

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Vice-Chair Jules Bailey called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present. Chair Deborah Kafoury joined the meet at 10:04 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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Vice-Chair Bailey: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. YOU ARE STUCK WITH ME IN THE MEANTIME BECAUSE THE CHAIR HAD A MEETING.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

C.1 Budget Modification #DCS-02-15: Reclassify Engineering Technician 3.

C.2 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Relating to Delegated Building Inspection Program.

Vice-Chair Bailey: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS, APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

MARINA, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**R.1 RESOLUTION Approving Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget. Presenters: Carol Studenmund, County MHCRC Representative and Julie S. Omelchuck, MHCRC Staff.**

Vice-Chair Bailey: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R1. PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

Ms. Studenmund: GOOD MORNING. COMMISSIONER BAILEY, COMMISSIONERS, I AM CAROL STUDENMUND, YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY APPOINTEE TO THE

MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION, I AM ALSO SERVING AS THE CHAIR THIS YEAR, AND WITH ME IS JULIE OMELCHUCK, THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION. AND I AM HERE TO HIGHLIGHT A CUP OF ASPECTS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015, 2016 BUDGET REQUEST AND TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL. THE COMMISSION IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, PORTLAND, TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. EACH JURISDICTION APPOINTS CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS OVERSIGHT ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC BENEFIT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CABLE SERVICES FRANCHISES WITH THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS TWO CABLE SERVICE FRANCHISES. COMCAST, AND RELIANCE CONNECTS. OVER THE PAST YEAR THE COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED MANY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES, AND ITS CITIZENS, AND WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

Ms. Studenmund: I AM PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE MHCRC ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH I BELIEVE YOU HAVE, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS MANY OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICES, AND SOME EXAMPLES ARE THAT THE GRANT IS OVER \$2 MILLION, IN 2014 TO 2015, TO 11 SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, NONPROFITS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. LEVERAGING ABOUT \$4.1 MILLION IN MATCHING COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECTS. AND INCLUDED IN THAT GRANT MONEY IS THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY MAKER SPACE, AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT PROJECT COMING ALONG. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THAT START UP. THE MHCRC HAS ALSO LAUNCHED THE TECH SMART INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESS IN THE FALL OF 2014. DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL THESE GRANTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MHCRC'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ON THE WEBSITE. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT WORK. IT WAS SO GREAT TO BE OUT LAST FALL AND SEE THE KIDS LOOKING SO EXCITED TO USE TECHNOLOGY.

THE MHCRC PROVIDED FUNDING AND FRANCHISE ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT TO THE METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA. THIS PAST YEAR METRO EAST PRODUCED OVER 2,800 HOURS OF ORIGINAL LOCAL PROGRAMMING AND TRAINED OVER 350 RESIDENTS IN DIGITAL, MEDIA, AND LITERACY. AFFORDABLE BROADBAND HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE CRITICAL TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. THE MHCRC CONTINUED ITS WORK ON THE INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK, ALSO KNOWN AS THE INET, WHICH PROVIDES HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO 293 SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, AND PUBLIC AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WHICH MEANS ALL OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE MOVING AT THE SAME SPEED, AT THE SAME TIME. THE MHCRC ADDRESSED CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES, BOTH BROADLY AND WITH INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MHCRC WITH THE CABLE COMPANIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO CLEAR INFORMATION ON SUBSCRIBER BILLS, USE OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGING TO SUBSCRIBERS, AND SERVICE INSTALLATION SCHEDULING. THE MHCRC ASSISTED IN THE RESOLUTION OF 218 COMPLAINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS, AND I AM HAPPY TO

REPORT THAT THE MHCRC INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOUND THE MHCRC'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FAIRLY PRESENTED FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE MHCRC FUND, AND THE FULL AUDIT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU CAN READ IT IN YOUR SPARE TIME. AND NOW, ONTO THE BUDGET.

Ms. Studenmund: YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE MHCRC'S FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET REQUEST IN YOUR MEETING PACKET. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE BUDGET GENERALLY REPRESENTS STATUS QUO, BUT ALSO HAS A LOOK TO THE FUTURE. THE COMMISSION PROJECTS THAT FRANCHISE FEE REVENUES WILL REMAIN FLAT IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE JURISDICTION'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO COVER COST OF LIVING INCREASES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 IS 13,536. THE MHCRC ANTICIPATES THAT FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 WILL BE A FUTURE FOCUS AND PLANNING CONSIDERING TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICY, AT OUR COMMUNITY'S INCREASING RELIANCE ON AVAILABILITY OF BROADBAND, THE MHCRC IS TURNING ITS SIGHTS ON THE FUTURE. THE MHCRC INTENDS TO WORK WITH YOU AND COUNTY STAFF AND OUR COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BROADBAND FUTURE. THE BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THE MHCRC RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2015-2016 PROPOSED MHCRC FUND BUDGET, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Vice-Chair Bailey: QUESTIONS? YOU HAVE DONE A THOROUGH JOB.

Ms. Studenmund: GREAT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. CAROL, YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR US FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO BE ON THE COMMISSION, AND JULIE, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, AND WE ALSO HAVE ROB BRADY IN HERE FROM THE METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA, SO ANYWAY, JUST THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE ROCKWOOD MAKER SPACE, AS WELL, SO THANKS, AND ALL THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT YOU DO. THEY ARE ALL WORTHY PROJECTS.

Ms. Studenmund: I THINK THAT THERE IS A PICTURE IN HERE OF LITTLE TINY KIDS WITH iPADS IN THEIR HANDS, RIGHT? YEAH. PAGE 4. LOOK AT ALL THE LITTLE KIDS WITH THEIR COMPUTERS. THAT IS SO COOL.

Commissioner Shiprack: IF I COULD, JUST PILE ON TOP OF THAT COMMENT, THAT IS EARL BOYLE SCHOOL, AND IT IS DOING TREMENDOUS, TREMENDOUS WORK IN AN AREA THAT HAS SUCH A HIGH DENSITY OF POVERTY, SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT ATTENTION. AND IT'S A WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPH.

Ms. Studenmund: PRETTY COOL.

Vice-Chair Bailey: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

**R.2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 12, 2015 as Loving Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Smith, D-2. Presenters: Marissa Madrigal, COO and Invited Guests.**

Vice-Chair Bailey: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE WE WAITING FOR BEN? IS HE COMING?

Ms. Madrigal: I AM BEN TODAY.

Commissioner Smith: YOU ARE MARISSA, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS TODAY. I THOUGHT BEN WAS GOING TO ASSIST YOU. I DID KNOW YOU WERE COMING TODAY. THIS IS SO MUCH OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE PROCLAMATIONS THAT I DO SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE. SO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING AND FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD AGAIN IN 2015. AND EACH YEAR, WE SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION. I AM STRUCK BY HOW SOMETHING SO SIMPLE AS LOVING SOMEONE COULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED A FELONY OFFENSE. WITHOUT THE COURAGE OF THIS BRAVE COUPLE, WHO KNOWS WHERE WE MIGHT BE TODAY, DIFFICULT TIMES CREATE HEROES AND HEROINES, AND AS LONG AS I'M A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, I WILL BE PROUD TO BRING TO OUR COMMUNITY THIS PROCLAMATION, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Ms. Madrigal: COMMISSIONERS AND VICE-CHAIR, I AM MARISSA MADRIGAL, I AM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. EVERY YEAR ON JUNE 12th, THERE IS RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS LOVING DAY, WHICH IS NAMED AFTER THE SUPREME COURT CASE OF LOVING VERSUS VIRGINIA, IN WHICH RICHARD AND MILDRED LOVING FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO BE MARRIED. MILDRED AND RICHARD WERE ARRESTED WHILE ASLEEP IN THEIR HOME FOR THE CRIME OF BEING MARRIED AND BEING OF DIFFERENT RACES. AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST, INTER-RACIAL MARRIAGE WAS A FELONY CRIME IN VIRGINIA. THE LOVINGS' TOOK THEIR CASE TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND WON. THAT DECISION, ON JUNE 12, 1967, MADE IT ILLEGAL TO RESTRICT INTER-RACIAL COUPLES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. THESE LAWS DIDN'T JUST APPLY TO BLACK AND WHITE PEOPLE BUT IN MANY STATES, RESTRICTED ASIANS, NATIVE AMERICANS, LATINOS AND OTHERS. UNTIL AS RECENTLY AS 1951, IT WAS ILLEGAL TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL RACIAL COUPLE IN OREGON, AND IT

WASN'T UNTIL 2000 THAT THE LAST STATE, ALABAMA, PROHIBITING INTER-RACIAL MARRIAGE WAS REMOVED.

Ms. Madrigal: ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL BY THE MOBILE REGISTER, 19% OF RESPONDENTS SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE REMOVED THAT LAW. FOR THE MANY BI-RACIAL AND MULTI-RACIAL STAFF IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THIS DAY IS A PERSONAL REMINDER OF THE STRUGGLES BEFORE US TO ACKNOWLEDGE EQUALITY BETWEEN RACES, HOW RECENTLY THE LAW HAS CHANGED, AND HOW ANALOGOUS THIS IS TO THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE ARGUMENT. MANY OF THE SAME ARGUMENTS AROUND MORALITY, THAT ISN'T POSITIVE FOR OUR CHILDREN, ARE PART OF THE SAME RHETORIC THAT WE HEAR WHEN WE DEBATE MARRIAGE EQUALITY. AS OUR COUNTRY CONTINUES TO DEBATE MARRIAGE, THE STRUGGLE OF THE LOVINGS WILL REMIND US HOW FAR WE HAVE COME AND STILL NEED TO GO TO RECOGNIZE REGARDLESS OF RACE, CLASS, OR GENDER IDENTITY, INEQUALITY AND PREJUDICE NEED TO BE ROOTED OUT OF OUR POLICIES AND INTERACTION. LOVING DAY HAS COME TO BE AN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT. THE MISSION OF THE LOVING DAY CAMPAIGN IS TO EDUCATE AND BUILD AWARENESS OF MULTI-CULTURAL IDENTITY AND CREATE CONNECTIONS AMONG MULTI-CULTURAL INDIVIDUALS, AND GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD LOVE TO INTRODUCE, IT'S MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TAMMY AND ADRIENNE KINKADE.

Ms. Jamie Kinkade: I AM JAMIE, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, ADRIENNE. SHE'S A MUCH MORE ELOQUENT PUBLIC SPEAKER THAN I AM.

