

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, March 21, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith, and Diane McKeel present.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Appointments of Two City Elected Officials to the Regional Disaster Preparedness Committee.
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCA-16 Reclassifying an IT Project Manager 1 to an IT Project Manager 2 as Determined by Central Human Resources Classification Compensation unit.
- C.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-09 Reclassifying a Human Resources Analyst Senior to a Human Resources Manager 1 as Determined by Central Human Resources Classification Compensation unit.
- C.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION: DCHS13-17 Reclassifying a Full Time Program Supervisor to a Program Manager 1 in the Department of County Human Services.
- C.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION: DCHS13-18 Reclassifying a Vacant Full Time Program Specialist and a Vacant Full Time Data Tech to Full Time Finance Specialist 1 Positions in the Department of County Human Services.
- C.6 RESOLUTION No. 2013-026 Authorizing the Repurchase of a Tax Foreclosed Property by the Former Owner, Michael J. Bland.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

**Commissioner Smith:** SO MOVED.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE?

[UNANIMOUS AYES]

**Chair Cogen:** THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Board Clerk:** PUBLIC COMMENT. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. CHAIR, WE DO HAVE ONE. JAMIE ROGERS. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND HAVE A SEAT.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING.

**Ms. Rogers:** MY NAME IS JAMIE ROGERS, AND I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU I.D. TECHS WHO WORK DOWN IN THE COUNTY JAIL. WE PROVIDE I.D. SERVICES, AND HAVE BEEN DOING SO FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. I WANTED TO VOICE SOME CONCERNS OVER THE LATEST CITY BUDGET PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCIES DUE TO FUNDING ISSUES. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTY IN THE JAIL SETTING. IN 2012, TECHNICIANS SUCCESSFULLY SEARCHED AND VERIFIED THE IDENTITIES OF 36,000 ADULTS THAT WERE BOOKED INTO THE JAIL. WE HAVE EXTENSIVE LOCAL CARD FILES IN OUR OFFICE, WHICH WE CAN COMPARE THE PRINTS OF REPEAT OFFENDERS AND HAVE THEM IDENTIFIED QUICKLY SO THAT THE COUNTY COULD MOVE THESE INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS NOT AN AUTOMATED PROCESS BY ANY MEANS. IT'S NOT DEPENDENT ON UNRELIABLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS. IT'S ALL DONE BY INDIVIDUALS. SUBJECTS WHO DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A PRIOR ARREST RECORD WITHIN OREGON, WE OBTAIN A SET OF PRINTS AND PALM PRINTS -- PRINTS ON THE AFIS, AND THEY ARE COMPLETED ON THESE INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS NATIONAL FINGERPRINT SEARCHES. THIS RESULTS IN A NEW ONE BEING ASSIGNED IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED BEFORE THIS OREGON, OR IT ALSO RESULTS ON A HIT IF THERE ARE EXISTING PRINTS UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. THESE RESULTS ARE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY, AND IN UNDER TWO HOURS OF SYSTEMS, ARE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. THE PROCESSES THAT ARE IN PLACE HELP TO SAFEGUARD THE COUNTY AND THE ARRESTING AGENCIES FROM LAWSUITS. TECHNICIANS CREATED 323 FALSE INFORMATION REPORTS THAT DOCUMENTED SITUATIONS WHERE SUBJECTS IN CUSTODY WERE FOUND TO HAVE FINGERPRINTS ON FILE ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR DATES OF BIRTHS. AND VERY IMPORTANT IS, IS THE FACT THAT WE'RE QUICK TO NOTIFY AND IDENTIFY SITUATIONS WHERE CITIZENS ARE WRONGFULLY ARRESTED AND BOOKED INTO, INTO JAIL ON WARRANTS THAT DO NOT BELONG TO THEM. FAILING TO HAVE THE SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE WITH, HAVE LED TO A RECENT INCIDENT IN CLARK COUNTY JAIL WHERE THERE IS A PENDING LAWSUIT OVER MISTAKEN IDENTITY BECAUSE FINGERPRINTS WERE NEVER VERIFIED. WITHOUT THE EXPERTISE OF THE R.D. TECH, THE BOOKING SYSTEM WOULD

BECOME CLOGGED, AND THE ABILITY TO MOVE INMATES THROUGH THE COUNTY HOUSING SYSTEM OR RELEASE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED BECAUSE ALL INMATES, ALL 36,000 INMATES WOULD NEED TO BE FINGERPRINTED ON THE LIFE SCAN MACHINE.

**Chair Cogen:** YOU CAN FINISH.

**Ms. Rogers:** THANK YOU. FINGERPRINTED ON THE LIFE SCAN MACHINE, WHICH TAKES, YOU KNOW, UP TO TEN MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL. ALL THE JOBS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE, WHICH WILL THEN COMPLETELY CLOG THE SYSTEM DOWN THERE. SO, THE, THE ABILITY TO MOVE INMATES THROUGH THE COUNTY HOUSING SYSTEM IN A TIMELY FASHION WILL BE QUITE DELAYED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE BUDGET TIME FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE COUNTY. WE'VE BEEN BRAINSTORMING AS A DIVISION, IDEAS TO GENERATE POSSIBLE REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS PUBLIC FINGERPRINTING THAT WOULD BRING IN FUNDS. THE IDEA OF POSSIBLE COURT RECOUPING SOME FUNDS FROM, FROM CONVICTED PERSONS, AS PART OF THEIR PROBATION, THE FUNDS CAN BE COLLECTED TO HELP GENERATE SOME INCOME POSSIBLY. ALSO, I WANTED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ANY OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME TO OUR DIVISION AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SYSTEMS AND HOW WE, ACTUALLY, PROCESS THE ARE PAPERWORK AND THE, AND THE INMATES, THROUGH OUR IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM. THAT'S IT.

**Chair Cogen:** THANKS FOR COMING IN. I HOPE YOU ARE ALSO SHARING YOUR CONCERNS WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND.

**Ms. Rogers:** YES. WE'VE BEEN TO EVERY CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

**Chair Cogen:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**Ms. Rogers:** TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT. THANK YOU.

**R.1 Impact NW Recognizes the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).  
Sponsor: Commissioner Kafoury, D-1. Presenter: Susan Stoltenberg,  
Executive Director, Impact NW & Sergeant Shawn Skeels, MCSO.**

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, DID YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS?

**Commissioner Kafoury:** THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SUSAN WITH IMPACT NW HAS DONE FOR A COUPLE YEARS, AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW HOW OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, HELPING OUR, OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SO WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER, AND THANK YOU, SUSAN. SUSAN HAS A PRESENTATION.

**Ms. Stoltenberg:** YES. GOOD MORNING. I'M PLEASSED TO BE HERE, AND I WANT TO ASK THE SERGEANT SKEELS TO JOIN ME. DO I NEED TO SIT AND SPEAK INTO A MIC?

**Commissioner Kafoury:** YES.

**Ms. Stoltenberg:** AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE VERY IMPORTANT PART THAT THE SERGEANT AND HIS INMATES PLAY IN -- THEY HELD EVENTS IN THE CITY OF DOWNTOWN PORTLAND. YOU ARE OUR BOOK ENDS. THEY COME BEFORE THE CROWDS ARRIVE AND LAY TONS, LITERALLY, TONS OF, OF PLYWOOD, AS WELL AS THEY SPREAD THE SAND OVER IT. THEY GET READY FOR THE TEAMS. THEN THEY DISAPPEAR, AND THEY COME BACK ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AND PICK UP ALL OF THAT SAND, AND LOAD IT INTO THE, THE HOFFMAN CONSTRUCTION, AND THEIR FOLKS, THEIR DUMP TRUCKS, AND IT DISAPPEARS. WE REALLY COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT THEM. SAND IN THE CITY RAISES CLOSE TO \$200,000 FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, AND THIS YEAR, THEY FORMED THEIR OWN NONPROFIT. IMPACT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BENEFICIARY, BUT SO WILL SOME OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. I THINK THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BEEN FROM YEAR ONE, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN SO OVER 15 YEARS. AND I LIKE IT BECAUSE IT REALLY DEMONSTRATES COMMUNITY RESTORATION, VIVIDLY, GRAPHICALLY, IN PERSON AS THE INMATES ARE DOWN THERE WITH, WITH CHILDREN AND, AND WITH FAMILIES AND, AND WITH, WITH BUSINESSES WHO INVEST IN THIS EVENT, AND A FLURRY -- WE USE 800 VOLUNTEERS THAT WEEKEND. IT'S JUST A WONDERFUL THING TO SEE THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR KIDS, AND SERGEANT, YOUR FOLKS AND I HAVE TALKED ON THE SIDELINES ABOUT, ABOUT HOW THE WORK THAT, THE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE IMPACT DOES, IS REALLY TRYING TO, TO WEED DOWN YOUR PIPELINE SO THAT SOME DAY, I HOPE THAT WE DON'T HAVE SO MANY INMATES AVAILABLE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, IT'S A REALLY WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP, AND AGAIN, IT IS JUST A VIVID AND GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE ALL HAVE TO PLAY IN CREATING A SAFE COMMUNITY, AND THAT WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, AND WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN RESTORING AND HEALING THE COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**Chair Cogen:** GREAT.

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

**Chair Cogen:** DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING TO THAT?

**Sergeant Skeels:** NO. WE JUST APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH THE INMATES AND THE DEPUTIES THAT WORK WITH THESE CREWS, THEY ENJOY DOING IT. WE DO LOTS OF OTHER THINGS FROM THE SAND IN THE CITY IS ONE OF THE BIGGER ONES, THE COLUMBIA SLOUGH REGATTA. SO

WE'RE VERY ACTIVE DOING THESE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS. I THINK IT'S A GOOD WAY FOR THE, THE INMATES IN CUSTODY TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**Chair Cogen:** YOU BET. THANK YOU.

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU.

**R.2 Briefing on General Fund Contingency Transfer of \$10,000 Approved November 8, 2012 to Assist the Veterans Affairs Administration and Community Partners in Housing Chronically Homeless Veterans. Sponsor: Commissioners Kafoury, D-1 and McKeel (D-4). Presenters: Jill Riddle, Home Forward; Marc Jolin, JOIN; Michael Boyd, Veterans Administration.**

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING. JUST BEFORE VETERAN'S DAY, EARLIER, IN 2012, THE BOARD APPROVED A CONTINGENCY REQUEST THAT COMMISSIONER McKEEL AND I BROUGHT FORWARD TO \$10,000 TO ASSIST THE V.A. IN HOUSING, CHRONICALLY DISABLED VETERANS, AND IT WAS REALLY QUITE AN AMAZING PARTNERSHIP. FIRST OF ALL, WE JOINED TOGETHER WITH HOME FORWARD, WITH THE CITY, AND WITH THE UNITED WAY, WHO EACH ALSO CONTRIBUTED \$10,000 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$40,000, TO HELP TO, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBLE FUNDS TO THE OUTREACH WORKERS AT THE V.A. SO THEY COULD GET THE VETERANS INTO HOUSING. AND IT WAS AMAZING, NOT ONLY IN THE PARTNERSHIP, BUT ALSO, IN THE SPEED IN WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO GATHER THESE FUNDS AND GET IT OUT ON THE STREET. WE LEARNED THAT IF WE HAD SOME, SOME -- SOME VOUCHERS, IF WE WERE NOT ABLE TO USE THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR THE, FOR THE WANT AND NEED OF, OF EVEN MAYBE \$25 FOR AN APPLICATION FEE, IT MIGHT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VETERAN HAVING HOUSING OR NOT. SO, IT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM OPERATION 305. I AM REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE SOME FOLKS HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT HOW THE PROJECT ENDED UP. WE HAVE JILL RIDDLE FROM HOME FORWARD. MARC JOLIN FROM JOIN AND MICHAEL BOYD FROM THE V.A. I ALSO WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK SALLY ERICKSON WITH THE PUBLIC HOUSING BUREAU. SALLY, I KNOW YOU ARE LISTENING RIGHT NOW. IF SHE WOULD BE HERE TODAY, BUT HER GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY, SO SHE IS UNABLE TO BE HERE, BUT REALLY, SHE'S BEEN SUCH A STRONG FORCE IN PUTTING THIS PROJECT TOGETHER AND KEEPING IT MOVING FORWARD, SO THANK YOU.

