEEN GREAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT LIFE IS GOING TO BE -- I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT YOU AND I APPRECIATED YOUR SERVICE SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DID FOR US.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I JUST WANT TO ADD MY DEEP APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES FOR YOU AS YOU MOVE ON TO RETIREMENT. I THINK COMING IN NEW LAST YEAR, YOU NEVER KNOW HOW THINGS WORK AND YOU NEVER KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE WALKING INTO IN A NEW JOB, BUT YOU DID SUCH A GREAT JOB OF MAKING US FEEL WELCOMED AND ALWAYS HAVE TAKEN THE BEST CARE OF US I THINK AS WE WERE HERE DOING THIS WORK IN THE BOARD MEETINGS AND HELPING MY STAFF GET UP TO SPEED ON WHAT'S NEEDED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT THE FORMS AND GET SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA AND BEING SO HELPFUL WITH OUR FIRST PROCLAMATION, I REMEMBER WHEN WE DID THAT SO I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE AND REALLY JUST HAVE NOTHING, BUT GOOD THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES FOR YOU.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I CAN'T SEE YOU LYNDIA. THERE YOU GO. OKAY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE AND COMMITMENT. THERE'S SO MUCH THAT GOES INTO THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE BOARD MEETINGS AND I KNOW THAT YOUR HARD WORK EXTEND THROUGH ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES THAT YOU'VE WORKED WITH. IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON TO JUGGLE APRS, BOARD AGENDAS, PUBLIC NOTICES AND EVERYONE WHO SIGNS UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK, THE ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH THE CLOSED CAPTIONING AND LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT. YOU'VE SERVED AS THE CENTRAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR MEETINGS AND AN EVER-CHANGING AGENDA. AND YOU DO IT WITH PATIENCE AND WITH HUMOR. YOU WILL BE SO MISSED. BUT I WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR RETIREMENT AND YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT YOU HAVE LEFT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN A BETTER PLACE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANT TO ADD MY THANKS AS WELL AS ONE OF THE TRIO OF NEW COMMISSIONERS. YOU JUST HAVE SO FACILITATED MY ENTRY INTO THIS PROCESS THAT CAN BE A LITTLE -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD IS -- JUST CONFUSING AND DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING I AT LEAST HAVING NEVER BEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL BEFORE, HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED. AND YOU HELPED MAKE THIS EXPERIENCE SO MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AS COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SAID, YOU DID IT WITH HUMOR, YOU DID IT WITH GRACE AND I JUST SO APPRECIATE YOU AND ALL YOUR WORK. I WILL ABSOLUTELY MISS YOU AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW CHAPTER. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE GO CELEBRATE LYNDIA AND CHECK OUT THE FAIR HOUSING BOARDS. ALRIGHT SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:50 a.m.

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