Ms. Adrienne Kinkade: I AM ADRIENNE KINKADE, AND ACTUALLY, I WAS BORN LESS THAN 100 DAYS BEFORE THE LOVING VERSUS VIRGINIA DECISION WAS IN. THIS IS MY SECOND MARRIAGE. BOTH MY MARRIAGES HAVE BEEN INTER-RACIAL. AND I WAS BORN IN ALABAMA. SO, ON THE DAY THAT I WAS BORN, BOTH OF MY MARRIAGES WOULD HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL. I GOT MARRIED IN THE MID 1980s, AND MY SON IS BI-RACIAL, AND EVEN IN THE LATE 1980s, I COULD BE BOUNCING MY SON ON MY KNEE AND I WOULD HAVE PEOPLE WHO WERE ON POST WITH ME, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, YOU KNOW, I DON'T BELIEVE IN INTER-RACIAL MARRIAGES. I AM SITTING HERE WITH MY CHILD, AND THIS KID WILL BE CONFUSED. SO, I CAME OUT IN THE LATE 1980s, AND HEARD THE SAME ARGUMENTS. EXACTLY WORD FOR WORD, THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT WAS THEY WOULD USE GAY AND NOT BLACK AS THE ADJECTIVE.

JAMIE AND I MET NINE YEARS AGO, AFTER I HAD COMPLETELY GIVEN UP. AND IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING RIDE, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN INTERESTING IS WATCHING THIS WHOLE MARRIAGE EQUALITY THING CHANGE BEFORE OUR EYES. THIS WAS JUST AMAZING WATCHING THIS HAPPEN AGAIN IN MY LIFETIME. AND ALSO, WE ARE NOW ABLE TO DO THINGS THAT LIKE MY SISTER, MY PARENTS, MY FRIENDS CAN TAKE FOR GRANTED. JAMIE IS A FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT, I AM A SOFTWARE SUPPORT ENGINEER FOR A

START-UP HERE, AND JAMIE HASN'T HAD AN INCOME FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS, SOMETHING LIKE THAT? AND THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR, THIS LAST YEAR, WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE COULD FILE OUR TAXES TOGETHER. AND YES, IT WAS SO NICE. WE WERE ABLE TO BUY A CAR. OUR CAR WAS ON THE LAST LEGS, AND I WAS LIKE, I DON'T WANT TO GET A CAR LOAN WHILE YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO GET MARRIED, AND THOSE THINGS, LITTLE THINGS LIKE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, I KNOW THAT JAMIE GETS EVERYTHING. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. I KNOW THAT IF WE GO VISIT HER MOTHER IN UTAH, AND SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, I BREAK MY LEG OR SOMETHING, SHE WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL ROOM, AND THAT CANNOT BE DENIED ANY MORE. AND THAT, HONESTLY THAT HELPS ME SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT. I AM GETTING UP THERE WHERE HEALTH IS AN ISSUE NOW, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF I WIND UP IN THE HOSPITAL, IF I GET HURT IN AN ACCIDENT, MY WIFE IS GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND MY WIFE CAN SEE ME. AND IT IS THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE THIS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. UNLESS YOU NEED ME TO SAY MORE.

Ms. Jamie Kinkade: AS ADRIENNE MENTIONED, I WAS BORN AND RAISED AND GREW UP IN UTAH. I NEVER SAW AN INTER-RACIAL COUPLE WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, EVER. SHE WAS THE FIRST NON-WHITE PERSON THAT I HAVE EVER DATED, IN MY ENTIRE LIFE SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ONE AROUND FOR ME TO DATE. SO, I HAVE HAD QUITE A LEARNING CURVE IN THE LAST NINE YEARS. I FIGURED OUT HOW TO NAVIGATE ALL THESE THINGS. I HAD NO IDEA HOW UPSET PEOPLE WOULD GET. I HAVE A FEW RELATIVES THAT DON'T TALK TO ME ANY MORE. THEY ARE UNSET ABOUT THE GAY THING BUT ABOUT THE INTER-RACIAL THING, PROBABLY EVEN MORE. SO, I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS DAY SO THAT HOPEFULLY, THERE WILL BE MORE SUPPORT FOR RELATIONSHIPS LIKE OURS IN THE FUTURE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. HOW DID YOU ALL MEET?

Ms. Jamie Kinkade: WE MET ON THE INTERNET.

Commissioner Smith: SO THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT.

Ms. Adrienne Kinkade: SHE HAD AN AD ON OKCUPID. I SAW HER PICTURE, AND I WAS LIKE, YOU KNOW, SHE'S PROBABLY OUT OF MY LEAGUE. BUT, I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND SEND HER AN EMAIL ANYWAY. BECAUSE SHE SAID THAT SHE LIKED NERDS, AND THAT WAS DEFINITELY ME. WELL, I AM A NERD.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. JOHN AND ROBIN, ARE YOU HERE TO PRESENT?

Mr. Halsa: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN HALSA, MY PARTNER, ROBIN

CASTRO, AND ROBIN IS MY FIANCÉ. FOR THE SECOND TIME BECAUSE ROBIN AND I WERE MARRIED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THE FIRST TIME IN 2004, THANKS TO THE PRIOR COMMISSIONERS. AND SO, FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS ROBIN AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD FOR THE FREEDOM TO MARRY IN OREGON FOR THE SAME SEX COUPLES, AND I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO STATE THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE LABEL THAT SOCIETY PUTS ON EACH OF US, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MARRY THE PERSON THAT WE LOVE, WHETHER THAT IS THE SAME GENDER OR ANOTHER RACE OR WHATEVER OTHER LABEL THAT SOMEBODY MIGHT PUT ON THERE.

Mr. Halsa: SO, FOR ROBIN AND I, WE WORKED HARD FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS TO MAKE FREEDOM TO MARRY A REALITY IN OREGON ALONG WITH BASIC RIGHTS OF OREGON, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THAT. FOR ME, BEING SOMEONE OF NORWEGIAN DECENT MARRYING INTO A MEXICAN FAMILY WAS AN ADVENTURE, LIKE THE BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING WITH A BIT OF HOT SAUCE ON THERE. THE NORWEGIANS, I THINK, CULTURALLY ARE A LITTLE MORE CALM AND COOL AND COLLECTED, AND SO, IT'S BEEN EXCITING FOR ME. I THINK JUST AN INTERESTING STORY. MY FAMILY VERSUS ROBIN'S FAMILY, WHEN I INTRODUCED ROBIN TO MY GRANDMOTHER, THIS WAS PROBABLY 20 YEARS AGO NOW, SHE WAS VERY POLITE, AND AS ROBIN WALKED INTO THE OTHER ROOM, MY GRANDMOTHER TURNED TO ME AND SAID, WHAT IS HE? I HAD TO SAY, HE'S MEXICAN, GRANDMA. SHE SAID OH.

Commissioner Smith: ONLY GRANDMAS CAN SAY THAT.

Mr. Halsa: EXACTLY. AND GRANDMA DID EVENTUALLY COME AROUND AND SUPPORTED OUR RELATIONSHIP, WHICH I WAS GRATEFUL FOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN I INTRODUCED ROBIN TO MY MOM, I GOT A PHONE CALL THE NEXT DAY THAT SAID ROBIN IS NOT WELCOME IN OUR HOME. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENED, IT WAS HARD. BUT, I SAID IF ROBIN IS NOT WELCOME, THEN YOU WON'T SEE ME AGAIN, EITHER. AND WE NEVER WENT BACK. SO, THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE ROBIN IS GAY OR BECAUSE ROBIN IS MEXICAN OR BOTH, BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT STILL HAPPENS IN OREGON. AND SO I AM THINKING THAT MY MOM WILL EVENTUALLY WILL COME AROUND, AND ACCEPT OUR RELATIONSHIP, BUT OTHERWISE, ROBIN'S FAMILY TOTALLY WELCOMED ME INTO THEIR FAMILY, AND JUST SAID, YOU ARE ONE OF US. AND IT WAS REALLY A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ME.

Mr. Castro: I AM ROBIN CASTRO, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CLAIMING LOVING DAY. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO NOT ONLY SEE THE IMPACT THAT THIS HAS ON SAME SEX COUPLES, BUT ALL COUPLES. INTER-RACIAL COUPLES, SAME SEX, OR STRAIGHT. I GREW UP IN THE MILITARY, SO I WAS KIND OF A MELTING POT, EVERYWHERE I WENT. SO, I WAS NOT USED TO RACISM, OR I DIDN'T SEE IT AS GROWING UP AS A KID BECAUSE WE WERE IN

SO MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, DIFFERENT STATES. SO MANY PEOPLE. I DON'T REALLY NOTICE A LOT OF RACISM UNTIL IT SMACKS ME RIGHT IN THE FACE. TOO MANY TIMES I HEAR PEOPLE SAY, OH, I DON'T THINK OF YOU AS MEXICAN. AND THEN I REALIZE THAT OUR WORK IS NOT DONE. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO BE VISIBLE AND TO BE VOCAL, AND SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THE PROCLAMATION. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO LIVE THIS JOURNEY, TO GET TO THIS DAY OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, AND YOU ALL HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN AN EXAMPLE, BOTH COUPLES, OF WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN WE JUST MIND OUR OWN BUSINESS, AND IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE WORLD WHO YOU LOVE, AND THAT'S WHY I DO THIS LOVING DAY PROCLAMATION BECAUSE IT WAS A HUGE STRUGGLE FOR MANY, AND GOING FORWARD, WE DON'T WANT TO LOOK BACK AT THAT, BUT WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE CAME FROM AND HOW FAR THAT WE HAVE COME OVER THE YEARS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Bailey: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO WERE HERE TO TELL US YOUR VERY COMPELLING STORIES, AND AS COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE WE CAME FROM. AS I LOOK AT THIS TIME FRAME OF THIS COUPLE, THIS IS MY LIFETIME, AND TO SEE WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM, WHERE THEIR JOURNEY STARTED AND WHERE WE ARE NOW, OUR BIG, BIG STEPS FORWARD, NOT THAT THERE IS NOT MORE TO DO, BUT BIG STEPS FORWARD, AND NOW WE'RE HAVING THIS SAME DISCUSSION ABOUT SAME SEX MARRIAGE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE OUR VOICES AROUND THIS SO WE GET WHERE WE WANT TO GO, AND SO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

Commissioner Shiprack: MR. VICE-CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH COUPLES. IT TAKES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF COURAGE TO STEP UP TO THE FRONT OF THIS ROOM AND TELL YOUR STORY, AND EVEN GREATER THAN THAT, IS THAT YOUR STORY REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF COURAGE THAT YOU EXEMPLIFY. AS YOU LEAD YOUR LIVES TOGETHER, AND I WAS STRUCK BY YOUR STORY BECAUSE NOT THAT LONG AGO, AND THE PAIN OF OTHER PEOPLE'S JUDGMENT, I THINK, LINGERS FOR A LONG TIME, AND I THINK PART OF THE LEADERSHIP THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH IS EXERCISING IN REMINDING US ON A REGULAR BASIS, THAT THIS IS A DAY THAT WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING, IS THAT WE NEED TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT THE PAIN OF THEIR JUDGMENTS AND THE PAIN FROM THEIR BULLYING BEHAVIOR AND THE PAIN FROM THEIR REJECTION CARRIES FORWARD IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS THAT THEY ARE LIKELY NOT AWARE OF. SO, I AM SORRY FOR YOUR PAIN. I FELT THAT WHEN YOU SAID IT, AND I KNOW THAT IT STILL IS WITH YOU.