**Commissioner McKeel:** CHAIR COGEN, I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS.

**Chair Cogen:** PLEASE DO.

**Commissioner McKeel:** YOU KNOW HOW NEAR AND DEAR THE VETERANS ARE TO MY HEART, SO THIS HAS BEEN A HUGE EFFORT. SECRETARY SHINSEKI HAS SET A GOAL TO ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS BY 2015. THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS GOAL, BUT IT'S A WORTHY ONE TO WORK TOWARDS BECAUSE NOBODY WHO HAS SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN UNIFORM SHOULD END UP HOMELESS AND ON THE STREETS. TO MEET OUR GOAL, WE NEED TO HAVE STRONG COMMUNICATION WITH ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WHO NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE, JOIN AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE DOING THE WORK, AND BE STRATEGIC WITH OUR LIMITED RESOURCES. AND I'M PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN A SMALL PART OF OPERATION 305, AND THE LOCAL EFFORT TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS. THIS EFFORT HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER ALL OF THOSE DOING THE WORK, AND IMPROVED OUR COLLABORATION AS WE PURSUE THE GOAL. WITH ALL BUDGETARY DECISIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE STRATEGIC WITH OUR LIMITED RESOURCES. THIS HAS BEEN A WISE USE OF RESOURCES. FOR ABOUT \$300 PER PERSON, WE HAVE HELPED VETERANS ACCESS A VOUCHER THAT PROVIDES UP TO \$8600 ANNUALLY TOWARDS HOUSING. OUR PANELISTS, AS WE HAVE HEARD, ARE GOING TO DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAIL THE FUNDS SPENT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF THE PARTNERS HERE TODAY AND WHAT THIS COLLABORATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR US THUS FAR. IN MY WORK WITH SENATOR WYDEN AROUND THIS ISSUE, HE SAID THAT THE BEST WAY TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND THE SACRIFICE OF THIS, THIS NATION'S VETERANS IS BY HONORING THE COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE TO THEM. THERE IS A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND I RECENTLY MET WITH OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE V.A. ABOUT THE -- WHEN I WAS BACK IN D.C., AND SHE WAS HERE FOR THE POINT IN TIME COUNT, WHICH WAS WONDERFUL. IT WAS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HUD PROGRAM AND FLEXIBLE FUNDING TO ASSIST VETERANS IN ACCESSING IT. THERE IS ALSO A LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY THE CITY, BY THE COUNTY, AND ALL OF THE CITIZENS. MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE SERVED FOR ALL OF US. THIS PARTICULAR EFFORT HAS SERVED 89 HOMELESS VETERANS, AND I, AS I SAID BEFORE, I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN JUST A SMALL PART OF THE OPERATION 305, AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE EFFORT. I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING.

**Ms. Riddle:** GOOD MORNING. THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO GO FIRST. SO, I AM JUST GOING TO DO -- THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY. SHE KIND OF DID SOME OF MY LEAD-IN PIECES FOR ME. WE ALL WANT TO THANK SALLY ERICKSON FROM THE CITY, AS WELL. SHE KIND OF PULLED US ALL TOGETHER WHEN WE SAW THAT THERE WAS AN ISSUE. A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF US THAT ARE HERE REPRESENTING DIFFERENT AGENCIES, AND SINCE THOSE MEETINGS STARTED, WHICH I THINK WAS ABOUT IN JULY OR AUGUST OF 2012, 136 VETERANS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO HOME FORWARD BY THE V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AND THOSE REFERRALS RESULTED IN MORE THAN JUST A

VOUCHER BEING ISSUED TO THEM FOR HOUSING. BUT, AS WE CONTINUED TO MEET, AND IT WAS NAMED BY SALLY, OPERATION 305, THE MONTHLY MEETINGS, WHICH CONTINUE, ALLOWED US ALL TO IDENTIFY THE BARRIERS THAT THESE FOLKS HAD, AND A SIMPLE WAY TO ELIMINATE SOME, NOT ALL OF THE BARRIERS, WAS, YOU KNOW, THROUGH FUNDING. SO, THANKS TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION, HOME FORWARD, THE CITY, AND THE UNITED WAY, WE HAVE THAT \$40,000 FUND CREATED. I THINK WE JUST ABOUT USED IT UP. THE GENTLEMAN, I'M UP HERE WITH, THEY ARE GOING TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL. AND I WANTED TO TELL YOU THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ACTUAL VOUCHERS THAT HOME FORWARD IS ADMINISTERING TODAY. CURRENTLY, WE ARE ACTUALLY PAYING FOR 283 UTILIZED VOUCHERS, AND WE HAVE 305. THE MOST RECENT AWARD THAT WE RECEIVED WAS IN APRIL OF 2012. THERE IS 52 VETERANS WHO HAVE A VOUCHER IN HAND SEEKING A UNIT ON THE STREET, AND PER THE V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AND THEY ALWAYS HAVE MORE INFORMATION, MORE IMMEDIATELY THAN WE DO. THERE IS, ACTUALLY, 298 VETERANS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY FOUND A UNIT. SO, WE ARE ONLY SEVEN UNITS AWAY FROM 100% UTILIZATION. [APPLAUSE] THAT'S AMAZING, SO, WE HAVE NEVER, SINCE WE STARTED RECEIVING THESE, THE FIRST AWARD, I THINK, WAS IN -- IT WAS, ACTUALLY, IN 2008. WE HAVE NEVER REACHED 100% UTILIZATION.

**Chair Cogen:** WOW.

**Ms. Riddle:** SO AROUND THE COUNTRY, THE AVERAGE IS, I THINK, AROUND 80% UTILIZATION. SO, THIS IS, THIS IS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T WANT TO STOP. WE NEED TO KEEP THE EFFORT MOVING FORWARD. AND, AND, AND SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT WHEN IT IS FUNDED, THERE IS THREE SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT COME IN. IT'S REALLY A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION AND HUD. THERE IS RENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED, AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE MONEY PROVIDED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO RUN THE PROGRAM, AND THEN TO THE V.A., THEY ARE GIVEN CASE MANAGEMENT DOLLARS, AND THAT'S IT. SO, THEY CAN GIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. WE CAN GIVE RENT ASSISTANCE, AND THEY GIVE US A BIT OF MONEY TO TRY TO RUN THE RENT ASSISTANCE. THERE IS NO FLEXIBILITY AT ALL AROUND THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS NATIONALLY. HOME FORWARD DOES HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY WITH OUR, WITH OUR TRADITIONAL VOUCHER PROGRAM CALLED MOVING TO WORK. WE'VE BEEN SUPPLYING SECURITY DEPOSITS AN AVERAGE OF \$600 PER VETERAN FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS NOW, AND WE HAVE, ACTUALLY, HAD, HAD OVER -- HOW MANY HAVE ACTUALLY ACCESSED THE DEPOSIT? WELL OVER 200. 240 WE HAVE GIVEN THE DEPOSIT FUND TO. DO WE ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS? WE HAVE HEARD A RUMOR THAT YES, WE'RE GOING TO BE INVITED. THEY INVITE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT MORE VOUCHERS, AND WE HAVE HEARD A RUMOR THAT, AND YOU HAVE TO BE CLOSE TO, TO A V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AND THEY ALSO LOOK AT YOUR UTILIZATION LEVELS, OF COURSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL BE INVITED TO ACCEPT MORE. WE'VE BEEN, WE'VE HEARD THAT IT'S IN APRIL,

NOT SURE HOW MANY IT WILL BE. SEQUESTRATION WILL IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO POTENTIALLY ACCEPT THOSE, AND IT WILL ALSO IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SUPPLY DEPOSITS ANY FURTHER. SO, YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN DOING WELL, AND SEQUESTRATION IS GOING TO HIT US REALLY HARD. SO, WHILE THIS IS GOING UNTOUCHED, WE'VE BEEN TOLD SEQUESTRATION WILL NOT TOUCH THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PORTION. IT WILL BE -- IT WILL ONLY FUND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROBABLY 66% OF WHAT WE NEED TO RUN THE PROGRAM. SO, JUST A HEADS UP THAT THAT'S COMING. I WILL TURN THE TIME OVER TO YOU, MARC.

**Mr. Jolin:** ARE YOU GOING NEXT, MIKE?

**Ms. Riddle:** I THOUGHT YOU WERE NEXT.

**Mr. Boyd:** I THINK YOU WERE GOING TO TALK --

**Mr. Jolin:** OK, I WILL TALK ABOUT THE MONEY SPENT. MORNING. THANKS FOR HAVING ME, I AM MARC JOLIN, AND I AM THE JOIN DIRECTOR. IT HAS BEEN REALLY AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS OPERATION 305 PROJECT WITH FOLKS, AND WE HAD -- WE HAD A ROLE TO PLAY. OUR OUTREACH WORKERS HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE V.A. FOR A LONG TIME TRYING TO HELP VETS GET THEIR VOUCHERS DEPLOYED, BUT, IN THIS CASE, WE WERE ABLE TO HELP IN A DIFFERENT WAY, AND THAT WAS TO ADMINISTER THE POOL OF FUNDING THAT THE COUNTY, THE CITY AND THE UNITED WAY CREATED, AND REALLY, WHAT THAT MEANT WAS THAT WE WERE WRITING THE CHECKS. AND, AND WE, WE DID IT BECAUSE THERE WAS A, A SENSE OF URGENCY AROUND OPERATION 305, A RECOGNITION THAT WE NEEDED TO GET THESE VOUCHERS DEPLOYED QUICKLY. QUESTION UNDERSTOOD THAT WE NEEDED, AS A COMMUNITY, TO HAVE SOME FLEXIBLE RESOURCES FOR THINGS THAT, THAT THE V.A. COULD NOT PAY FOR -- THAT HOME FORWARD COULDN'T PAY FOR, BUT WE NEEDED A PROCESS THAT WAS EASY, AND IT'S A LOT EASIER FOR JOIN TO PROVIDE A PROCESS THAN FOR SOME OF THE BIGGER GOVERNMENTAL AND, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. SO, WE ARE ABLE TO CREATE A PROCESS IN PART BECAUSE THE FUNDERS ALLOWED US TO MINIMIZE THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED IN THE UTILIZATION OF THE POOL, WHERE WE COULD GET A CHECK REQUEST, THE NAME OF A VET, THE AMOUNT, AND THE CATEGORY OF ACTIVITY, AND AN ROI, A RELEASE OF INFORMATION, AND WITH THAT, COULD TURN AROUND, WRITE A CHECK SAME DAY, CERTAINLY WITHIN 24 HOURS, AND THE V.A. WORKERS COULD COME TO JOIN AND PICK UP THE CHECK AND GO AND DO WHAT THEY NEEDED TO DO. AND, AND THE WORK OF TRYING TO FIND THE HOUSING FOR FOLKS, VETERANS AND MANY OF THEM, SERVICE, WITH SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS IS CHALLENGING ENOUGH, BUT IF YOU CAN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MOMENT THAT THEY ARISE, THE LANDLORD SAYS I'M WILLING TO GIVE THIS A SHOT, AND ASK THAT LANDLORD TO WAIT A WEEK OR TWO TO SEE A CHECK, OFTEN, IS ENOUGH TO CAUSE THE LANDLORD TO RENT TO SOMEBODY ELSE. SO, THAT PROCESS OF BEING ABLE TO QUICKLY GET CHECKS INTO THE HANDS OF THE V.A. WORKERS SO

