

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 06-033

Directing Facilities and Property Management Division to Prepare and Present to the Board a Preliminary Planning Proposal for Site Acquisition as the First Step Towards Constructing a New Facility for the Fourth Judicial District Circuit Court in or in Proximity to Downtown Portland's Government Center Area

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Oregon Revised Statute 1.185 requires counties in which a circuit court is located to provide "suitable and sufficient courtrooms, office and jury rooms."
- b. Resolution 01-114 found that "The existing Multnomah County Courthouse does not meet the requirements of the Fourth Judicial District, Circuit Court of the State of Oregon. The current size and configuration of the Courthouse do not meet the programmatic requirements of the Court." The Resolution commissioned a study to determine whether to proceed with renovating the Multnomah County Courthouse. The resulting report, issued June 2002, concluded that "renovation of the building would be feasible and should be pursued. However, continued usage as a courthouse may not represent the best, most cost-effective approach to Multnomah County's court space needs."
- c. A Courthouse Blue Ribbon Steering Committee made recommendations in December 2003 for a new courts facility within the existing downtown Portland Government Center to accommodate the Multnomah County court and supporting County functions for the next 25 years.
- d. Resolution 04-167 found "that the County [should] proceed with the sale of the Morrison Bridgehead Property to PDC and use the proceeds to acquire a full block in close proximity to the existing Government Center in Downtown Portland."
- e. Further, Facilities and Property Management Division (FPM) was directed to begin preliminary conversations with property owners for potential purchase of a site for a new courthouse in downtown Portland using the Morrison Bridgehead proceeds.
- f. Resolution 02-136 established a policy for major facilities capital projects, and outlines specific steps for Board review and approval. As a result, Administrative Procedure FAC-1 was established to define major facilities capital projects; identify participants' roles and responsibilities; and designate key milestones for project control and authorization.

- g. Oregon Revised Statute 203.135 provides that a "county governing body may exercise the power of eminent domain under ORS Chapter 35 to acquire any right or interest in real property for...public building or public institution purposes."

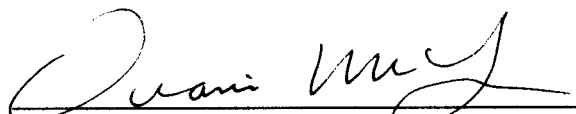
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board of County Commissioners desires to meet it's statutory obligations under ORS 1.185 and move forward with all due speed to address the needs of the Fourth Judicial District Circuit court. It is the Board's intent to acquire a site as the first step towards constructing a new facility for the Fourth Judicial District Circuit Court in, or in proximity to, downtown Portland's Government Center area by December 31, 2006.
2. Facilities and Property Management Division is directed to prepare and submit to the Board a Preliminary Planning Proposal for site acquisition within 60 days.
3. FPM shall proceed in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in Administrative Procedure FAC-1.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2006.

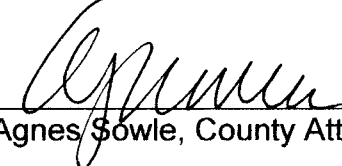


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