AND I APPRECIATE YOUR EXAMPLE. AND I THINK THAT THE HOPEFUL NOTE IS THAT WE CAN ALL BE BETTER PEOPLE, AND LEARN FROM YOUR EXAMPLES. SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES WITH US.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO THE COUPLES THAT TESTIFIED, AND ALSO TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. YOUR STORIES ARE INSPIRING. IF WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SOMEBODY IN OUR LIVES THAT WE LOVE AS MUCH AS YOU ALL CLEARLY LOVE EACH OTHER, I THINK IT MAKES OUR RELATIONSHIP STRONGER, TOO, AND PROVIDES A BEACON OF HOPE FOR ALL OF US. SO THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SMITH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Smith: I BELIEVE THAT MARISSA MADRIGAL IS GOING TO READ IT.

Ms. Madrigal: AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE, FROM A WOMAN BORN OF A MAN FROM MEXICO CITY AND A MOTHER FROM THE ROCKY SHORES OF MASSACHUSETTS, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD ON BEHALF OF ALL THE BI- AND MULTI-CULTURAL, MULTI-RACIAL EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU.

[MS. MADRIGAL READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Bailey: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

**R.3 BRIEFING of Financial Condition Report of Multnomah County for 2015.**  
**Presenters: Dr. Steve March, Multnomah County Auditor; Annamarie McNiell Performance Auditor; Nicole Dewees, Performance Auditor.**

Dr. March: THANK YOU TO CHAIR BAILEY, COMMISSIONERS. THAT'S A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW, BUT I AM GOING TO TRY A TRANSITION HERE. COMMISSIONER McKEEL, YOU MENTIONED IT'S GOOD TO KNOW WHERE WE CAME FROM. AND WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF HISTORY IN RECENT YEARS. IN OUR LIFETIMES. IT'S A LOT OF HISTORY. EVEN PRIOR TO THE 2004 MARRIAGES THAT WERE ALLOWED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAD A DOMESTIC PARTNER REGISTRY. BUT, SOMETHING THAT ONE OF THE SPEAKERS MENTIONED IS THEY DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT OF HOSPITAL VISITATION. IN 2001, I INTRODUCED A BILL TO THAT EFFECT AND COULD NOT EVEN GET A HEARING ON THAT BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW DOMESTIC PARTNERS, HOSPITAL VISITATION RIGHTS. HERE WE ARE STUCK WITH MARRIAGE. IT'S A GREAT, GREAT TIME, I THINK. AND WHERE WE CAME FROM IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, ALSO, FINANCIALLY.

Dr. March: FOR THE RECORD, STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR, ANNAMARIE MCNIEL, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND NICOLE DEWEES, CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR, ARE WITH ME, AND THEY WILL DO THE PRESENTATION HERE. THIS IS OUR FIRST INTERACTIVE REPORT, BUT THE 12th IN A SERIES OF REPORTS. THIS IS FROM 1992-3 ERA, AND IT'S LIKE 50+ PAGES, AND THE NEW ONE IS ENTIRELY ELECTRONIC, AND MUCH MORE INTERACTIVE AND USEFUL. SO, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO TO THE WEB OR YOUR HAND-HELD DEVICE, AND YOU CAN LOOK THROUGH THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE INDICATORS THAT COVER TEN YEARS. YOU CAN ADJUST FOR INFLATION OR NOT. WE HAVE GOT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES THAT ALL TRACK BACK TO THE COUNTY'S AUDITED CAFRs AND OTHER RECORD, AND WE HAVE DEMOGRAPHICS DATA, ALSO, INTERTWINED WITH THIS. SO, WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MY TEAM.

Ms. McNiel: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ANNAMARIE. SO, WE, AS AUDITORS ASK SEVERAL KEY QUESTIONS, WHAT HAPPENED, WHY DID IT HAPPEN, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER, AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. FOR THIS REPORT, WE LOOKED AT WHAT HAPPENED. WE LOOKED AT TRENDS IN REVENUE AND SPENDING, AND WE LOOKED AT A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL HEALTH INDICATORS. THEN WE ASKED THE QUESTION, WHY DID IT HAPPEN. FOR THIS, WE LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S REVENUE BASE AND AT THE ECONOMY, AND WE LOOK AT THE DETAIL BEHIND THE NUMBERS TO UNDERSTAND WHY. THEN THE, SO WHAT, QUESTION. WHY DOES IT MATTER? WE LOOKED AT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS, SUCH AS POPULATION AND POVERTY INDICATORS, HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY QUESTION IS, DOES MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVE THE ABILITY TO FUND SERVICES ON AN ONGOING BASIS? AUDITS RESULT IN RECOMMENDATIONS.

WE HAVE NOT HAD TOO MANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN OUR REPORTS OVER THE YEARS AND THE COUNTY IS IMPLEMENTING THOSE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. IT'S OUR CONCLUSION AGAIN THIS YEAR, AND I AM QUOTING A SMALL PORTION OF OUR REPORT, "SINCE WE BEGAN ISSUING THESE REPORTS, THE COUNTY HAS UNDERGONE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM, ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SOME STATE HUMAN SERVICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS, AND EXPERIENCED ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT FINANCIAL HEALTH IS THE RESULT OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS MADE BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO RESPONDED TO THESE CHALLENGES BY CREATING AND FOLLOWING SOUND FINANCIAL POLICIES WHILE MAINTAINING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. SO MOVING TO OUR NEW ONLINE INTERACTIVE REPORT, ONE QUESTION THAT WE GET ASKED IS WHY WE DO WE THIS REPORT. THIS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO BEST PRACTICE DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD, THE GAO, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, THE GFOA, THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, AMONG OTHER INDUSTRY LEADERS. THIS REPORT ALSO OFFERS A CONSOLIDATED, HIGH LEVEL PICTURE OF THE COUNTY, WITH A TEN-YEAR LOOK BACK TO ANALYZE

TRENDS AND SEE WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND OFFER A JUMPING POINT IN DISCUSSIONS TO WHERE THE COUNTY IS GOING.

Ms. McNiel: THIS REPORT SERVES AS AN ANOTHER TOOL THAT CAN OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WHICH WE SERVE. THERE ARE MANY INDICATORS IN THE REPORT THAT WE HAVE. HOWEVER, TODAY WE'RE ONLY GOING TO FEATURE A FEW OF THOSE HERE. THE ENTIRE REPORT, LIKE STEVE SAID, IS AVAILABLE ON THE AUDITOR'S WEB PAGE. SO, I WANTED TO GIVE JUST A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE NEW FEATURES OF THIS, BECAUSE IT IS AN ONLINE TOOL. FIRST, YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THERE IS SEVERAL TABS AT THE TOP. AND THOSE ARE REPORT SECTIONS, AND WITHIN EACH OF THOSE TABS, THERE IS SEVERAL TABS GIVING MORE DETAIL TO THE SECTIONS OF THE REPORT. AND THE AMOUNTS ARE PRESENTED IN MILLIONS, IN MOST CASES, THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS TO THAT. WE DO OFFER, WHICH IS A NEW FEATURE, THE ABILITY TO TURN ON AND OFF THE INFLATION, CONSTANT DOLLARS, AND THIS ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION CONVERTS DOLLARS OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD TO THE EQUIVALENT BUYING POWER OF MONEY IN FISCAL YEAR 2014.

THE TOOL ALLOWS THE USER TO TURN OFF THE INFLATION, AND THIS MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL IF SOMEBODY WANTED TO COMPARE THE DATA TO SOURCE DATA. EACH SECTION ALSO INCLUDES BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS. OFFERING SOME DROPDOWN MENUS IF THERE IS MORE DETAIL. AND WE HAVE ALSO UTILIZED KIND OF, I THINK, A NEAT FEATURE OF THIS ONE. THIS SOFTWARE ALLOWS US TO USE HOVER TOOLS, SO EACH DATA POINT WILL OFF A BRIEF PIECE OF INFORMATION, BUT THEN IF THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, WE ARE ABLE TO OFF A BIT MORE DETAIL ON WHAT THE MAJOR DRIVERS WERE TO THAT. SO, MOVING INTO REVENUES. THIS IS REVENUES BY SOURCE. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES, ARE THE LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE, AND INCLUDES FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF OREGON, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER FUNDING FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THE INCREASE IN THE RECENT YEARS, RELATED TO A FEW PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ABOUT 75 MILLION OF THE INCREASE TO FUNDING WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND THE COUNTY RECOGNIZED 10 MILLION FROM PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS AN INITIAL PAYMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DOWNTOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

THE SECOND LARGEST REVENUE SOURCE IS PROPERTY TAX REVENUES. THE INCREASE THERE FROM 13 TO 14 IS THE RESULT OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT CREATED BY VOTERS. AND OTHER TAXES, WHICH ARE STRONGLY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMY, INCLUDE BUSINESS INCOME TAX, MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX, AND COUNTY GAS TAX, AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND 2006 IS THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX. 2006 WAS THE FINAL YEAR OF THIS TAX, WHICH CAUSED A LARGE DECREASE TO FISCAL YEAR 2007. THE AMOUNTS REFLECTED HERE DO INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS WE'RE PASSING

THROUGH TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES ARE USER CHARGES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND PART OF THE INCREASE THAT WE SEE IN 2011 RELATES TO THE REGISTRATION FEES THAT WENT INTO EFFECT, THAT WERE DEDICATED TO THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. MOVING ONTO EXPENDITURES. WE HAVE GIVEN EXPENDITURES A COUPLE OF WAYS TO BE VIEWED. FIRST BY EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, AND THEN WE ALSO ALLOW FOR US TO DIVE IN AND LOOK AT IT BY FUND LEVEL. AGAIN, BY FUND, BY PROGRAM TYPE. SO, LOOKING AT THE PROGRAM TYPE, COUNTY-WIDE, THE LARGEST AREA OF RECOGNIZED EXPENDITURES IS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES OR HUMAN SERVICES.