THEY COULD GET THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE LANDLORDS OR WHOEVER IT WAS, MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN EXPEDITING AND GETTING THE VOUCHERS DEPLOYED. THE OTHER IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS WAS THAT IT WAS REALLY LEFT TO THE V.A. WORKERS IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE VETERANS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY NEEDED TO SPEND THIS MONEY ON. SO, YOU SEE IN THE CHART THAT THERE ARE CATEGORIES OF PREDICTABLE ACTIVITY, BUT THERE WAS NO UP FRONT INSISTENCE THAT THIS MONEY COULD ONLY BE SPENT ON THIS CATEGORY OF EXPENSE OR THAT CATEGORY OF EXPENSE BECAUSE WHAT ANY GIVEN VETERAN NEEDS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR PROCESS INTO HOUSING IS GOING TO VARY, AND THE BEST PEOPLE TO JUDGE THAT REALLY ARE THE FRONT LINE WORKERS IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH, WITH THE VETERANS. SO, THAT SAID, THE KINDS OF THINGS FOLKS NEEDED, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE CHART THERE, DEPOSITS WAS THE BIGGEST SHARE, AND RENT, THIS ONE, THIS HAS TO DO WITH GETTING FOLKS IN, BUT REALLY, HAS TO DO WITH KEEPING THEM, AND ONE OF THE EXPENSES THAT YOU CANNOT PAY FOR, UNDER THE PROGRAM, IS EVICTION PREVENTION, SO WE HAVE VETERANS WHO ARE IN A UNION, AND THEY ARE PAYING A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR INCOME TOWARDS RENT, FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEY DID NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY THAT SHARE IN A GIVEN MONTH. THEY WERE FACING EVICTION IF THEY DID NOT FIND THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCE. THIS ALLOWED US TO PROVIDE THAT RESOURCE TO A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS MAKES ALL THE SENSE IN THE WORLD. IF THE VETERAN IS HOMELESS, HAS AN EVICTION, WE'RE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO REHOUSE THEM. THE UTILITY EXPENSES, RENTAL APPLICATION FEES, ANOTHER BIG ONE, AND THE, THE LOWEST AMOUNT -- THIS SAYS THE LOWEST AMOUNT WE PAID WAS \$14, AND THE, THE NUMBER I SAW WAS 26, BUT THAT'S, BASICALLY, AN APPLICATION FEE OR SOME BUS TICKETS, AND FOR VETERANS, THAT'S ALL THAT THEY NEEDED. TRANSPORTATION IS A BIG ONE. SO, WE WERE SPENDING MONEY ON A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL BUS TICKETS, AND ON BUS PASSES, FOR FOLKS, AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND THIS, THIS FUND ALLOWED THE V.A. WORKERS TO, TO NOT JUST HELP PEOPLE FIND APARTMENTS, BUT ALSO TO GET THEM FURNISHED AND SET UP SO THERE WERE PLACES PEOPLE COULD LIVE. THE I.D.s, AND THE BIRTH CERTIFICATES, A SMALL AMOUNT OF HOTEL MONEY, AND I THINK THAT THERE WAS ONLY \$100 WORTH OF MONEY THAT WENT INTO THIS, BUT, AGAIN, IT WAS UP TO THE V.A. WORKER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY NEEDED TO KEEP THE VET ENGAGED. SO, IT'S BEEN FROM OUR, OUR PERSPECTIVE, AN EASY THING TO RUN. AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT ADDING ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY OR CHARGING FOR ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY KEPT IT SIMPLE, AND WE WERE ABLE TO KIND OF MOVE IT FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE MONEY IS SPENT AT THIS POINT, AND I KNOW THAT THE CITY HAS COMMITTED AN ADDITIONAL \$7,500, IN ANTICIPATION OF, OF, OF THE NEW VOUCHERS THAT ARE, HOPEFULLY GOING TO COME ONLINE SHORTLY, BUT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, REALLY GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COORDINATE AND, AND LEVERAGE FLEXIBILITY AND, AND, AND THE TALENT OF THE FRONT LINE WORKERS WHO ARE OUT

THERE TRYING TO GET THESE VOUCHERS DEPLOYED. SO, I APPRECIATED YOUR TIME AND, AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS VERY MUCH.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** THANK YOU.

**Mr. Boyd:** I AM MIKE BOYD, ONE OF THE HUD COORDINATORS WITH THE V.A., AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY SAY ON A BEHALF OF THE V.A. AND THE VETS THAT WE SERVE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO HOUSE THESE VETS AT THE SPEED BY WHICH WE DID AND, AND I'M GOING TO SHARE A FEW STORIES, BUT, THEY GO ON AND ON AND ON, THESE FABULOUS STORIES, ABOUT, ABOUT THE VETS WHO HAD REALLY SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS, AND SOME OF WHICH I JUST -- I DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED OUT THERE. AND THAT WERE REMOVED WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDS. YOU HAVE GOT TO FIGURE IF YOU HAVE NO INCOME AT ALL, AN APPLICATION FEE IS SIGNIFICANT FOR SOMEBODY. \$25 WHEN YOU HAVE NO INCOME, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE TO APPLY TO MULTIPLE PLACES, CAN BE QUITE A BARRIER. I WANTED TO JUST THANK EVERYONE FROM JOIN TO TPI, SALVATION ARMY AND, AND NORTHWEST PILOTS, AND SOME OF THESE COMMUNITY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN, BEEN TREMENDOUS IN THEIR HELP, AND JUST TO, TO PIGGY-BACK OFF OF WHAT MARK WAS SAYING WITH JOIN, WORKING FOR THE LARGEST BUREAUCRACY IN THE WORLD, AND EVERYTHING MOVES SO SLOW. THERE IS A MILLION LAYERS, AND I JUST -- I REMEMBER THAT, -- SMILING MARK SAYING, WE CAN JUST REQUEST THAT THESE ARE FLEXIBLE, AND WE CAN ASK FOR WHATEVER WE NEED, AND WE CAN HAVE THOSE RIGHT AWAY AND SARAH QUICK, WHO WORKS WITH JOIN, SAID THAT SHE CHECKS OUT SOMETIMES THE SAME DAY, AND THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT YOU CAN HAVE A CHECK READY FOR, FOR A LANDLORD WHO, IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET, IS GOING TO TAKE THE FIRST MONEY THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY HAVE.

**Chair Cogen:** HER NAME IS SARAH QUICK?

**Mr. Boyd:** I HAD TO MAKE FUN OF HER NAME, TOO. AND SHE HAS BEEN JUST THAT. EVEN IN THE AFTERNOON WE'LL REQUEST A LAST-MINUTE CHECK, AND OFTENTIMES WE CAN GET IT FROM JOIN, SO THAT'S BEEN TREMENDOUS SO I WANTED TO SHARE QUICKLY A FEW BRIEF STORIES. WE JUST RECENTLY HOUSED A MOTHER WITH TWO KIDS. SHE LEASED IN FEBRUARY. SHE HAD A REAL RICH TRAUMA HISTORY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH MOST MEN THAT SHE HAD BEEN WITH. HER KIDS WERE STAYING WITH AN UNSAFE BOYFRIEND, AND SHE WAS SAYING AT A SHELTER, AND THE APPLICATION FEE WAS ABLE TO PAY FOR THREE DIFFERENT -- THE FUNDS PAID FOR THREE DIFFERENT APPLICATION FEES, AND SHE WAS DENIED MULTIPLE TIMES, AND, IS AND IT HELPED PAY FOR STORAGE FOR, TO HER KIDS' CLOTHES AND TOYS AND JUST BASIC NECESSITIES. AND, AND IT HELPED TO PAY FOR, FOR A BACKGROUND CHECK TO RESOLVE HER PAST LEGAL ISSUES THAT WE DID NOT REALIZE THAT SHE WAS FACING, AND IT DID NOT REQUIRE FUNDS, IT REQUIRED HER TO JUMP THROUGH SOME HOOPS,

AND SHE IS HOUSED, AND SHE HAS HER TWO KIDS ARE WITH HER FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, AND HER KIDS AND HER ARE ALONE IN A HOME AND, AND SAFE AND SOUND. AND, AND ANOTHER STORY IS ZERO INCOME VET, HE'D BEEN ON THE STREET 15 YEARS, QUITE A BIT OF LEGAL HISTORY. AND, AND THE FUNDS PAID FOR SCREENING FEES, AND THEY PAID FOR USED FURNITURE, AND THEY PAID TO RESOLVE A LEGAL FEE, AND AGAIN, THESE, THIS IS NOT VERY MUCH MONEY BUT ENOUGH TO GET THEM TO GET HIM HOUSED. ANOTHER ONE HAD PROPERTY DEBT. \$2,000, PLUS HE OWED \$8,000 TO, TO PGE, AND RATHER THAN THE FUND JUST PAYING ALL OF THAT, IT GOT HIM STARTED, SO THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT WITH BOTH PGE AND WITH PAST LANDLORDS, THAT IF HE COULD PAY, SHOW GOOD FAITH, THAT THEY WOULD, THEY WOULD LET HIM INTO THE NEW PLACE. HE'S MAKING PAYMENTS AND HE'S BEEN HOUSED FOR A WHILE NOW, SO, WE HAVE STORY AFTER STORY, AND I WANTED TO END WITH A COUPLE OF QUOTES THAT WE HAVE PULLED FROM FOLKS. ONE IS, I WAS GETTING COLD AND REALIZED THAT I COULD TURN ON THE HEAT. I HAVE NEVER HAD MY OWN THERMOSTAT BEFORE. I DIDN'T HAVE TO -- SO THIS ONE, REQUIRES A QUICK BACKGROUND, ONE VET WAS, WAS, LET ME READ IT, I DIDN'T HAVE TO SLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FREEWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EIGHT YEARS. ONE HOMELESS VETERAN WAS, WAS LITERALLY SLEEPING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FREEWAY BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN MUGGED AND KICKED SO MANY TIMES AND BEAT UP, THAT IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE THAT HE FELT SAFE. I GOT TO SPEND AS MUCH QUALITY ALONE TIME IN MY OWN BATHROOM, BEST PART OF MY DAY. THIS LAST ONE WAS, I HAVE A HOME, I HAVE MY HOME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

**Chair Cogen:** ANY MORE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

**Commissioner McKeel:** I DO ONE.

**Chair Cogen:** OK. COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

**Commissioner McKeel:** I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THIS IS INCREDIBLE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR, FOR WHEN ASSISTANCE SECRETARY, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAS HERE AT THE END OF JANUARY, I HAD TALKED WITH HER AND SAID THAT I WOULD BE IN D.C. THE FIRST PART OF MARCH. SHE INVITED ME TO COME AND VISIT WITH HER. AND SHE TALKED ABOUT HOW MUCH SHE LIKED OUR MODEL OUT HERE OF COLLABORATION. SHE WANTED SOME OF THOSE STORIES TO SHARE, AND SO OUR OFFICE CONTACTED ALL OF YOU, AND YOU GAVE US SOME INCREDIBLE STORIES TO TAKE BACK TO HER, AND SHE REALLY APPRECIATED THAT, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, BUT ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL FOLKS TO TRY TO HE'S SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL SO THAT -- YOU HAVE HEARD THESE STORIES. THIS IS NOT A HUGE SUM OF MONEY, AND ESPECIALLY AT THE

FEDERAL LEVEL, IT'S NOT EVEN DECIMAL DUST, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IT TAKES FOR, TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOUSING SOMEONE AND NOT HOUSING SOMEONE. SO, I THINK THAT WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON, ON GETTING OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO, TO TAKE, TAKE -- TO MAKE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THANK YOU.

