

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING #A
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Multnomah East County Bldg., Sharron Kelley Rm.
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Oregon

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury and Diane McKeel present.

Chair Cogen opened the public hearing by welcoming everyone. His opening remarks were that this is the twelfth year in a row Multnomah County has faced budget cuts. In preparing the budget they focused on the Board's priority of preserving core services for the most vulnerable in the community. He said they had to make some difficult choices but believed they preserved the most core programs.

Chair Cogen said that tonight is not a time for the Board to deliberate, but rather, for the Board to hear from the public on the programs within the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. He said that tonight is the first of three public budget hearings. Next week the public hearing will be held May 16th at the Multnomah Building, and the following week it is scheduled on May 23rd and will be held at IRCO - both at 6:00 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Chair Cogen advised that the Board Clerk would call up four individuals at a time to give testimony, and when their name is called, to come up to the Presenter's table and when it is their turn, to state their name for the record. He reminded the attendees that translation services are available in the back of the room in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese and Somali.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. 17 testified on various programs through agencies that partner with Multnomah County to provide services including: NAMI's NorthStar Club House, Lifework's Project Network, SUN Service System programs; rent assistance, community health nurses, early childhood services, and homeless family shelters. Written testimony from the testifiers was also received for the file.

Chair Cogen invited others who had not signed up to testify to do so. No one else did.

Chair Cogen closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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