Ms. McNiel: TOTAL SPENDING FOR THIS AREA HAS INCREASED OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD, BY APPROXIMATELY 14%, AND THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION. AND A LARGELY SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING. THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS IS THE NEXT LARGEST EXPENDITURE AREA, AND INCLUDES THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. MOST OF THE FUNDING IS FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. EXPENDITURES HAVE REMAINED RELATIVELY STEADY OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD. SPENDING FOR HEALTH SERVICES IS ANOTHER ONE OF THE LARGEST EXPENDITURE AREAS, AND IS SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING, AS WELL AS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND SOURCES. TOTAL SPENDING HAS INCREASED 15% OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD. SPENDING FOR LIBRARY SERVICES INCREASED 6%, SOURCES ARE FROM THE PROPERTY TAXES. OTHER PROGRAMS INCLUDE COMMUNITY SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, ROADS AND BRIDGES, AND AS WELL AS SOME SEWER AND STREETLIGHTS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THE LARGE DECREASE THERE FROM 2006 TO 2007 IS WITHIN THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND RELATES TO THE TEMPORARY PERSONAL INCOME TAX THAT EXPIRED.

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE INFORMATION SOURCE FOR SPENDING. SOME PROGRAMS CROSS OVER BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS. WERE YOU ABLE TO CAPTURE THAT?

Dr. March: THE PROGRAMS, WE HAVE TRACKED THE PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT, PRIMARILY, THE BIGGEST CHANGE WILL COME IN THE NEXT REPORT, WHEN MENTAL HEALTH GOES TO HEALTH. AND SO, WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL FOOTNOTE FOR THAT.

Commissioner Shiprack: I GUESS WHAT I'M WONDERING ABOUT IS HOW YOU WOULD CAPTURE THE KIND OF CROSSOVER PROGRAMS THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IMPACT BOTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH SERVICES.

Dr. March: BASICALLY, FOLLOW THE DOLLARS, WHERE THE DOLLARS WENT.

Commissioner Shiprack: OK.

Ms. McNiel: AND THE SOURCE FOR ALL OF THIS DATA, WHICH IS A BIT DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, IS FROM THE AUDITED CAFR, THE COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS PRESENTED IN THAT AUDITED DOCUMENT IS HOW WE'RE PRESENTING THE INFORMATION HERE. THE CAPITAL OUTLET DEBT EXPENDITURES HAVE INCREASED, AS WELL AS THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE. SO LOOKING AT FINANCIAL HEALTH INDICATORS, AGAIN, WE'RE PRESENTING A FEW INDICATORS HERE TODAY. SO STARTING WITH OUR GENERAL FUND BALANCE, IT REMAINS STEADY AND STRONG IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. FISCAL YEAR NINE, DECREASE FROM A DECISION TO SPAY OFF IN MILLION IN DEBT, SAVING THE COUNTY ABOUT \$5 MILLION IN FUTURE OBLIGATIONS. AS WELL AS OTHER ROUTINE TRANSFERS TO GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS. AND AS FAR AS THE LIQUIDITY AND DEBT RATIOS, THESE ARE AT THE BOTTOM GRAPHS. THESE ARE SOME COMMON STANDARD RATIOS USED TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH OF AN ORGANIZATION. THE COMMON TARGET VALUE FOR BOTH THESE RATIOS IS 1.0. HOWEVER, LIQUIDITY RATIO GREATER THAN ONE IS DESIRABLE, AND A DEBT RATIO LESS THAN ONE IS DESIRABLE. AND IN BOTH CASES, THE COUNTY EXCEEDS THE INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

THE CAPITAL SPENDING, THE BOTTOM GRAPH THERE, TRENDS SHOW THE COUNTY HAS CONTINUALLY ALLOCATED DOLLARS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE INCREASE IN 2012 AND BEYOND IS LARGELY CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND MORE RECENTLY, THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. AND THE LAST INDICATOR WE'LL LOOK AT FOR THIS PART IS THE DEBT, THE MIDDLE GRAPH THERE, WHICH SHOWS AN INCREASE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 DUE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT, AND THE ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT ARE TO BE FROM THE DEDICATED SOURCES FROM THE COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES. SO, I WILL STOP THERE, AND IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE HANDING YOU OVER TO NICOLE. QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: THANKS, ANNAMARIE.

Ms. Dewees: I AM NICOLE DEWEES, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE COUNTY DOES NOT EXIST IN A VACUUM, SO WE ALSO WANTED TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE ECONOMY TAB, I WON'T GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL BECAUSE YOU LIKELY HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THIS INFORMATION PRESENTED BY THE ECONOMISTS OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY. BUT, THIS IS AVAILABLE AS A ONE-STOP RESOURCE FOR INFORMATION, SO IN THE ECONOMY SECTION, WE START OFF WITH PROPERTY VALUES, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND SIDE, WE HAVE SEEN VOLATILITY IN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL

PROPERTIES, WHEREAS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS VOLATILE. HOWEVER, PROPERTY TAXES ARE BASED ON ASSESSED VALUES, WHICH HAVE QUITE A BIT OF STABILITY, AS YOU CAN SEE, IN THE LIGHTER BARS.

Ms. Dewees: WE ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT CONSTRUCTION, NUMBER OF BUSINESSES, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND NUMBER OF JOBS AND PER CAPITA INCOME. HE HAVE AS WELL AS INCLUDED THIS DEMOGRAPHICS SECTION SO WE CAN HIGHLIGHT THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT MAY BE IN NEED OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES. SO FOR EXAMPLE, WE INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT CRIME, IN THE SECTION ABOUT POVERTY, WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME INFORMATION, SO FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, THAT'S REPRESENTED BY THE DARK BLUE BAR HERE, AND THEY EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST RATES OF POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS WELL AS THOSE WITH LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT POVERTY BY RACE, AND WE HAVE INCLUDED INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE AND HOMELESSNESS. TO GIVE A BIT MORE CONTEXT TO THE REST OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION REPORT. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT BACK TO STEVE TO CLOSE.

Dr. March: AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE JUST SCRATCHED THE SURFACE OF WHAT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION IS IN HERE. SO, YOU CAN SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAY AND NIGHT LOOKING THROUGH THE VARIOUS TABS, AND DETAILS, BUT AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER BAILEY? YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU HAD A QUESTION.

Vice-Chair Bailey: FASCINATING. I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY WITH IT. IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF FUN.

Commissioner McKeel: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, TOO. THIS IS A LOT OF WORK, AND THIS IS AMAZING. YOU HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK ON THIS.

Dr. March: THEY HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK.

Commissioner McKeel: OH, OK. WELL, YOU ALL HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK. SHALL WE SAY. AND I WAS READING SOME OF IT YESTERDAY, AND I AM ANXIOUS TO GET IN AND READ MORE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Dr. March: I WOULD LEAVE YOU WITH THIS ONE THOUGHT, OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE HAD GOOD TIMES AND BAD TIMES HERE AT THE COUNTY. AND THROUGH THE PRUDENT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND THE ADOPTION OF REALLY STRONG FINANCIAL POLICIES, WE WEATHERED THE BAD TIMES WHEN

WE MOST NEED SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE, AND IN THE GOOD TIMES, WE HAVE SET ASIDE AND BEEN ABLE TO SERVE EVEN MORE, AND THIS IS, THIS HAS BEEN A STRANGE TRANSITION OUT OF THIS LAST RECESSION, AND THAT THE NEED HAS STAYED HIGHER THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST RECESSIONS, SO THE COUNTY HAS DONE A GOOD JOB. LET'S HOPE THAT THE NEXT RECESSION IS CLEANER AND THE ONLY POSSIBLE THING THAT YOU COULD DO IS ADD, IF YOU WANTED TO ADD A BIT TOWARDS YOUR GENERAL FUND BALANCE, FOR CARRYOVER, THE INDUSTRY STANDARD IS 30 TO 60 DAYS OF GENERAL FUND, WHICH EQUALS 8.33 TO 16.67%. WE'RE AT 10% AS OUR TARGET, AND WHICH IS WELL WITHIN THE RESERVE CATEGORIES, BUT THERE IS ROOM, IF YOU WANTED AN INCREASE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

Commissioner Shiprack: JUST ONE OTHER COMMENT, SO IN KEEPING WITH THE GOOD TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, I REALLY AM INTERESTED IN THIS, AN IMPOSSIBLE SCREEN, BECAUSE IT'S COMPLEX, I KNOW, BUT AS THE COUNTY MOVES TO MORE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, AND AS WE REALIZE THE DEPTH OF THE IMPACT THAT SERVICES, SUCH AS HOUSING, HAVE ACROSS THE BOARD, IN ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTAL MISSIONS, IT WOULD BE, I THINK, KIND OF SIMILAR TO THE FACT THAT FINANCIAL HEALTH DOESN'T EXIST IN A VACUUM. THAT THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENTS, ALSO, CROSS OVER. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW YOU COULD MEASURE THIS FOR US, BUT I DO HAVE A SPECIFIC, I MEAN, I VISITED WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVES IN MY OFFICE THE OTHER DAY, WHO WERE INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH MULTNOMAH COUNTY SPENDS ON CULTURAL COMPETENCE, AND I REALIZED WOW, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO BEGIN TO LOOK AT THAT. BECAUSE IT CROSSES EVERYBODY'S TERRITORY. AND THERE ARE ALSO ELEMENTS, I MEAN, AGAIN, OF HOUSING AND PROBABLY OTHER SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THAT.