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS AMAZING STORY. IT'S AN AMAZING PARTNERSHIP STORY. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE SEED THAT'S BEING PLANTED, AND THIS REALLY IS LIKE SEED MONEY. THIS IS, THIS IS -- THESE ARE REALLY RICH STORIES THAT, THAT ARE COMING FROM, FROM, FROM AN AMAZING, YOU KNOW, LITTLE SORT OF PIGGY BANK THAT, THAT GOT PUT TOGETHER AND SHARED. I HAVE SUCH A SENSE OF OUTRAGE OVER THE STORIES. I MEAN, THEY ARE LOVELY STORIES, AND I APPRECIATE YOU SHARING THEM, BUT THEY ARE ALL OUTRAGEOUS. EVERY ONE OF THEM. AND I'M JUST APPALLED AT THE WAY WE'RE TREATING PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY. I REALIZE THAT THESE ARE, ARE REALLY HARD CASES AND SPECIAL CASES. NONETHELESS, THESE, THESE CASES ARE A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY, AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF YOU FOR PICKING THIS UP AND, AND AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT TO SAY, I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS SITUATION. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON AND, AND I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE CAN BE COMFORTABLE KNOWING THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU FOR SHARING THESE STORIES WITH US AND WITH THIS COMMUNITY.

**Commissioner Smith:** CHAIR COGEN, THANK YOU. AND IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY, SALLY, THERE IS 30 VOUCHERS THAT ARE OUTSTANDING RIGHT NOW? IF THERE ARE VETERANS WHO NEED TO BE HOUSED? THEY COULD GET ONE OF THOSE?

**Ms. Riddle:** BASED ON NUMBERS JUST OFF THE STREET, THERE IS ONLY SEVEN THAT NEED TO BE FILLED. WE HAVE, ACTUALLY, OVERISSUED -- THERE IS MORE THAN SEVEN VETERANS OUT WITH A VOUCHER IN HAND LOOKING FOR A UNIT.

**Commissioner Smith:** OK.

**Ms. Riddle:** SO, PER MY COUNT, WE HAVE GOT 52 STILL SEEKING UNITS. SO IT'S A BIT FEWER THAN THAT, AND WE'RE, ACTUALLY, HOPING TO GO OVER 305 BECAUSE FOR MANY MONTHS, THEY HAVE BEEN UNDERUTILIZED, SO WE HAVE MONEY TO HOUSE THESE FOLKS.

**Commissioner Smith:** SO, YOU HAVE MONEY FOR 52, OR 52 ARE LOOKING, AND YOU ARE TRYING TO FIND HOUSING FOR THOSE?

**Ms. Riddle:** WE HAVE MONEY TO SERVE EVERYBODY WITH A VOUCHER IN THEIR HAND, AND TO, TO -- PER OUR NUMBERS, THERE IS 52 LOOKING RIGHT

NOW. IT'S PROBABLY A FEW, FEWER THAN THAT. PROBABLY ABOUT 30 LOOKING RIGHT NOW.

**Commissioner Smith:** WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BARRIERS THAT THEY ARE HAVING?

**Ms. Riddle:** THE BIGGEST IS THE MARKET, THE MARKET IS SO TIGHT, THERE IS FEW UNITS, AND THAT'S WHY THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SO CRITICAL. THEY HELP WITH APPLICATION FEES, GETTING TO THE UNIT, AND CALLING AND FINDING OUT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITS, AND TELEPHONES, DEPOSITS. WE SUPPLY \$600 AT HOME FORWARD, BUT THEY OFTEN WANT, YOU KNOW, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE DEPOSITS, AND FIRST AND LAST MONTH'S RENT. THOSE ARE THE BIGGEST BARRIERS.

**Commissioner Smith:** WHAT'S THE AVERAGE COST OF A UNIT FOR A SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY?

**Ms. Riddle:** I DON'T KNOW FOR A SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY. MOST OF THESE FOLKS GO INTO ONE BEDROOM, AND SOME ARE FAMILIES. THE AVERAGE COST ACROSS THE PROGRAM FOR A UNIT AT HOME FORWARD IS, JUST UNDER \$600.

**Commissioner Smith:** OK. THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** THANKS. THAT'S REALLY INSPIRING STUFF, AND A GREAT EXAMPLE OF A LITTLE WELL-TARGETED MONEY MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

**R.3 RESOLUTION Supporting and Recognizing Veterans and Their Families by Involvement in the Joining Community Forces Community Covenant Program. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenter: Elan Lambert, Oregon National Guard & Sean Files, Commissioner McKeel's Office.**

**Chair Cogen:** MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

**Commissioner McKeel:** SO MOVED.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

**Commissioner McKeel:** I WANT TO THANK ELAN FOR BEING HERE AND HELPING TO GUIDE US THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES. THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS BEING RECOGNIZED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THUS FAR, OVER 500 COVENANTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED IN THE U.S. THE GOAL OF COMMUNITY COVENANT IS TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY

RESOURCES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT IN OREGON SINCE WE ARE A NATIONAL GUARD STATE, AND SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITY RATHER THAN TO A BASE. OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ESTIMATES AS MANY AS 30,000 VETERANS WILL RETURN HOME TO OREGON. THE COMMUNITY COVENANT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO NEED OUR HELP AFTER THEY RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT, WHETHER IT'S RIGHT AWAY, WHETHER IT'S 18 MONTHS LATER, OR FARTHER DOWN THE ROAD. THE COMMUNITY COVENANT IS A CHANCE TO PARTNER WITH OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR SCHOOLS TO UTILIZE THIS LEADERSHIP, SKILLS, AND WORK ETHIC THAT VETERANS BRING TO THE WORKFORCE OR THE CLASSROOM. AND IMPORTANTLY, THE COMMUNITY COVENANT IS A WAY FOR US TO COME TOGETHER, NOT UNLIKE OUR BRIEFING THAT WE JUST HAD ON VETERAN HOUSING, AND TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING GREATER THAN EACH PERSON OR PROGRAM COULD ACCOMPLISH INDIVIDUALLY. SO, I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO ELAN FOR HER PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

**Ms. Lambert:** THANK YOU. -- FOR THE RECORD, I AM ELAN LAMBERT, THE SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER FOR THE JOINT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SO, AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN ARE THE LONGEST COMBAT OPERATION SINCE VIETNAM. AND WE KNOW WHEN VIETNAM VETS CAME HOME, THAT WE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING FOR THEM. IN FACT, WE, BASICALLY, IF YOU WILL, THREW THEM AWAY. I AM A VIETNAM ERA VET. I DID NOT SERVE IN VIETNAM BUT I SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING VIETNAM, AND WATCHED THAT PROCESS TAKE PLACE. VERY DIFFICULT. SO, MY JOB IS TO BRING THE JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES RECOGNITION PROGRAM TO OREGON, BASICALLY, THREE COUNTIES, THE CITIES WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND WELCOME OUR FIRST FOCUS IS THE COUNTIES. AND, AND SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING IS THAT OREGON HAS HAD OVER 13,000 DEPLOYMENTS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES, AND IN THESE WARS, OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE OUT OF IRAQ, AND COMING OUT OF AFGHANISTAN, AND WE DO HAVE A DEPLOYMENT COMING UP IN 2014. AND SO, WE WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING, APPROXIMATELY 1400, 1800 MORE SOLDIERS GO AGAIN FOR, FOR SOME OF THEM. IT'S THEIR, THEIR SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH DEPLOYMENTS AND, AND SO, BASICALLY, AS WE COME OUT OF, OF AFGHANISTAN AND, AND, AND WITH THE MONEYS COMING DOWN, REINTEGRATION MONEY, PROBABLY GOING AWAY, THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY FOR, FOR THE REINTEGRATION TEAM NOT BEING FUNDED FOR NEXT YEAR. AND THAT, THAT -- THE PEOPLE COMING BACK ARE COMING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITIES, AND SO, THAT'S WHERE WE LIVE AND WHERE WE SHARE OUR LIVES. SO WHAT HAPPENED IN, JUST TO GIVE YOU A HISTORY, IN 2010, THERE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL STUDY DIRECTIVE, WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE CHALLENGES FACING SERVICE MEMBERS, AND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I THINK JUST AN ASIDE IS THE FAMILIES OF THE ONES, THAT GET FORGOTTEN IN THIS PROCESS. ONCE SOMEBODY DEPLOYS, A FAMILY DEPLOYS, TOO. IT'S NOT JUST THE SERVICE MEMBER. IN 2011, THERE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL REPORT CALLED STRENGTHENING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES, WHICH IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY

LEVEL SUPPORT AS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE, WHICH WAS A WONDERFUL THING BECAUSE WE CAN NOW FOCUS ON THAT AS WE TALK ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES THAT, THAT, HAVING THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, IS VERY POWERFUL, AS WE JUST DEMONSTRATED. SO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ASSIGNED THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THE COMMUNITY LEVEL ENGAGEMENT. BASICALLY, IT'S TO BRING COMPONENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND, AND THOSE AREAS ARE THE CITY AND COUNTY LEADERSHIP, THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIAL, AND THE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE VETERANS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS, SOCIAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS. EDUCATION AND YOUTH. SERVICE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT. TO COME TOGETHER TO, TO INTERACT IN WHAT IS THE -- WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIGHT NOW FOR, FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE GAPS, DOING A GAP ANALYSIS IN LOOKING AT WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO HAVE AND WHO NEEDS TO BE AT THE TABLE. I CAN ONLY, AS I WAS SITTING HERE LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY BEFORE US, I COULD ONLY IMAGINE IF YOU TOOK THAT AND ADDED ALL THOSE OTHER COMPONENTS ONTO IT. THE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE NON TRADITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS OF HOW POWERFUL THAT CAN BE. AND SO, PART OF THIS IS TO HAVE A PUBLIC SIGNING CEREMONY, WHICH IS THE COMMUNITY COVENANT, AND THAT IS TO SHOW THE PUBLIC THE DISPLAY OF SUPPORT FOR THE VETERANS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO, THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS FORMED, AND A MILITARY LIAISON IS THE PERSON THAT WOULD BE PARTNERED WITH THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE SPECIALISTS THROUGH THE GUARD TO KIND OF BE THE TWO COMPLIMENTS TO BE LIAISONS FOR THIS. SO, IT'S UP TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND TO DECIDE HOW THIS IS GOING TO LOOK, AND IT'S THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ABOUT THE EVENTS, AND SO MY JOB IS TO GUIDE. IT IS NOT THE GUARDS, THE COMMITTEE, AND THIS EVERYONE COMPASSES ALL ERAS AND ALL SERVICES AND ALL AGES, EVERYONE TO BE PROVIDED IN THIS PIECE.