Dr. March: IT'S DIFFICULT, COMMISSIONER. AS YOU RECALL BACK ON OUR SPECIAL REPORT ON HOUSING, WHERE WE PULLED OUT ALL OF THE LITTLE BITS AND PIECES FROM ALL THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS, AND PROGRAMS. SO, THE DIFFICULTY IS, IF ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF A PARTICULAR PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO THAT, IT STILL ADDS UP, AND SO, HOW DO YOU TRACK THAT? FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MENTIONED CULTURAL COMPETENCY. WE HAVE LOOKED AT CONTRACTS FOR CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING, FOR EXAMPLE. AND WE SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY ON THAT, BUT WE ALSO HAVE INTERNAL EXPENDITURES, AND THAT WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO TRACK UNLESS YOU WANTED TO CREATE A SPECIAL, IN ACCOUNTING TERMS, WBES, WHICH TAGS IT AS A EXPENDITURE CATEGORY, AND THAT COULD BE TRACKED AT THAT POINT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION HD-36-15: Request Approval to Appropriate \$5,000,000 in Increased Revenue from Intergovernmental Charges. Presenter: Joanne Fuller, Director, Health Dept.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Fuller: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, JOANNA FULLER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR. WENDY LEAR AND I HAVE BRIEFED YOU INDIVIDUALLY ON THIS. THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION IS THE RESULT OF THE INCREASE IN REVENUE THAT WE'RE RECEIVING FROM MEDICAID, WHICH IS THE RESULT OF MORE PEOPLE BEING INSURED UNDER MEDICAID UNDER EXPANSION POPULATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. AND THAT MEANS THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ON TARGET TO COLLECT REVENUES IN EXCESS OF WHAT OUR BUDGETED REVENUE PROJECTIONS WERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. AND SO THIS BUDGET, PASSAGE OF THIS MODIFICATION WOULD ALLOW US TO COLLECT ALL OF THE REVENUE THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY PROJECTING THAT WE WOULD COLLECT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. OF COURSE, THAT REVENUE THEN BECOMES CARRIED OVER, NOT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, BUT, YOU KNOW, GOES BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SO, WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING WOULD BE, OF COURSE, USING THE MEDICAID REVENUE FIRST TO PAY OUR EXPENSES, AS PER COUNTY POLICY, AND THEN THAT WOULD FREE UP GENERAL FUNDS THAT WOULD BE ROLLING OVER.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? NOPE? ALL RIGHT. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THANK YOU. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

**R.5 NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) to Apply to the Competitive Abstinence Education Grant program for up to \$250,000 a year for two years. Presenters: Kim Toevs, STD/HIV/HCV and Adolescent Health Promotion Manager, Daesha Ramachandran, Adolescent Health Promotion Program Supervisor.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Ms. Toevs: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, AND GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM KIM TOEVs, AND I AM ONE OF THE MANAGERS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I AM THE MANAGER OF THE STD-HIV-HCV AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS, AND WITH ME IS OUR



RELATIVELY NEW ADOLESCENT HEALTH SUPERVISOR DAESHA RAMACHANDRAN.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME.

Ms. Toevs: WE'RE HERE TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT A GRANT WE'RE APPLYING FOR, AND WE WERE HERE RELATIVELY RECENTLY TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT A LARGER TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT. THERE ARE A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING OUT AT THE SAME TIME FOR FUNDING, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT APPLYING COMPETITIVELY FOR A NUMBER OF THEM WITH DIFFERENT AREAS OF FOCUS FOR EACH ONE HOPING THAT TOGETHER WITH SOME OF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS, THAT IS USED, THEY WILL GIVE US ENOUGH FUNDING TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP HEALTH PROMISES, NOT ONLY IN THE MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS, NOT ONLY IN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITY SETTINGS, BUT FOR THOSE AT HIGH RISK BECAUSE THEY ARE IN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, THEY ARE HOMELESS, IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND ETC. SO, THIS GRANT, IN PARTICULAR, WILL FOCUS MORE ON THOSE HIGH-RISK YOUTHS IN ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS, AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN ABSTINENCE ONLY MONEY, IT'S NOT ABSTINENCE ONLY TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE CONTRACEPTIVE INFORMATION OR STD INFORMATION, ETC., SO THE FOCUS WAS A GENDER EMPOWERMENT MODEL OF WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. WE WILL ADD IN CONTRACEPTIVE INFORMATION, ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, INFORMATION ABOUT PREVENTING STIs WHEN APPROPRIATE. ONE OF THE OUTCOMES IS TO DELAY SEXUAL ONSET, BUT OTHER OUTCOMES ARE RELATED TO REDUCING TEEN PREGNANCY AND STIs FOR TEENS SEXUALLY ACTIVE.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Vice-Chair Bailey: THANK YOU, THE PHRASE, ABSTINENCE ONLY IS THE NAME OF THE BUCKET OF MONEY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE AN IMPLEMENTATION. THAT'S, ACTUALLY, NOT WHAT WE'RE DOING. THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON STIs ON CONTRACEPTIVES ON OTHER THINGS THAT WORK, IS THAT CORRECT?

Ms. Toevs: YES, ABSTINENCE ONLY VERSUS ABSTINENCE-BASED HAS BEEN THE TERMS USED IN THE PAST TO ATTACH TO PIECES OF FUNDING. ONE CAN BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE IN ANOTHER. THIS ABSTINENCE EDUCATION WANTS US TO PUT FORTH INFORMATION THAT, TO AVOID PREGNANCY OR TO AVOID SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO THAT, WHICH TECHNICALLY IS TRUE DEPENDING ON HOW YOU DEFINE ABSTINENCE. BUT THERE IS A LOT MORE TO BE SHARED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THAN THAT, AND IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE I FEEL, AND THIS IS MY PERSONAL OPINION, I FEEL THAT THE FUNDERS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH, HAVE

WRITTEN THIS UP, HAVE REALLY WANTED TO TRY TO MAKE LEMONADE OUT OF THE LEMONS OF PAST ABSTINENCE FUNDING THAT DIDN'T HAVE THE SOUND, SCIENTIFIC BASIS, SO THE GOALS FOR US THAT WE'RE MANDATED TO DO THROUGH THE FUNDING WOULD BE TO PROVIDE LGBTQ INCLUSIVE, POSITIVE USE DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED EDUCATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, LIKE I SAID, THERE IS AN ABSTINENCE COMPONENT, BUT WE'RE NOT PRECLUDE FROM BEING MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE IN OUR APPROACH, AND THIS FUNDING WITH OUR DIVERSE FUNDING WOULD ALLOW US TO DO THAT, AS WELL.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THANK YOU, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. DO I REMEMBER CORRECTLY THAT THERE IS ALSO A STATE LAW THAT PROHIBITS ABSTINENCE ONLY EDUCATION? IS THAT CORRECT?

Ms. Toevs: THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS A STATE LAW RELATED TO THE THIS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, AND HAS A COMPREHENSIVE, SCIENCE-BASED APPROACH TO SCHOOLS, AND SOME OF THE SETTINGS, WE'LL BE IN THE ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, AND SOME OF THEM WON'T BE. WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE THAT WE USE TO INFORM THE APPROACHES THAT WE HAVE TO THE WORK IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE, ALSO SUPPORTS THE COMPREHENSIVE IN TERMS OF THE MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR REDUCING RISK, AND AGAIN, THE PRIMARY FOCUS, I THINK, WE'LL BE EXPLORING, THE PEOPLE'S OWN SEXUAL IDENTITIES OR UNDERSTANDING OF GENDER DYNAMICS AND POWER, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND HOW TO SET BOUNDARIES AND NEGOTIATE FOR WHAT THEY WANT SO IT IS A BROADER SET OF INFORMATION THAN JUST SORT OF STRICT ABSTINENCE OR CONDOMS OR BIRTH CONTROL. IT'S MORE HOLISTIC.

Vice-Chair Bailey: JUST TO CROSS THE T AND DOT THE I. I HEAR YOU SAYING THIS WOULD NOT RUN A FOUL OF THOSE STANDARDS, IS THAT RIGHT?

Ms. Toevs: THAT'S CORRECT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

**R.6 RESOLUTION Approving Central City Concern's Sale of Part of the County-Leased CATC Facility Premises and Related Agreements. Presenters: Marissa Madrigal, Chief Operating Officer; Ed Blackburn, Central City Concern; Neal Rotman, Senior Manager, DCHS.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Madrigal: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MARISSA MADRIGAL, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER. WE ARE HERE TODAY AT THE

REQUEST OF CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A PORTION OF A PROPERTY THAT THEY OWN, A QUARTER BLOCK ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING CATC FACILITY. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO APPROVE IT AND ALLOW CENTRAL CITY TO USE THE PROCEEDS TO BUILD OR ACQUIRE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE ENTERING RECOVERY. THE REASON THAT YOU NEED TO APPROVE IT IS THAT IN 2005, THE COUNTY SOLD THE ENTIRE HALF BLOCK TO CENTRAL CITY CONCERNS FOR \$1, A PRETTY GOOD DEAL. BUT WITHIN THAT SALE AGREEMENT, YOU REQUIRED THAT IF THEY WERE EVER TO SELL IT, THE PROCEEDS COULD ONLY BE USED FOR A REPLACEMENT FACILITY.

Ms. Madrigal: I HAD NEVER REALLY CONTEMPLATED A PARTIAL SALE. CENTRAL CITY PROPOSES TO SELL THE QUARTER BLOCK TO A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WHO IS PURCHASING THE ADJACENT HALF BLOCK TO THE SOUTH. FOR A THREE QUARTER BLOCK MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD WRAP AROUND THE BUILDING. SO, THERE IS TWO COMPONENTS TO THIS RESOLUTION. THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE PRIOR PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, AND THEN A RAFT OF ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS THAT WE NEGOTIATED TO ENSURE THAT DURING THE 18-MONTH CONSTRUCTION PHASE, THAT THE CATC CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AND IF FOR ANY REASON, OUR OPERATIONS ARE DISRUPTED, CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, INTRINSIC DEVELOPMENT HAVE SET ASIDE A 750,000 ACCOUNT FOR US TO DRAWDOWN, AS YOU KNOW THE CATC IS A STEP DOWN FROM A HOSPITAL. AND SO IF THOSE OPERATIONS ARE INTERRUPTED, WE WOULD NEED LIKELY TO HOSPITALIZE THE PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN THE CATC. SO, THE IDEA OF THE SET-ASIDE IS TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THOSE COSTS IF WE NEED TO DO THAT. ALTHOUGH, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED HAVE PLENTY OF INCENTIVE TO KEEP THE OPERATION, THE 24-7 OPERATIONS OF THE CATC GOING. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO KEN TO GO THROUGH THE DOCUMENTS.

Mr. Elliott: KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, I APOLOGIZE FOR MY TARDINESS. JUST TO ADD TO HER COMMENTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, ANY DECISION TO BE MADE TO TRANSFER A PATIENT IS SOLELY AT THE COUNTY'S DISCRETION, SO IT'S THE MEDICAL STAFF THAT WE HAVE AT CATC, COMBINED WITH THE COUNTY MANAGEMENT, NEAL ROTMAN, AND COMPANY, WILL BE MAKING THAT DECISION, AND SO WE EXPECT THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND STAGED IN A WAY THAT WILL MINIMIZE THE CANS OF A DISRUPTION TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, BUT WE DO HAVE THAT RESERVE ACCOUNT AVAILABLE SO THAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE EXPENSES THAT CAN'T BE REIMBURSED, AND THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT IS THE EASEMENTS AND THE OPERATING AGREEMENT, AND THAT IS SORT OF A LONG-TERM COOPERATION BETWEEN INTRINSIC AS THE DEVELOPER AND OWNER OF THE APARTMENT PROJECT, WHICH WILL WRAP AROUND, AND THE CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, AS THE OWNER OF THE CATC FACILITY, AND WITH THE COUNTY, AS A CONSENTING

PARTY TO THAT LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. AND THE ASSURANCES IT GIVES THE COUNTY AS THE LONG-TERM TENANT ARE THAT THERE WILL BE, IN PLACE OF THE FACILITY, AS IT IS NOW, THERE WILL BE A SECURE GARAGE TYPE OF SECURE ENTRY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO COME INTO THE CENTER OF THE BLOCK TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE FACILITY TO ADMIT PATIENTS. ALSO THERE IS EMPLOYEE PARKING THAT RIGHT NOW IS ON AN OPEN LOT, BUT THAT WILL BE SECURED INSIDE THIS GARAGE DOOR ENTRY.

Mr. Elliott: THE OUTDOOR SPACE THAT IS NOW ON A SECOND LEVEL OVER THE PARKING LOT, WILL REMAIN ON THE SECOND LEVEL, AND IT WILL BE NOW SURROUNDED BY THE APARTMENT ON TWO SIDES OF IT, BUT WE FEEL IT'S BEEN DESIGNED IN A WAY, AND OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY HAS LOOKED AT THE DESIGN, AND EXPRESSED THEIR INITIAL APPROVAL. IT'S DESIGNED IN A WAY TO PRESERVE THE PRIVACY OF THE PATIENTS WHO ARE HAVING DIFFICULT TIMES, AND NEED TO BE OUTSIDE, WHILE STILL GIVING THEM THE RIGHT THAT THEY HAVE TO FRESH AIR AND LIGHT. IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION, AND WE HAVE WORKED VERY CAREFULLY, AND LONG AND HARD TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT THE TWO FACILITIES CAN CO-EXIST FOR THE LONG-TERM. WITH CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, AS OUR LANDLORD, WE HAVE ALSO NEGOTIATED A BINDING LETTER AGREEMENT THAT CAPTURES THE FIRST, PROBABLY 80% OF A LEASE AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CENTRAL CITY. IT GETS THE COUNTY AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS TO OPERATE THERE, AND AS THE PRESENT LEASE STANDS, IT EXPIRES IN 2018, AND THEN WE HAD FOUR MORE YEARS OR THREE MORE YEARS TO EXTEND IT. NOW, WE'LL HAVE TEN YEARS BEYOND THE THREE YEARS, AND WITH A SMALL RENT BUMP EACH YEAR, ABOUT CAPPED UP TO 2.5%. SO, WITH THE INVESTMENT, THE COUNTY HAS MADE IN THE FACILITY AND THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECTS ONGOING, WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO OPERATE THERE FOR 14 YEARS INSTEAD OF JUST FOUR MORE YEARS. SO THAT IS ALL IN PLACE AS PART OF THE PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS THAT WE WOULD BE ASKING THE BOARD TO APPROVE TODAY.

Ms. Madrigal: ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT IS THE SALE PRICE OF THE PIECE OF PROPERTY?

Mr. Blackburn: ED BLACKBURN, CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. IT'S \$1.1 MILLION. AND THE REASON, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THAT WE'RE SITTING HERE IS WE'RE FACING, AN UNPRECEDENTED SHORTAGE OF LOW INCOME HOUSING. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT IN MY ALMOST 24 YEARS OF BEING AT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN. WE ARE HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT TIME, PLACING PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY LOW INCOME, WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY. RENTS HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. AND WE DON'T SEE ANY RELIEF AT THIS POINT. SO, OUR, OUR DESIRE TO DO THIS PROJECT IS REALLY MOTIVATED BY COLLECTING FUNDS TO DO

THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING FOR PEOPLE, WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, BROUGHT THAT UP SPECIFICALLY IN TERMS OF THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES NEEDED, AND I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF THE NEED FOR THAT. SO THAT'S WHAT'S MOTIVATING US HERE, BUT WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT BLIND TO THE NEEDS OF THE CATC, AND FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE COUNTY.

Mr. Blackburn: WE TREASURE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO WE'RE VERY COGNIZANT OF ANY KIND OF RISK THAT MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS. AND I THINK THAT THE COUNTY STAFF, THAT THE ATTORNEYS HAVE DONE A TERRIFIC JOB IN MITIGATING THAT RISK, AND I THINK THAT THE COMPANY HAS BEEN VERY FLEXIBLE AND VERY, ALSO, CONCERNED THAT THEY DON'T DISRUPT ANYTHING. NOW, I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT HALF BLOCK, WHERE THE CAR LOT IS NOW, IT'S GOING TO BE SOLD, AND IT'S GOING TO BE DEVELOPED. THIS, ACTUALLY, PRESENTED US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WHEN THEY APPROACHED US ABOUT THE PARKING LOT. AND IT'S THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE THAT PARKING LOT AND BUILD A BIGGER PROJECT ACTUALLY GAVE US STANDING IN THE COUNTY STANDING TO SAY WHAT CAN WE DO TO MITIGATE THE CONSTRUCTION INTERRUPTION FOR THE CATC BECAUSE IF IT JUST STAYED IN THAT HALF BLOCK, TECHNICALLY, WE WOULD HAVE, WE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY STANDING TO DO THAT. SO, IT'S GOING TO BE BUILT, SOMETHING IS GOING TO BE BUILT ON THAT HALF BLOCK, THIS OPPORTUNITY GIVES US A PARTNER IN A DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WHO IS VERY INTERESTED IN MITIGATING ANY DAMAGES TO THE OPERATIONS. SO, THE MILLION DOLLARS, AND I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE COUNTY DID SELL US THE PROPERTY FOR \$1. THE COUNTY ALSO PUT IN \$842,000 IN TENANT IMPROVEMENTS, BUT WE RAISED ANOTHER 4.4 MILLION, AND OTHER FUNDS TO RENOVATE THAT SPACE FOR THE CATC. SO, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A PRETTY GOOD DEAL. WE WERE ABLE TO ACCESS FUNDS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS BECAUSE OF OUR NONPROFIT STATUS.

Commissioner Smith: DOES THE COUNTY GET THE PROCEEDS FROM THE \$1.1 MILLION?

Mr. Blackburn: THERE WILL BE A SET-ASIDE IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT UNTIL WE COMMIT TO A PROJECT, SPENDING IT ON A PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION THAT THE CATC AND THE DETOX CENTER HAVE AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. IT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ALLOW FOR HOUSING. IT DID NOT, NECESSARILY, EXCLUDE IT, EITHER. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER WE COULD SPEND IT ON HOUSING, SO IN THE DOCUMENT, AND ALSO IT CLARIFIES THAT WE CAN SPEND IT ON HOUSING. IF WE DON'T, THEN HALF OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO THE COUNTY. IF WE DON'T USE IT FOR THE NEEDS SPECIFIED IN THE DOCUMENT.

Commissioner Smith: SO WHAT'S THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE SET-ASIDE?

Mr. Blackburn: THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR CENTRAL CITY CONCERN IS \$350,000, I BELIEVE.

Commissioner Smith: OK, THANK YOU.

Mr. Blackburn: IF THAT IS USED FOR CENTRAL CITY CONCERN, THAT WOULD BE \$750k.

Commissioner Smith: OK, GREAT. THANKS FOR DOING THIS.

Commissioner Shiprack: YOU KNOW, HI, ED, GOOD TO SEE YOU. I AM SO DELIGHTED WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTNERSHIP, AND PARTICULARLY, HAVING JUST HEARD FROM, I BELIEVE, FROM THREE GRADUATES, MAYBE FOUR GRADUATES, FROM THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THAT CENTRAL CITY CONCERN SPONSORS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THESE REMARKABLE LIFE EXPERIENCES OF RECOVERY FROM SUCH EXTRAORDINARY, JUST DAUNTING CIRCUMSTANCES, EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WE ALL HEARD ABOUT THIS, NOT 16 HOURS AGO. SO, THE WRAP-AROUND PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, THAT'S SO IMPORTANT, WHILE WE CONSIDER THE UNITY OF THE FACILITY, THE CATC FACILITY, AND HOUSING INTO WHICH MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN INSERT A REMARKABLE, STRONG ARRAY OF SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, REALLY GIVES ME HOPE THAT WE'RE ONTO SOMETHING BIG THAT WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING, AND THAT THESE INVESTMENT HIS THAT WE'RE MAKING, THAT WE'RE ALL MAKING, ARE BRINGING THE INTENDED RESULTS TO THE COMMUNITY, SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR WORKING OUT THIS PROJECT, AND YES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS AN EXTRAORDINARY NEED IN THE COMMUNITY. I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE ON IT.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. WILL THE WHOLE PROJECT BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Mr. Blackburn: THE PROJECT THAT WE WILL DEVELOP, USING THE PROCEEDS, WILL BE.

Commissioner McKeel: AND THAT'S THE PART BEHIND THE CATC?

Ms. Madrigal: IT'S A VERY COMPLEX MULTI-FACETED PROJECT, SO THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR THE THREE QUARTER BLOCK WILL BE A MARKET RATE BUILDING. THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE THAT ED WILL GET WILL BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, SO HOW MANY UNITS ARE YOU ANTICIPATING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Mr. Blackburn: WE'RE HOPING TO USE THIS MONEY, AND WE HAVE ACCESS TO OTHER FUNDS, AS WELL. WE'RE HOPING 35 TO 50 UNITS MAYBE MORE, AND I DON'T WANT TO GET ANY MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT BECAUSE, BUT, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW, AND WE HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW, AND WE'RE GLAD TO LET YOU KNOW.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S GREAT, I WAS JUST BALL-PARKING WHAT YOU THOUGHT, SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THIS A REMARKABLE DAY. I THINK THAT IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE I STARTED IN THIS JOB AS CHAIR, AND I THINK THAT IT WAS MY FIRST WEEK ON THE JOB, WHICH WOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT NOW, WHEN WE ALL MET, AND AT THAT TIME, YOU HAD ALREADY BEEN IN CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS DEAL, SO, IT'S BEEN A YEAR THAT I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT, AND I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR KEEPING TO THE TASK AT HAND BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT AT THE OF THE DAY WE'LL COME OUT WITH A GREAT PRODUCT, AND AS YOU SAID, THERE IS REALLY NO NEED, I BELIEVE, IN OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW, THAN HOUSING FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE TOGETHER. SO, GOOD LUCK. GET THE REST OF THE MONEY AND BUILD THE UNITS, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD TODAY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS APPROVED.

Chair Kafoury: IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE OUR PEOPLE FOR R.7.

Commissioner Smith: WE'RE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, IT'S 11:25.

Chair Kafoury: DID WE TELL OUR FOLKS WE NEEDED THEM TO BE HERE EARLY?

Board Clerk: YES.

Chair Kafoury: OK. WELL, WE WILL TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS WHILE WE TRACK PEOPLE DOWN. [GAVEL POUNDED]

The Board recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME BACK, AFTER THAT BRIEF INTERLUDE, WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED TO R7.