**Mr. Files:** I AM SEAN FILES, AND I AM WITH COMMISSIONER McKEEL'S OFFICE. THIS WILL BE HOUSED IN THE VETERAN'S TASK FORCE, AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL IS THE CHAIR OF THAT, AND HAS BEEN CONVENED FOR THREE YEARS NOW. THIS WILL BRING ADDITIONAL PARTNERS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THIS GROUP, AND I THINK IT WILL MEET JUST AFTERWARDS. BUT, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADD SOME OF THAT REPRESENTATION THAT WE'VE BEEN MISSING, AND IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO, ONCE THE, THE COVENANT IS IN PLACE, TO REALLY MAKE THAT A LIVING DOCUMENT TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW IT AND TO CONTINUE TO ADD TO IT AND STRENGTHEN IT, AS BEST THAT WE CAN. THE VETERAN'S TASK FORCE CURRENTLY HAS REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND, AND STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS, AS WELL, SO WE'LL, WE'LL ADD SOME MORE PEOPLE IN, AND HOPEFULLY, PENDING YOUR DECISION IN THE NEXT MONTH, CONDUCT THAT OUTREACH AND BEGIN WORK ON THE, THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

**Chair Cogen:** GREAT. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER SMITH?

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY. IF WE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION, THERE ARE NO DOLLARS, SPECIFICALLY, ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION, BUT WE WOULD BE ASKING THAT SOME OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, FUNNEL SOME OF THEIR EXISTING DOLLARS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE COVENANT. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR?

**Ms. Lambert:** FROM OUR STANDPOINT, THERE IS NO DOLLARS ASKED FOR THIS. IT IS UP TO THE, TO THE COUNTY HOW THAT WORKS. EACH COUNTY HAS BEEN DIFFERENT. ONE OF THE COUNTIES I'M WORKING WITH RIGHT NOW IS JUST A STANDING COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY HAS SANCTIONED IT, BUT IT IS FREE STANDING, IT IS A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. SO, IT WOULD BE UP TO THAT COMMITTEE TO RAISE MONEY IF THEY NEEDED MONEY FOR ANYTHING. WHAT WE'RE SUGGESTING IS FOR THE COMMUNITY COULD HAVE IN AN EVENT, IS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO ATTACH IT TO SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE DOING IN THE COUNTY SO THAT YOU ARE NOT HAVING TO CREATE AN ENTIRE INFLUENCE EVENT.

**Commissioner Smith:** THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING YOU, SO IN TERMS OF THE REINTEGRATION, THE DOLLARS POSSIBLY GOING AWAY, YOU WOULD WANT YOUR PARTNERS TO BE ABLE TO STIPULATE IN SOMEWHERE AND, AND KIND OF TAKE UP THAT ROLE.

**Ms. Lambert:** BASICALLY, WE ALREADY ARE USING THE REINTEGRATION TEAM. IT IS A RESOURCE TEAM THAT USES THOSE RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE IN THE COUNTY, IN WORKING TOGETHER. WE'RE JUST -- WE MAY GO AWAY SO WE'RE JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY CONNECTED TOGETHER. SO, IT'S NOT ASKING TO USE ANY MONEY TO DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY THAN, BASICALLY, CREATE THE PARTNERSHIPS AND JUST HAVE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHO IS DOING WHAT.

**Commissioner Smith:** WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF HAVING THE COVENANT IF WE'RE ALREADY DOING THAT?

**Ms. Lambert:** THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF SUPPORT.

**Commissioner Smith:** OK.

**Ms. Lambert:** AND TO HAVE A COHESIVE GROUP WHO IS, ACTUALLY, WORKING TOGETHER. THE TASK FORCE, WHICH I AM A MEMBER OF, DOES NOT HAVE ALL OF THESE AREAS INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, FAITH-BASED, SO IT'S JUST BROADENING THAT SCOPE.

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU.

**Ms. Lambert:** YOU ARE WELCOME.

**Chair Cogen:** OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] AND OPPOSED, THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

**Ms. Lambert:** THANKS SO MUCH.

**R.4 PROCLAMATION Honoring March 24th through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 as National Farm Worker Awareness Week in Multnomah County. Presenters: Daryl Dixon, Chief of Diversity & Equity; Irma Jimenez, Jose Ibarra, and Sean Derrickson – DCHS.**

**Chair Cogen:** MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SO MOVED.

**Commissioner McKeel:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-4.

**Mr. Dixon:** I AM DARYL DIXON. I AM JOINED AT THE TABLE THIS MORNING BY IRMA JIMENEZ, WHO IS A PROGRAM SUPERVISOR FOR AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES, AND SHE ALSO SERVES AS THE LIAISON FOR [INAUDIBLE] OF COLOR AND TO MY RIGHT IS JOSE IBARRA, THE CASE MANAGER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND DISABILITY SERVICES. WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM MARCH 24 THROUGH MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> AS NATIONAL FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. NATIONAL FARMWORK AWARENESS WEEK IS FOR ACTION, FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT FARM WORKER ISSUES ON CAMPUSES AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IN 2013, WE CELEBRATE THE 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT FARM WORKER CONDITIONS AND HONOR THEIR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO US EVERY DAY. SO, WHY DO WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL FARMER AWARENESS WEEK? WELL, FIRST, FARM WORKERS FEED THE WORLD. 85% OF OUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE HAND PICKED. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 2 MILLION TO 3 MILLION WOMEN, MEN, AND CHILDREN THAT WORK IN THE FIELDS IN THE UNITED STATES. FARMS ARE IN EVERY STATE, INCLUDING OURS, YET FARM WORKERS REMAIN LARGELY INVISIBLE AND WORK IN HORRIFIC CONDITIONS, AND WE SHOULD DEMAND DIGNITY FOR FARM WORKERS. SECONDLY, FARM WORKERS ARE THE THIRD MOST DANGEROUS JOB IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PEOPLE WHO PLANT AND HARVEST THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SUFFER FROM THE HIGHEST RATE OF TOXIC CHEMICAL INJURIES OF ANY OF THE WORKERS IN THE NATION, AND HAVE HIGHER INCIDENTS OF HEAT STRESS, DERMATITIS, URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS AND PARASITIC INFECTIONS AND TERRIBLE CLOSES. FARM WORKERS SHOULD HAVE STATE

WORKING CONDITIONS. THIRD, THEY ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY UNDER THE LAW. OVER TIME, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EVEN PROTECTION WHEN JOINING A UNION ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNDER FEDERAL LAW. FARM WORKERS WERE EXCLUDED FROM ALMOST ALL MAJOR FEDERAL LAWS PASSED IN THE 1930s. THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT WAS, WAS AMENDED IN 1978 TO MANDATE MINIMUM WAGE FOR FARM WORKERS ON LARGE FARMS ONLY, AND IT HAS NOT MADE PROVISIONS FOR OVERTIME. FARM WORKERS SHOULD HAVE JUST A LIVING AND WORKING CONDITION AND FAIR TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW, AND WE ARE HERE TO HONOR THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT FARM WORKERS MAKE SO NOW WE WILL HAVE A FEW COMMENTS FROM, FROM JOSE AND FOLLOWED BY THAT, WE'LL HAVE A READING OF THE PROCLAMATION BY IRMA.

**Mr. Ibarra:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU IN REGARDS TO THE FARM WORKERS OF, OF OREGON, AND YOU KNOW, AND SPECIFICALLY, THE WORK THAT MR. CHAVEZ ACCOMPLISHED DURING HIS LIFE. S YOU ALL KNOW, HE WAS A TRUE AMERICAN HERO NOT ONLY TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY, BUT HE WAS A ROLE MODEL TO ALL COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS LATINO, A FARM WORKER AND A LABOR LEADER, AND ALSO RELIGIOUS, AND A SPIRITUAL FIGURE. SO, WHAT CESAR CHAVEZ MEANS TO AMERICA, BECAUSE NOT ONLY I WAS GOING TO SAY TO OUR COMMUNITY, BUT, BUT TO AMERICA, AS A WHOLE, IS SOMEONE WHO LED BY EXAMPLE. HE WAS A HUMBLE LEADER. THE STATISTICS SHOWS THAT HE, HE NEVER MADE MORE THAN \$9,000 A YEAR. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT WANT IT TO BE THE CASE OF FARM WORKERS AND THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICA. HE WANTED A, AN EVEN FIELD FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN HARVESTING OUR FOOD. AND MR. CHAVEZ IS A GREAT EXAMPLE NOT ONLY FOR FARM WORKERS, BUT YOU CAN SEE THE BIG BOARDROOMS AND OTHER, OTHER PLACES, HIS LEGACY CONTINUES TO LIVE, HE'S INSPIRING HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND, AND ALL THE STUDENTS TO, TO BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE BECAUSE HIS WORK, WORK ETHIC SHOWS THAT IF GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY, IT IS POSSIBLE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR RECOGNIZING THE FARM WORKERS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN FEEDING OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR SOCIETY, AND NEXT, TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND IT'S A PLEASURE BEING WITH YOU TODAY.

**Ms. Jimenez:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. BEFORE I READ THE PROCLAMATION, I DID WANT TO MENTION THAT TODAY IS ACTUALLY THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND I THINK THAT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON IN THE, IN THE MULTNOMAH BUILDING IN THE MAPLE ROOM, BUT I WANTED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 29, IN HONOR OF THIS, THIS FARM WORKER'S WEEK, AND IT WILL BE FROM 11:30 TO 1:00 HERE IN THE BOARDROOM. SO, YOU ARE, YOU ARE ALL INVITED. OK.

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

**Ms. Jimenez:** THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** THANK YOU. BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?  
COMMISSIONER SMITH?

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION IN FRONT OF US THIS MORNING. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS THAT ARE, OUR FARM WORKERS HAVE HAD, NOT ONLY IN OREGON, BUT, YOU KNOW, ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. I WILL BE THERE NEXT WEEK, AND I WILL BE GIVING REMARKS AT THE EVENT NEXT WEEK HERE IN THE BOARDROOM. I THINK THIS OPPORTUNITY IS WONDERFUL BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO CELEBRATE HOW TIRELESSLY FARM WORKERS HAVE, HAVE LABORED TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND PROVIDE INVALUABLE WORKFORCE COMMUNITIES IN OREGON AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND I'M REALLY, REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** THANK YOU. OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? I WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, IN THIS COMMUNITY WHERE WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME APPRECIATING FOOD AND WANTING HEALTHY FOOD AND LOCAL FOOD AND/OR ORGANIC FOOD, IT'S REALLY APPROPRIATE THAT WE SPEND TIME THINKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO GROW THAT FOOD AND HARVEST THAT FOOD FOR US, AND THIS IS A REALLY APPROPRIATE WAY OF REMINDING US THAT WE HAVE NOT REALLY ACHIEVED SOCIAL JUSTICE WHEN WE ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THE WORK TO FEED US, TO LIVE IN SUCH CONDITIONS. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION TO REMIND OURSELVES OF THE WORK OF MR. CHAVEZ, AND ALTHOUGH I WON'T BE IN TOWN NEXT WEEK, I WILL BE THERE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] ALL OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

**Ms. Jimenez:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

**R.5 RESOLUTION Authorizing Actions Related to Port City Leases and Acceptance of Deed from Port City to Satisfy Financial Obligation. Presenters: Ken Elliott, Assistant County Attorney, Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer, and Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer.**

**Chair Cogen:** MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SO MOVE.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND KAFOURY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. GOOD MORNING.