**R.7 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 2015 as PRIDE Month for the LGBTQ Community in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Anna “Scotty” Scott, Prism Co-Chair, Giovanni Blair McKenzie, Queer Intersections Founder and Executive Director; and Khalil Edwards-PFLAG Black Portland Chapter Co-Founder.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7. COME ON UP, FRIENDS, FOR MORAL SUPPORT.

Scotty: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SCOTTY AND I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF PRISM, WHICH IS OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LGBTQ EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP. I DO PREFER THE USE OF THEY/THEM PRONOUNS. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING THE PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE JUNE PRIDE MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS BEEN SUPPORTING PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATIONS SINCE 1992. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME UPDATES OF WORK BEING DONE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN SUPPORTING AND PROVIDING AN INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY. JUST OVER A YEAR AGO, WE REALIZED THE EQUAL RIGHT TO MARRY BY LAW IN OREGON. WE HOPE THAT RIGHT TO MARRY REGARDLESS OF YOUR SEXUAL ORIENTATION THE LAW OF THE LAND BY THE END OF THIS MONTH WHEN THE SUPREME COURT RELEASES ITS RULING ON CASES PENDING FROM FOUR STATES.

HERE IN OREGON IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE SEEN THE RIGHTS TO TRANSGENDER HEALTHCARE COVERED BY THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN AND MOST RECENTLY GOVERNOR BROWN WHO HAPPENS LGBT GOVERNOR IN THE NATION SIGN INTO LAW THE BANNING OF CONVERSION THERAPY ON YOUTH HERE IN OREGON. WE ARE ONLY THE THIRD STATE IN THE NATION TO DO SO. THIS WILL SPARE YOUTH FROM THE PAIN AND SUFFERING. THERE ARE TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE W PAIN AND SUFFERING FOR BEING THEIR TRUE SELVES. THIS WORK IS NOT DONE. UNTIL THESE CHILDREN FEEL SAFE AND ARE EMBRACED FOR WHO THEY ARE. HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO SUPPORT A WORKPLACE THAT VALUES DIVERSITY AND TREATS ALL WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. SINCE 2010, WE HAVE INCLUDED TRANSHEALTHCARE IN OUR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PACKAGE, THE GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOM PROJECT IS READY TO MOVE INTO THE SECOND STAGE AND ENSURE THAT EVERY COUNTY FACILITY WILL INCLUDE GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS AND ANY BUILDINGS WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOMS, AS WELL. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECENTLY DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED A POLICY TO RESPECT INMATES' GENDER IDENTITY AS THEY SEE IT.

WE RECENTLY BEGAN COLLECTING EXPANDED DATA ON RACE, ETHNICITY, IDENTITY, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND DISABILITY STATUS. WE BELIEVE WE ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC AGENCY TO DO SO. THESE STEPS SHOULD BE



RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED BUT AS REGENT AS LAST YEAR, NEARLY HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS STILL FEAR DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE BASED ON THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY. WE PRIDE OURSELVES WITH BEING INNOVATIVE, PROGRESSIVE AND DEDICATED TO PROVIDING THE BEST PUBLIC SERVICE THAT WE CAN TO OUR COMMUNITY. BUT IF OUR EMPLOYEES STILL DO NOT FEEL SAFE, OR FACE BARRIERS TO BEING THEIR TRUE, AUTHENTIC SELVES IN THE WORKPLACE, THEN WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING INTERNALLY AND FIX IT. LAST YEAR, PRISM WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN CREATE A SAFER WORKSPACE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IN RESEARCH THE SAFE SPACE CAMPAIGNS USED PREDOMINANTLY IN HIGHER EDUCATION, WE FOUND THAT THOSE CAMPAIGNS HAVE EVOLVED INTO BRAVE SPACE CAMPAIGNS. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL FEELS SUPPORTED AND ALLOWED TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITHOUT JUDGMENT, THEY FEEL BRAVE AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE. BUT THOSE CONVERSATIONS NEED TO HAVE A BASIS AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE TOOLS TO HAVE THOSE RESPECTFUL AND BRAVE CONVERSATIONS.

Scotty: THIS BECAME PERSONAL FOR ME AS I BEGAN TO WITNESS EVENTS THAT OTHER EMPLOYEES FACED AND HAD MY OWN EXPERIENCES AS A TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUAL. WE BEGAN TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS KATIE CARTER FROM THE PRIDE FOUNDATION, NASH JONES FROM BRIDGE 13, AND DEVIN DAVIS FROM THE Q CENTER ABOUT WAYS TO DEVELOP A MORE TRANS-INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND HAVE RECENTLY BROUGHT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BEN DUNCAN AND MARISSA MADRIGAL. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OVER THE NEXT YEAR, PRISM WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH HUMAN RESOURCES AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO FIX OUR OWN HOUSE AS WELL AS WORK CLOSELY WITH THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY TO INSURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING COMPETENT SERVICE WITH AS MUCH DIGNITY AND RESPECT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE YOU WILL ALL SUPPORT OUR WORK IN SETTING A STANDARD FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES ACROSS OREGON BY SUPPORTING OUR EMPLOYEES, RESPECTING ALL IDENTITIES AND SHOWING OTHER AGENCIES THAT WHAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A WORKPLACE THAT TRULY PROMOTES DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

IT WOULD BE REMISS OF ME NOT TO MENTION THE LOSS OF A LIFE-LONG ALLY THIS PAST YEAR. GRETCHEN KAFOURY WAS AN ALLY BEFORE IT WAS THE NORM. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ADVOCACY MOVEMENT IN OREGON, GRETCHEN PLAYED A ROLE. SHE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SUPPORT AND DEDICATION THAT OUR STRAIGHT ALLIES PROVIDE. THIS WEEKEND, SHE WILL BE HONORED BY PRIDE NORTHWEST WITH THE FIRST ALLY AWARD. MEMBERS OF PRISM WILL WEAR PINS OVER OUR HEARTS IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER. WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK ALONE. SUPPORT AND

COLLABORATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS IS ESSENTIAL TO THIS WORK. I HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HAVE KHALIL EDWARDS FROM PFLAG PORTLAND BLACK CHAPTER AND GIOVANNI BLAIR MCKENZIE HERE WHO WORKS WITH QUEER INTERSECTIONS AND IS A NATIONAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. HOPEFULLY, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO STILL JOIN US BUT IF NOT, WE HAVE KAROL COLLYMORE AND GEORGE NICOLA, WHO HAS BEEN DOING THIS WORK SINCE LONG BEFORE I WAS EVEN BORN. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO CAROL TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU.

Ms. Collymore: THANKS, SCOTTY. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY. MY NAME IS KAROL COLLYMORE AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EQUITY FOUNDATION HERE IN PORTLAND. EQUITY STRIVES TO REPRESENT FOLKS ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND SOCIALLY IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY ACROSS OREGON. WE ALSO OPERATE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF RACE, CLASS, GENDER AND AGE, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, ISSUES ARE NOT JUST SINGLE, AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY COMES IN MANY SHADES, COLORS, AGES AND CLASSES. THE WORK THAT EQUITY DOES, AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN THERE HAS TURNED TO THE RURAL COMMUNITY. AS ALL THINGS GO FUNDING, A LOT OF MONEY COMES THROUGH PORTLAND AND WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE IT THROUGHOUT RURAL OREGON. SO WE JUST COMPLETED OUR GRANTING CYCLE. WE GAVE AWAY \$55,000. WE FULLY FUNDED ALL OF OUR HIV AIDS GRANT AND FOUR OF OUR LGBTQ YOUTH GRANTS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE MONEY TO EVERY APPLICANT WE HAD. SO 20 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS OREGON GOT FUNDING FROM THE EQUITY FOUNDATION.

SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE ARE AGAIN KEEPING OUR FOCUS ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, KEEPING OUR FOCUS ON CHILDREN AND KEEPING OUR FOCUS ON PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS AND WE ALSO HAVE A RENEWED FOCUS ON TRANSGENDER EQUALITY. WE REALIZE AS A COMMUNITY, UNFORTUNATELY THAT HAS BEEN A PART THAT HAS BEEN LACKING AND WE ARE VALIANTLY TRYING TO CATCH UP AND DO HONOR TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THAT SPACE. WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE MOVING FORWARD, NEXT FRIDAY AT CITY CLUB, I'M HOSTING A TRANSGENDER FORUM CALLED TRANS IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM. FOLKS WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES OPENLY AND HONESTLY, AND FOR CITY CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS OPENLY AND HONESTLY WITHOUT FEELING THEY MAY GET TRIPPED UP OR SCOLDED FOR LANGUAGE OR QUESTIONS THEY'RE ASKING. WE WANT IT TO BE A FORUM WHERE FOLKS CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TRANS, IN OREGON AND ACROSS AMERICA. SO I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A SURPRISE, ALWAYS HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT MY ORGANIZATION, WHEREVER I CAN. YOU'RE A WELCOME TO BE MEMBERS OF EQUITY FOUNDATION FOR \$10 A MONTH. YOU ALSO GET A CHANCE TO VOTE

ON WHAT GRANTS WE GIVE OUT, [WWW.EQUITYFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.EQUITYFOUNDATION.ORG). AND THEN LET ME PASS IT OVER TO GEORGE NICOLA.

Mr. Nicola: WELL, I CAME OUT THROUGH THE PORTLAND GAY LIBERATION FRONT IN 1970. IT WAS THE PARENT GROUP OF WHAT IS TODAY OUR LARGE OREGON LGBTQ MOVEMENT AND IN 1973, I WROTE AND LOBBIED FOR THE FIRST BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE IN OREGON WHICH WOULD BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION. I WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST WITHOUT THE MENTORSHIP OF GRETCHEN KAFOURY AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, STEVEN KAFOURY WAS ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE BILL. SO I THANK THE KAFOURY FAMILY FOR THAT. AND ANOTHER INTERESTING HISTORIC PIECE IS THAT YOUR PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER WAS A MENTOR TO MS. DAVIS. I DID APPEAR BEFORE THIS BOARD, IT WAS A DIFFERENT MAKEUP AT THE TIME, IN 1973, TRYING TO GET THEM TO PASS A REGULATION WHICH WOULD HAVE BANNED DISCRIMINATION IN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. IT DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE AT THE TIME.

Mr. Nicola: THERE WAS ONE COMMISSIONER THAT EXPRESSED A CONCERN ABOUT GAY PEOPLE WORKING WITH YOUTH. HE EXPRESSED THAT CONCERN AND AFTER THAT, I ASSUME IT WAS TABLED BUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WAS PASSED LATER WHEN GRETCHEN JOINED THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. ONE OTHER INTERESTING PERSON HISTORICALLY, ONE OF MY FIRST ALLIES OR FIRST ALLIES FOR OUR MOVEMENT WAS GLADYS MCCOY. IN 1970, SHE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO BE VOTED TO OFFICE IN OREGON WHEN SHE WAS VOTED TO THE PORTLAND SCHOOL BOARD. IN 1972, I GOT HER SUPPORT BECAUSE SHE WAS ENGAGED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AND I WANTED TO GET A PLANK PROTECTING OUR CIVIL RIGHTS. SO SHE WAS LATER VERY HELPFUL. HER HUSBAND WAS A SPONSOR OF OUR FIRST BILL IN 1973, BANNING SEXUAL ORIENTATION DISCRIMINATION. AND HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTED TO THE LEGISLATURE IN OREGON, SO AS YOU KNOW, GLADYS LATER WENT ON TO BECOME THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SO THIS COMMISSION HAS A GREAT HISTORY BEHIND IT AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: AND THANK YOU FOR THAT HISTORY LESSON. WONDERFUL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Scotty: YES. [READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD]

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE ALL OF YOU. JUST FOR MY OWN CLARIFICATION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTOOD THIS RIGHT. I THINK YOU SAID THERE WAS A SURVEY TAKEN AND THAT HALF OF OUR

EMPLOYEES HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FEAR DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE?

Scotty: WE HAD 98 RESPONDENTS TO THAT SURVEY. AND OVER HALF FEARED THAT THEY STILL DID NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR THEIR GENDER IDENTITY IN THE WORKPLACE FOR FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S TROUBLESOME BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH --

Scotty: WE'LL FIX THAT.

Commissioner McKeel: WELL, WE'RE WITH YOU.

Scotty: GREAT, THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: AND I'M ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PARADE. I LOVE THE PARADE.

Scotty: EXCELLENT.

Commissioner Smith: WE LOVE BEFORE THE PARADE.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S RIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

Mr. Blair McKenzie: I AM GIOVANNI BLAIR MCKENZIE. ONE OF THE TWO ONLY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY SOLELY DEDICATED TO BUILDING POWER AND LEADERSHIP FOR LGBTQ YOUTH OF COLOR AND I'M PROUD TO SERVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AND THE HRC FOUNDATION AS A YOUTH AMBASSADOR. I AM BLACK, HISPANIC, EAST INDIAN, QUEER, GENDER QUEER, TRANS, JAMAICAN, AND YOUNG. TO MOST PEOPLE MY AGE, THIS IS THE MONTH WE PARTY FOR 30 DAYS AND 30 NIGHTS. BUT WE MUST REMEMBER THAT PRIDE CELEBRATES A MOMENT WHERE COMMUNITY BEGAN FIGHTING BACK AGAINST OUR OPPRESSORS AND A MOVEMENT FOR EQUALITY WAS BORN. IN THE LAST 24 MONTHS, WE'VE WITNESSED SOME OF THE GREATEST STRIDES IN OUR NATIONAL LGBTQ MOVEMENT. IT WAS THIS MONTH IN 2013 THAT WE OVERTURNED THE DEFENSE AGAINST MARRIAGE ACT, THE FEDERAL BAN AGAINST SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. IT WAS IN THIS WAY THAT INDUCTED THE FIRST OPENLY LGBTQ GOVERNOR. PROVIDING YOUNG, QUEER AND TRANSPeople LIKE MYSELF THAT ANYONE CAN LEAD. I'M NOT ASKING FOR A MONTH OF PARTYING. I'M ASKING FOR A MONTH TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND LOOK AT THE WORK WE HAVE LEFT TO DO.

THANKS TO MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, I LIVE IN A STATE WITH MARRIAGE EQUALITY, TRANS-INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE AND A BAN ON CONVERSION THERAPY. WHILE THAT ALL IS TRUE, I ALSO LIVE IN A STATE WITH A HISTORY OF RACIAL INJUSTICE. WE HAVE YET TO PASS A COMPREHENSIVE BILL THAT PROTECTS OREGON'S PEOPLE OF COLOR FROM PROFILING. YES. PROFILING. THERE ARE YOUTH OF COLOR IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO ARE ALSO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING. THESE YOUTH FEEL INVISIBLE AND THEY FEEL POWERLESS. WE ARE CRIMINALIZED. WE ARE TOLD BY THE GREATER COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE UGLY, WEAK, AND HAVE ZERO VALUE. WE ARE UNDERREPRESENTED. I CAN'T IDENTIFY AN LGBTQ PERSON OF COLOR IN POLITICS. IN MY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, I CAN ONLY IDENTIFY ONE BLACK ELECTED OFFICIAL. ACROSS MY STATE GOVERNMENT, I CAN ONLY IDENTIFY TWO. PRIDE WAS STARTED AS A RIOT. AND OUR FIGHT MUST CONTINUE WITH THAT SAME ENERGY. FOR THE TRANS COMMUNITY WHO SUFFER UNIMAGINABLE DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE, FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE IN FAMILIES, COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT REFUSE TO ACCEPT AND EMBRACE THEM, AND FOR THE THOUSANDS OF LGBTQ YOUTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS, VIOLENCE REJECTION, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE. PRIDE IS OUR REMINDER OF THE WORK WE STILL HAVE LEFT TO DO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, GIOVANNI, IT IS SO NICE TO SEE YOU ALL GROWN UP. [LAUGHS] AND ESPECIALLY NICE TO SEE BECAUSE THE FIRST TIME THAT I MET YOU WAS FOUR YEARS AGO.

Mr. Blair McKenzie: FIVE YEARS AGO.

Commissioner Smith: IN 2011. AND YOU HAVE ARTICULATED THIS, THIS WHOLE NEED FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUITY IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY SO ELOQUENTLY, JUST LIKE YOU DID AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN'S TOWN HALL MEETING WHEN YOU URGED US COMMISSIONERS TO KEEP THE GRANT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINIC OPEN BECAUSE YOU OPENLY ADMITTED THAT YOU HAD SOME THINGS GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD THAT YOU NEEDED TO WORK ON AND THAT IS SO UNUSUAL TO HAVE A YOUNG PERSON, YOUNG PERSON OF COLOR, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY YES, I AM GOING TO MENTAL HEALTH TYPES OF DOCTOR'S VISITS AND YOU WANTED US TO KEEP IT THERE BECAUSE IT WAS HELPING YOU. AND TO SEE YOU ALL GROWN UP.

Vice-Chair Bailey: A REMINDER OF ALL YOU'VE GIVEN US OF HOW MUCH THERE IS LEFT TO DO. NOT A WEEK GOES BY THAT WE DON'T HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM SOME FOLKS THAT ARE SITTING RIGHT WHERE YOU'RE SITTING THAT TELL US ABOUT THE DISPARITIES THAT PEOPLE FACE IN THE LGBTQ

COMMUNITY FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THOSE TWO, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INCARCERATION RATES, VIOLENCE, INEQUITIES AND DISPARITIES IN TERMS OF INCOME AND CLASS. I SALUTE YOU ALL FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING ON THAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING MORE ON THESE ISSUES.

Commissioner Shiprack: I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU! HOW THOUGHTFUL AND WHAT A NICE MEMENTO FROM TODAY AND I HOPE THERE'S NOT A LOT OF SUSPENSE ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF OUR VOTE, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, GEORGE, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THESE MOMENTS RARELY COME BY WITHOUT ME GIVING A THOUGHT TOWARDS MY OLD FRIEND AND MY AMAZING, STRONG, SPONSOR AND MENTOR, KEESTON LOWERY. I KNOW THAT YOU KNEW THEM. THANK YOU FOR OPENING THAT DOOR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. AND I WILL ADD MY COMMENTS TO COMMISSIONER SMITH'S THAT GIOVANNI, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU ALL GROWN UP. WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH YOU WHEN YOU WERE FILMING YOUR "IT GETS BETTER" VIDEO AND HAVING US ALL PARTICIPATE, IT WAS WONDERFUL. YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB AND I KNEW THEN AS I'M SURE COMMISSIONER SMITH DID THAT YOU WOULD GO FAR IN LIFE. YOU'VE GOT THAT SOMETHING, SOMETHING.

Mr. Blair McKenzie: THANK YOU. I'M ALWAYS GOING TO REMEMBER THIS MOMENT.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANT TO CALL OUT YOUR WORK WITH PRISM. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE OUTLINED THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO, WORKING WITH OUR EMPLOYEES AND A PROGRESSIVE COMMISSION HAS BEEN UNPRECEDENTED AND WE NEED TO KEEP IT GOING. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE, BECAUSE NOT ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE STATE HAVE THE SAME LUXURY THAT WE DO. WE NEED TO SET THE BAR HIGH AND WE NEED TO PUSH OURSELVES TO BE BETTER S OTHER PEOPLE CAN COME ALONG WITH US AND WE COULDN'T DO IT. WE COULDN'T DO IT JUST AS THE COMMISSIONERS. WE NEED OUR EMPLOYEES PUSHING US AS WELL AND I THANK YOU FOR BEING A LEADER IN THAT MOVEMENT. AND I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY FOR YOU AND I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY FOR ALL OF THE LGBTQ MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY BUT ALSO THAT WORK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THAT IS REALLY OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE THAT WORKS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. SO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR COMING TODAY. AND ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PROCLAMATION VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

## **BOARD COMMENT**

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

Chair Kafoury: BEFORE WE JOIN YOU IN THE BACK, DO WE HAVE ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: YES, WE DO! SUMMER READING AT OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARIES STARTS TOMORROW. SO EVERYONE, ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BIRTH TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 12 CAN SIGN UP AT ANY ONE OF OUR LIBRARY BRANCHES AT NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES. SO THE THEME FOR SUMMER READING THIS YEAR IS SUPERHEROES. AND LAST YEAR, THEY HAD NEARLY 110,000 BABIES, KIDS AND TEENS PARTICIPATE. MORE THAN 70% OF ALL YOUTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THIS YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 88,000 HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS, AMONG SEVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO KIDS OF ALL AGES FROM BIRTH TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 12, VISIT YOUR LIBRARY AND BE A PART OF SUMMER READING.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I THINK YOU WILL BE JOINING ME ON SATURDAY FOR ANIMAL SERVICES' OPENING OF THEIR NEW SATELLITE OFFICE ON LOMBARD AND THE COMMUNITY CAN COME OUT AND FIND OUT HOW TO ADAPT KITCHENS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WILL BE THERE AT 12:00.

Chair Kafoury: I'M AFRAID TO BRING ANY OF MY CHILDREN BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BRING HOME ANY PETS. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL SEE YOU ALL SATURDAY AT THE ANNUAL SERVICES GRAND OPENING AND THEN SUNDAY AT THE PRIDE PARADE. IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND. [GAVEL

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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