**Ms. Fuller:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. JOANNE FULLER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I HAVE WITH ME MARK CAMPBELL, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION. I KNOW THAT WE BRIEFED YOU ALL BEFORE THIS - - THIS IS YOUR -- YOU WOULD BE TAKING SEVERAL ACTIONS IN ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION, AND IN 1999, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ISSUED BONDS TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY FOR PORT CITY, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDED SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. THAT -- AND THE PORT CITY WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY MULTNOMAH COUNTY BACK FOR THOSE BONDS. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN CHALLENGING FOR PORT CITY EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THAT DEAL. AND IN ADDITION TO, TO JUST THE INITIAL CHALLENGES, THEIR ABILITY TO PAY BACK THE BONDS. THE STATE OF OREGON HAS CONTINUED TO KIND OF RESTRUCTURE THE FUNDING THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE SERVICES FOR POPULATIONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SO IT'S, IT'S CONTINUED TO BE A, A, AN EVOLVING PROCESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, AND THE CHALLENGES OF, OF PROVIDING SERVICES AT THIS SITE. ULTIMATELY, PORT CITY DETERMINED THAT IT MADE THE MOST SENSE FOR THEM AS AN ORGANIZATION TO, TO NO LONGER BE A SERVICE DELIVERER TO THEIR POPULATION, AND SO THEY HAVE TRANSITIONED FROM PROVIDING SERVICES. THEY PROVIDED A SHELTERED WORKSHOP AT THE SITE, AND THEY HAVE GIVEN THOSE CONTRACTS FOR THOSE SHELTERED WORKSHOP SERVICES OVER TO ALBERTINA KERR, WHO ALSO PROVIDES DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEY HAVE LEASED, SUBLEASED THE FACILITY TO ALBERTINA KERR IN ORDER FOR ALBERTINA KERR TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AT THAT LOCATION, WHICH ARE, AS YOU KNOW, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR POPULATIONS LIKE THE POPULATION THAT IS BEING SERVED ON THIS SITE BECAUSE THE STABILITY AND THE CONSISTENCY AND THE FAMILIARITY OF THE SERVICES ON THE SITE ARE CRITICAL TO THEIR SUCCESS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE PORT CITY SINCE LAST FALL TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST RESOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION FOR BOTH PORT CITY, THE CLIENTS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD BE, AND WE HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND TO YOU THAT YOU ACCEPT THIS -- THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY IN LIEU OF REPAYMENT OF THE BOND, THE LOANS, AND SO THAT, THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO, TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AT THE SITE, AT LEAST FOR THE SHORT-TERM AND, AND PROVIDE THE STABILITY FOR THE CLIENTS, AND THEN FIGURE OUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE LONG-TERM, WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THIS PROPERTY. I WILL LET MARK AND KEN FILL IN ANYTHING THAT -- ANY DETAILS THAT THEY FEEL LIKE YOU NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO MAKE A GOOD DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

**Chair Cogen:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

**Mr. Elliott:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS, JUST A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE -- THERE ARE FOUR DOCUMENTS, AND THERE IS A LOGICAL ORDER TO THE PROCEEDINGS. OUR FIRST STEP AS A COUNTY WOULD BE TO CONSENT TO, TO THE SUBLEASE FROM PORT CITY TO ALBERTINA KERR, AND THEN, AS PART OF THE WORKOUT AGREEMENT, WITH THE PORT CITY, WE BOTH -- BOTH PARTIES ARE AGREEING TO TERMINATE THE GROUND LEASE, AND WHICH WAS, WAS PORT CITY AS THE LANDOWNER TO THE COUNTY AND, AND THEN, TERMINATE THE COUNTY'S SUBLEASE OF THE FACILITY TO PORT CITY. THEN FINALLY, THOSE TWO TERMINATIONS ARE, ARE CONDITIONED ON PORT CITY'S DEED BACK OF THE PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY. AFTER THOSE ARE ALL EXECUTED, THE, THE DEED WOULD BE RECORDED, AND THE COUNTY THEN A FEW WEEKS DOWN THE ROAD, WE WOULD BE BACK HERE AGAIN TO PRESENT A SIMILAR LEASE DIRECTLY FROM THE COUNTY TO ALBERTINA KERR, AND ALSO, A RECOMMENDATION THAT, THAT THE PROPERTY BE DECLARED SURPLUS, AND THAT THE STEPS BE TAKEN TOWARDS SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO TAKE CARE OF REPAYMENT OF THE, OF THE DEBT.

**Chair Cogen:** IF I CAN INTERJECT. THE REASON WE'RE CONSIDERING THE SALE IS BECAUSE ALBERTINA KERR IS EVENTUALLY GOING TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION?

**Mr. Elliott:** THEY WILL BE REEVALUATING THOSE OPTIONS. IF THEY OPT TO, TO STAY THERE, WE WOULD WANT TO CONDITION THE SALE ON THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER'S AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH KERR TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, BUT, THEY WILL BE EVALUATING THEIR PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO GO FORWARD.

**Ms. Fuller:** THIS PROPERTY HAS SEVERAL CHALLENGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND, AND IT MIGHT BE THAT THE SERVICES THAT ALBERTINA KERR IS PROVIDING COULD BE PROVIDED IN A SMALLER FOOT PRINT? PLACE MORE IDEAL FOR THE SERVICE DELIVERY.

**Chair Cogen:** DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO ADD?

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU. DOES THE 3,350 COVER THE DEBT THAT WE'RE FINANCING ON THIS PROPERTY?

**Mr. Campbell:** MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. THE \$3,350 WOULD HAVE COVERED THE DEBT OVER TIME, BUT LAST YEAR, I WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD, YOU ALLOCATED FUNDS IN THE BUDGET TO PAY THOSE BONDS OFF. ONE, IT WAS ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE APPROXIMATELY \$155,000, I WANT TO SAY, IN INTEREST, THAT WE DID NOT HAVE TO PAY. BUT, ALSO, THE TERM OF THE LOAN WITH PORT CITY WOULD HAVE HAD THAT REPAYMENT OUT, I BELIEVE, 2031. SO, BY DOING THAT, WE SAVED A BIT OF MONEY UP FRONT, AND ALSO, WE BELIEVE, THAT WE WILL MAKE UP THE, THE OBLIGATION THAT THE PORT

CITY WOULD HAVE HAD TO US WITH THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY. THE BONDS WERE PAID OFF --

**Commissioner Smith:** AND THERE IS NO LIEN ON THE PROPERTY. AND ALBERTINA KERR, WILL THEY PERFORM THE SAME SORTS OF SERVICES AT THAT SITE?

**Ms. Fuller:** YES, YES. THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SERVICES. IT'S REALLY A CONTRACT. I FORGET WHETHER THE CONTRACT RUNS FROM THE STATE THROUGH US TO ALBERTINA KERR OR RUNS DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE TO ALBERTINA KERR, BUT, IT'S, BASICALLY, CONTRACTUAL SERVICES, ULTIMATELY, TO THE STATE FOR SERVICES TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THAT.

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE.

[UNANIMOUS AYES]

**Chair Cogen:** ALL OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**Ms. Fuller:** THANK YOU.

**R.6 RESOLUTION Authorizing Approval of the Issuance of Revenue Refunding Bonds and Related Matters. Presenters: Mark Campbell, CFO; Representatives from Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe - Bond Counsel; and, Representatives from Holgate Center.**

**Commissioner Smith:** CHAIR COGEN, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM TO A TIME CERTAIN ON APRIL 4.

**Chair Cogen:** IS THERE A SECOND?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** WE HAVE A MOTION TO PROPOSE, TO POSTPONE THIS TO A TIME CERTAIN ON APRIL 4 AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY COMMENT OR EXPLANATION NEEDED OR PROVIDED?

**Mr. Campbell:** I JUST WANTED TO PASS ALONG THAT JUST YESTERDAY, ACTUALLY, WE WERE PREPARED TO COME FORWARD WITH THIS RESOLUTION, AND WE WERE INFORMED THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE BORROWERS HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY AND WERE NOT ABLE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE TODAY, SO, THEY REQUESTED THAT WE POSTPONE THIS UNTIL APRIL 4.

**Chair Cogen:** OK, FAIR ENOUGH, ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE, OPPOSED. THE MOTION IS APPROVED AND POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 4. THANK YOU.

**R.7 RESOLUTION Authorizing Approval of Amendments to the Indenture and Loan Agreement between Concordia University and Key Bank, N.A. Presenters: Mark Campbell, CFO; Mike Schrader, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Jim Shannon, Concordia University; Matt Herb & Kendall Hansen, KeyBank.**

**Chair Cogen:** MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SO MOVE.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS THE APPROVAL OF R-7.

**Mr. Campbell:** MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND WITH ME IS MIKE SCHRADER, THE BOND COUNSEL FOR CONCORDIA, AND ALSO IN THE AUDIENCE ARE JIM SHANNON, REPRESENTING CONCORDIA, AND MATT HERB AND KENDALL HANSEN FROM KEYBANK. AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION THAT AMENDS THE LOAN AGREEMENT RELATED TO A CONDUIT FINANCING ARRANGEMENT THAT AUTHORIZES THE ISSUES OF A SERIES OF 1999 HIGHER EDUCATION BONDS FOR CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY. THIS IS A BIT OF A DIFFERENT TYPE OF FINANCING AGREEMENT THAT I BROUGHT TO YOU RECENTLY. AS A REMINDER, THE COUNTY HAS ESTABLISHED A HOSPITAL FACILITY AUTHORITY TO ACT AS A CONDUIT FINANCIER FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND RETIREMENT HOMES. FOR EXAMPLE, WITHIN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, WE HAVE COME BEFORE YOU WITH A HOSPITAL FACILITY AUTHORITY TRANSACTION RELATED TO REFUNDING SOME BONDS FOR TERWILLIGER PLAZA. AND BUT, THE COUNTIES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED UNDER STATUTE TO DIRECTLY ISSUE CONDUIT DEBT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES RELATED TO NONPROFIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. WE HAVE DONE A HANDFUL OF THESE TRANSACTIONS OVER THE YEARS, AND THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY'S TRANSACTION WAS ONE OF THOSE. AND AS A REMINDER, CONDUIT DEBT ISSUED THROUGH THE COUNTY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY, DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THE DEBT CAPACITY, AND WE'RE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF CONDUIT DEBT IN OUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT. AND THIS PARTICULAR TRANSACTION IS A BIT UNIQUE IN THAT IT'S NOT PROPOSING A NEW BORROWING, NOR IS IT REFINANCING THE EXISTING BORROWING, AND RATHER, THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT, THAT WILL PROVIDE THE UNIVERSITY WITH A MORE FAVORABLE TERM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING DEBT. AND NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MIKE, TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION THAT, OF THE CHANGES OF THE AGREEMENT AND ADDRESS ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING.

**Mr. Schrader:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN, I AM MIKE SCHRADER, THE BOND COUNSEL TO THE COUNTY ON THIS TRANSACTION. AS MARK DESCRIBED, THESE ARE CONDUIT REVENUE BONDS ISSUED DIRECTLY BY THE COUNTY, NOT THROUGH THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BUT FROM THE COUNTY. THE BONDS ARE CURRENTLY ISSUED IN 1999, AND JUST UNDER \$10 MILLION, ORIGINALLY, 9.8 MILLION ISSUED ON THE BONDS, AND THEY ARE ISSUED IN WHAT WE CALL AS A VARIABLE RATE DEMAND BOND, AND THAT MEANS THE BONDS ARE SOLD INTO THE PUBLIC MARKET, AND THE, THE RATE ON THOSE BONDS IS RESET ON A WEEKLY BASIS, SO IT'S A FLOATING RATE BOND ISSUE, AND THERE IS A LETTER OF CREDIT, IN THIS CASE, ISSUED BY KEYBANK, THAT SUPPORTS THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND, SO THE BONDHOLDERS LOOK TO THE LETTER OF CREDIT BANK TO BE PAID ON THE BONDS. WHAT'S OCCURRING NOW, IS, HAS MARK DESCRIBED, WE'RE AMENDING THE DOCUMENTS TO, TO CHANGE THE INTEREST RATE MECHANISM AND TO CHANGE THE BONDHOLDERS ON THE BONDS SO WHAT WE HAVE, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO, PROPOSING TO DO WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IS TO AMEND THE DOCUMENTS TO CONVERT THE BONDS FROM THE FLOATING RATE BONDS TO, TO A FIXED RATE BOND BASED ON A, AN INDEX THAT THE BANK ESTABLISHES FOR THAT, AND THE BANK, INSTEAD OF PROVIDING A LETTERED OF CREDIT, WILL ELIMINATE THE LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY KEYBANK AND THEY WILL PURCHASE THE BONDS DIRECTLY. SO, WE'LL GO FROM MANY BONDHOLDERS WHO LOOK TO A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR PAYMENT ON THE BONDS TO A SINGLE BONDHOLDER KEYBANK, WHO WILL, WHO IS, WHO IS NEGOTIATING AN INTEREST RATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY, AND THIS WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS TO THE UNIVERSITY OVER THE LIFE OF, OF THE BANK'S PURCHASE, AND CURRENTLY THE BANK IS COMMITTED TO PURCHASE THE BONDS AND HOLD THOSE FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. AND AT WHICH POINT THEY WILL RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE BONDS. SO THAT'S REALLY THE OUTLINE. THERE IS SOME HOOPS WE NEED TO JUMP THROUGH FOR, FOR -- TO MAINTAIN THE TAX EXEMPTION, AND THE REQUEST FOR THE ISSUER APPROVAL ON THAT AS PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE TAX CODE, AND YOU ARE ALSO A PARTY TO THE BOND DOCUMENTS. WE NEED YOUR CONSENT AND APPROVAL TO DO THAT. THAT'S THE SUMMARY. WE WOULD BE HAPPY ANY, TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AND WE HAVE JIM SHANNON, THE COUNSEL TO THE UNIVERSITY HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY AND OUR BANKERS FROM KEYBANK, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

**Commissioner Smith:** I HAVE A QUESTION. I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS, THIS WHOLE PROCESS. WERE WE THE ORIGINAL BONDHOLDERS IN 1999?

**Mr. Schrader:** THE ORIGINAL BOND ISSUER, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE, THE BONDS ARE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

**Commissioner Smith:** AND AT THIS POINT, ONCE WE CHANGE OVER, WE HAVE, IF DEFAULTED ON, FOR ANY REASON, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IMPACTED?

**Mr. Schrader:** YEAH, THESE BONDS ARE PAYABLE SOLELY AND ONLY FROM THE REVENUES AND ASSETS OF THE UNIVERSITY. YOU ARE SIMPLY ACTING AS A CONDUIT TO ALLOW THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED ON THE TAX EXEMPT BASIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNIVERSITY, SO, NONE OF THAT ARRANGEMENT IS CHANGING, JUST THE INTEREST RATE MECHANISM.

**Commissioner Smith:** SO, WE'RE COSIGNING, AND WE'RE SAYING, YOU ARE GOOD FOR THIS, AND YOU WILL PAY THIS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF IT DEFAULTS?

**Mr. Schrader:** THAT'S CORRECT. THESE ARE CONDUIT BONDS.

**Commissioner Smith:** THAT'S A GOOD DEAL, DON'T YOU THINK?

**Mr. Schrader:** IT'S A GREAT ARRANGEMENT. IT TAKES THE TAX EXEMPTION, LOWERING THE BORROWING COST FOR THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT THING.

**Commissioner Smith:** IT'S HUGE. THANK YOU.

**Chair Cogen:** AND THERE IS A SMALL FEE.

**Mr. Campbell:** WE DO GET A SMALL FEE FOR OUR BEING THE ISSUER, AND THERE IS A HANDFUL OF THINGS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ISSUE CONDUIT DEBT FOR, AND THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IS ONE OF THEM. HIGHER EDUCATION IS ONE OF THEM. SO, THERE ARE NOT VERY MANY, BUT THEY DO PROVIDE A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** A QUESTION ABOUT THE -- I KNOW THAT SMARTER PEOPLE HAVE LOOKED AT THIS IN TERMS OF THE TECHNICALITIES OF TAX EXEMPT BONDS. IT IS FOR WHOM AND TO WHAT WE CAN ISSUE THEM, THERE IS A TAX FEE GENERATED BY THIS TRANSACTION, OR IS THIS A TECHNICAL TRANSACTION THAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF --

**Mr. Campbell:** THIS IS A TRANSACTION THAT WOULD BE A FEE FOR.

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** AND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION AND ISSUING BONDS DIRECTLY TO KEYBANK?

**Mr. Campbell:** WELL, I WILL LET YOU TAKE A SHOT.

**Mr. Schrader:** I MEAN, IN, WHAT WE'RE DOING IS AMENDING THE -- AMENDING YOU'RE EXISTING DOCUMENTS TO CHANGE OUR BONDHOLDERS IN EFFECT. WE HAVE A PUBLICLY OFFERED BOND THAT IS SOLD INTO THE CAPITAL MARKETS, AND WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW WITH THIS APPROVAL IS WE'LL SELL THE BOND AND BUY THOSE BONDS BACK, AND RESELL THOSE TO, TO KEYBANK, SO, IN THAT SENSE, WE ARE DOING A REFINANCING, AND PATH TO DO THAT AND CURRENTLY, UNDER THE DOCUMENTS, ARE AMENDMENTS. IS THAT RESPONSIVE?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** JUST, I THINK THAT THERE IS A -- I KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME SENSITIVITY ABOUT TAX EXEMPT BONDS RIGHT NOW, AND IN ANY EVENT, AND I KNOW THAT THE CONDUIT IS RESTRICTED FOR A REASON. I AM, YOU KNOW, KIND OF LIKE COMMISSIONER, SMITH, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MECHANISM HERE AND, AND I UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISM THAT WOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND, AND KEYBANK, ASKING, YOU KNOW, THE REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF CREDIT. AND, AND, AND THAT TRANSACTION. I KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME COST FOR THAT TO THE UNIVERSITY TO, TO OWN THAT LETTER OF CREDIT. SO, IS THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS JUST ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN --

**Mr. Schrader:** PRECISELY. WE'RE TAKING ONE LAYER OUT OF THE TRANSACTION, SIMPLIFYING IT SO -- SIMPLIFYING IT SO IT IS HELD BY THE BANK, AND YOUR QUESTIONS ARE RIGHT ON TRACK. THERE IS A LOT OF SCRUTINY AND ISSUES ABOUT THE SCOPE, AND THAT'S PART OF OUR ROLE AS BOND COUNSEL, IS TO EVALUATE THAT, AND WE ULTIMATELY HAVE TO GIVE THE APPROVAL, THE APPROVING OPINION ON THAT TO THE BANK AS THE INVESTOR, AND OUR JOB IS, IN PART, TO LOOK OUT FOR THE COUNTY AND MAKING SURE IT IS STRUCTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, AND NO LIABILITY OR RECOURSE TO THE COUNTY, AND ALSO TO COMPLY WITH THE TAX EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS.

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

**Commissioner Smith:** I HAVE A SECOND QUESTION. IS THERE ANYONE HERE FROM CONCORDIA? GOOD MORNING.

**Mr. Shannon:** CHAIR COGEN, AND COMMISSIONERS, GOOD MORNING. I AM JIM SHANNON, COUNSEL TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY.

**Commissioner Smith:** I HAVE A QUESTION. HOW MUCH OF A SAVINGS -- I WANT TO MAKE THIS OUT OF A JOB CREATION OPPORTUNITY. SO, HOW

MUCH ARE YOU SAVING BY MOVING FROM THE CURRENT BOND STATUS TO THIS NEW CONDUIT BONDING.

**Mr. Shannon:** THE ACTUAL INTEREST RATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET, BUT WE EXPECT THE SAVINGS TO BE IN THE 50 TO \$75,000 RANGE ANNUALLY.

**Commissioner Smith:** ANNUALLY. SO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT WITH THAT EXTRA \$70,000, YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE MORE STUDENTS OR, OR GIVE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS OR SOMETHING THAT I CAN FEEL SO GOOD AT NIGHT ABOUT THIS TRANSACTION?

**Mr. Shannon:** YOU CAN DEFINITELY FEEL GOOD ABOUT THE TRANSACTION BECAUSE WE WILL BE REDUCING THE COST OF THE UNIVERSITY'S EXPENSES BY THE \$50,000 TO \$70,000 RANGE A YEAR, AND THE BONDS RIGHT NOW ARE SCHEDULED TO MATURE IN 2029, SO THERE IS STILL A LONG TIME FOR, FOR THAT SAVINGS TO BE UTILIZED, WHETHER IT IS USED FOR, FOR REDUCED TUITION, REDUCED TO HIGHER MORE TEACHERS, I CAN'T SAY RIGHT NOW, BUT CLEARLY IT'S REDUCING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

**Commissioner Smith:** EVEN IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT, IT WILL MAKE ME FEEL GOOD THAT YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT HIRING MORE TEACHERS.

**Mr. Shannon:** I AM SURE THAT IS OCCURRING TO THE ADMINISTRATOR SAYS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

**Commissioner Smith:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING UP.

**Chair Cogen:** OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**Mr. Schrader:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.8 Proclamation to Celebrate the Broadway Bridge Centennial. Presenters: Brian Vincent (County Engineer), Mike Faulkner (Bridge Maintenance) and Mike Pullen (Communications Office) and Invited Guests: Tony Lester, Nancy Chapin & Tyler Mackie, Board Members, Portland Bridge Festival.**

**Chair Cogen:** MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SO MOVED.

**Commissioner Smith:** SECOND.

**Chair Cogen:** COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-8. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** THANK YOU. IT IS VERY EXCITING NEWS THAT THE BROADWAY BRIDGE IS TURNING 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE OF THE SIX WILLAMETTE BRIDGES OWNED AND OPERATED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND TODAY WE HAVE STAFF FROM OUR COUNTY BRIDGE TEAM, YEAH, WHO WILL TELL US MORE ABOUT THE UNIQUE, BIG RED BRIDGE. WE ALSO HAVE GUESTS FROM PDX BRIDGE FEST, INCLUDING THE WORLD RENOWNED BRIDGE LADY, SHARON. AND TO FILL US IN ON HOW THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE CELEBRATING THIS, THIS MILESTONE, AND I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A WEBSITE, WWW.HAPPYBIRTHDAYBROADWAYBRIDGE.COM, ALL SMUSHED TOGETHER, WHERE THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN HELP US TO GET THIS PARTY STARTED BY SENDING A MESSAGE OF BIRTHDAY GREETINGS. AND THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER BIRTHDAY THAT WE'RE CELEBRATING. ALTHOUGH HE'S NOT QUITE 100, IT IS OUR VERY OWN MIKE PULLEN'S BIRTHDAY TODAY.

**Mr. Pullen:** THANK YOU. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE ON THE SAME AGENDA WITH, WITH THE BROADWAY BRIDGE.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE BRIDGE LOVER. ALRIGHT. TAKE IT AWAY, TEAM.

**Mr. Pullen:** THANK YOU.

**Mr. Vincent:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. BRIAN VINCENT, COUNTY ENGINEER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. TO MY RIGHT IS MIKE FAULKNER, WHICH IS ON THE BRIDGE DIVISION STAFF, AND OUR ESTEEMED MIKE --

**Commissioner Kafoury:** THE BIRTHDAY BOY.

**Mr. Vincent:** AS WE ALL KNOW, THE BRIDGE IS TURNING 100 NEXT MONTH, AND I AM, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WHILE -- WELL NOT PLEASED TO REPORT, THE 100-YEAR-OLD BRIDGE COMES WITH ISSUES, BUT, PLEASED TO REPORT, AS WE HAVE TWO PROJECTS IN THE QUEUE TO EXTEND THE LIFE. ONE IS TO FINISH THE PAINTING THAT WE DID THE BOTTOM HALF LAST TIME, AND THIS WILL COMPLETE THE, THE PAINTING OF THE BRIDGE. THAT'S SCHEDULED FOR, FOR NEXT SUMMER, NOT THIS COMING SUMMER, BUT THE FOLLOWING ONE. AND IN ADDITION, YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THERE FROM MIKE FAULKNER, BUT WE HAVE TWO INTERNAL COMPONENTS, CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF THE BRIDGE, WHICH WE WILL BE REPLACING IN THAT SAME TIME FRAME, SO COLLECTIVELY THAT'S \$20 MILLION WORTH OF WORK, VERY EXCITED TO SEE THAT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT BRIDGE, AS IS ALL OF THE BRIDGES ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER. CARRIES ABOUT 35, 36,000 CARS A DAY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S A CRITICAL LINK TO THE, THE BUSINESS ASSET, THE GRAIN ELEVATORS NEXT DOOR, SO, THAT'S ALL THE COMMENTS I HAVE BUT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MIKE FAULKNER. MIKE HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY 15 YEARS. HE'S BEEN HANDS ON WORKING ON THESE BRIDGES FOR THE LAST TEN. HE'S CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE

SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT, AND HAVING A GOOD OPPORTUNITY THERE. MIKE ALSO IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, SO HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL. SO, WITH THAT I WILL, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MIKE.

**Mr. Faulkner:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, SO, IT'S QUITE AN HONOR. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, REAL QUICK, IS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE THE -- THE BROADWAY BRIDGE UNIQUE AND THE MECHANICS WHEN IT OPERATES. IT'S THE LONGEST [INAUDIBLE] BRIDGE STILL IN EXISTENCE TODAY. IT WAS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES IN NOVEMBER OF 2012. IT STARRED IN THREE HOLLYWOOD BLOCKBUSTERS, DEPENDING ON WHICH CRITICS YOU LISTEN TO, BUT IN 2008, IT WAS ON "UNTRACEABLE" AND IN 2001, IT WAS IN "BANDITS" AND IN 1996, IN "FOX FIRE" AND A LOT OF CAR COMMERCIALS, BUT WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT. IT'S ONE OF THE MAIN BICYCLE ROUTES CROSSING THE WILLAMETTE RIVER, AND AS THE COUNT OF 2010, IT'S 5200 TRIPS A DAY. AND, AND NOW, WE'LL GET INTO THE MECHANICS ON HOW IT OPERATES, WHICH IS EXCITING. SO, AS THE BRIDGE OPERATOR DROPS THE GATES, THE NEXT THING TO DO IS THE CENTER LOCKS, AND THAT, THAT DISENGAGES THE LOCKS THAT KEEP THE LEAFS TOGETHER. AND THE BRAKES WILL DISENGAGE, AND WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE BRAKES, IS THAT THE WEARING SURFACE IS, ACTUALLY, OAK WOOD BLOCKS, SO YOU HAVE THIS BIG GIANT WHEEL THAT THESE OAK BLOCKS SURROUND, AND THAT'S WHAT APPLIES PRESSURE TO ALLOW THE MACHINERY TO, TO COME AND GO. SO, ONCE THE MACHINERY, THE MACHINERY ROOM COMES ALIVE, AND THAT'S WHEN THE MAGIC BEGINS. SO, THE ROLLING, OR THE WHEELS, EXCUSE ME, THE WHEELS LIFTING MECHANISM IS BASED ON THE EIGHT FOOT CAST IRON DIAMETER WHEELS, AND THAT IS WHAT THE BRIDGE MOVES ON, ON THESE CONCRETE TRACKS. AND THE OPERATING STRUT, ONCE THE MACHINERY AND THE BRAKES ARE DISENGAGED, THE STRUTS MOVE WITH THE GEARS AND MACHINERY, AND AS THEY ARE MOVING, THEY COME OUT THE BACK OF THE MACHINERY ROOM, WHICH IS KIND OF AMAZING. THEN THE, THE CONTROL STRUTS ARE CONTROLLING THE, THE 4 MILLION-POUND COUNTERWEIGHTS, WHICH WILL EACH, EACH WHEEL HOLDS 2.5 MILLION POUNDS OF PRESSURE WITH THE TOTAL OF 5.2 MILLION POUNDS ON EACH LEAF ON THE EAST AND WEST, LIFTING IT. AND WHAT THE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE TEAM DOES IS, IS EVERY 30 DAYS, THEY POWER GREASE, THE MECHANICAL COMPONENTS AND, AND BASICALLY, TEST LIFTS ARE CONDUCTED AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK TO MAKE SURE IT KEEPS FUNCTIONING FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, THE RIVER TRAFFIC, AND EVERYBODY ELSE WHO USES IT. SO, THAT'S ABOUT, ABOUT IT FOR A WRAP-UP. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

**Chair Cogen:** QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

**Commissioner Smith:** I JUST WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND I --

**Chair Cogen:** TO THE BRIDGE OR MIKE?

**Commissioner Smith:** TO THE MIKE AND BRIDGE, AND IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE 100. YOU ARE A WISE MAN, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE ON THE BRIDGES, AND APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER KAFOURY FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD BECAUSE I KNOW THAT OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS, THE BROADWAY BRIDGE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S GROWTH, AND I WANT TO SEE IT, HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 100 YEARS. I WON'T BE HERE, BUT, I WANT TO SEE IT STURDY AND SAFE AND WE'LL BE BACK HERE SAYING IT'S 200 YEARS OLD. THANK YOU.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** WE ARE NOT QUITE DONE WITH THIS. WE STILL HAVE FOLKS FROM -- OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS FROM THE PDX BRIDGE FEST.

**Chair Cogen:** COME ON UP.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** AND THE ART INSTALLATION EXPERT. WE HAVE MORE IN STORE. SIT TIGHT.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING.

**Ms. Chapin:** I AM NANCY CHAPIN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PDX BRIDGE FESTIVAL BOARD, AND I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, AND LET YOU KNOW IS WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE BRIDGE. SO, I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES.

**Mr. Lester:** I AM TONY LESTER, A BOARD MEMBER OF PDX BRIDGE FESTIVAL. JUST AS AN ASIDE, AND THIS IS NOT IN MY NOTES, BUT, I HAD A QUICK QUESTION FOR YOU, AND I HOPE THAT THAT'S APPROPRIATE. BUT, DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY BUILD ROADS?

**Chair Cogen:** ROADS?

**Mr. Lester:** WHY DO THEY BUILD ROADS?

**Vice-Chair Shiprack:** SO YOU CAN GET TO THE BRIDGE.

**Mr. Lester:** SO PEOPLE CAN GET FROM BRIDGE TO BRIDGE.

**Chair Cogen:** I'M IMPRESSED. [LAUGHTER]

**Mr. Lester:** OK. WOW, WHAT CAN I ADD TO WHAT THE FOLKS FROM THE BRIDGE SHOP HAD TO SAY, AFTER ALL, THOSE ARE THE FOLKS WHO GIVE US REASON TO BE HERE. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO, ALONG WITH YOU, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE COUNTY'S TAXPAYERS, KEEP THE COUNTY'S BRIDGES OPERATING AND FUNCTIONING SO THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE. FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING US HERE TODAY, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TIME TO SPEAK, AND THANK YOU FOR

SUPPORTING OUR ENDEAVORS TO CELEBRATE THE BROADWAY BRIDGE. AND WHO ARE WE? WE ARE THE, THE PDX BRIDGE FESTIVAL. PDX BRIDGE FESTIVAL FOUNDED BY OUR CREATIVE SPARKS, TUCKER AND JESSICA, IN 2009, IS A 501 CHARITABLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF EVERY DAY BRIDGE ADVOCATES WITH THE SIMPLE BUT AMBITIOUS GOAL OF CELEBRATING THE BRIDGES WITH A CIVIC FESTIVAL OF EXCELLENCE. THE MISSION OF THE PDX BRIDGE FESTIVAL IS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND FOSTER APPRECIATION OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND ARTISTIC PROGRAMMING. OUR FIRST FESTIVAL WAS THE CELEBRATION OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY IN 2010, WITH A SECOND, BRUNCH ON THE BRIDGE IN 2011, AND IN 2012, WE CELEBRATED THE 100TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF THE STEEL BRIDGE, AND OF COURSE, THIS YEAR, WE ARE PLANNING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROADWAY BRIDGE. THE BROADWAY BRIDGE MAINTAINED AND CARED FOR, AND I SAY CARED FOR, BECAUSE THEY TRULY DO CARE FOR THE BRIDGE, BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS THE FIRST BRIDGE OVER THE WILLAMETTE RIVER AND THE LONGEST BRIDGE OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD WHEN IT OPENED ON APRIL 22, 1913. IT IS ONE OF PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER'S THREE HIGHWAY CENTURY BRIDGES ALONG WITH THE HAWTHORNE AND STEEL BRIDGES. AT RIVER MILE 11.7, THE BROADWAY BRIDGE PROVIDES A UNIQUE AND CRITICAL LINK FOR THE BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN AND NEAR THE ROSE QUARTER WITH THOSE IN AND NEAR THE PEARL DISTRICT. OUR THEME FOR THE CELEBRATORY EVENTS THIS YEAR IS BROADWAY BRIDGE, CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR FIRST EVENT, BROADWAY BRIDGE, 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY ON APRIL 21st FROM 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE GAME RESTAURANT LOCATED IN THE ROSE QUARTER. THERE WILL BE BIRTHDAY CAKE, FREE SNACKS AND DRINKS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND LIVE MUSIC. WE WILL ALSO BE HOSTING OTHER EVENTS, INCLUDING A BLOCK PARTY ON AUGUST 10. THE TIMES, PLACES AND DETAILS OF THESE OTHER EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK THEM FOR DETAILS AS SUMMER APPROACHES. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TYLER MACKIE WHO WILL TELL YOU ABOUT A PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION THAT WE HAVE PLANNED.

**Ms. Mackie:** HI.

**Chair Cogen:** GOOD MORNING.

**Ms. Mackie:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I AM TYLER MACKIE, I AM A PUBLIC ARTIST, AND I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND SO THE BROADWAY BRIDGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL BRIDGE FOR ME, ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST COUPLE YEARS, I DID A LOT OF COMMUTING BY BIKE OVER THE BRIDGE, AND WHICH IS HOW I CAME UP WITH THE IDEA FOR THE INSTALLATION THAT I'M GOING TO BE DOING ON THE BRIDGE. JUST BEHIND YOU, THERE IS AN IMAGE, AND I GUESS YOU CAN SEE IT ON THERE. THAT'S COOL. TECHNOLOGY. AWESOME. AND ALL RIGHT, SO,

THERE IS THIS PHENOMENON IN THE KNITTING AND THE CROCHETING COMMUNITIES CALLED YARN -- YARN-BOMBING. YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT. IN 2005, MAGDA SAYEG OF HOUSTON, TEXAS TOOK A LITTLE PIECE OF KNITTING SCRAP AND JUST COVERED IT OVER HER SHOP DOOR, JUST TO GIVE SOME LEVITY TO HER DAY, AND FROM THAT WAS BIRTHED THE YARN BOMBING GROUP, AND THEN OVER IN, I THINK, IT'S HOLLAND, AS WELL, THERE STARTED TO BE THIS SPURT OF KNITTING YARN BOMB AND IS CROCHETING THEM. SO, IT'S BEEN IN PORTLAND, AND YOU SEE THEM ON BIKE POSTS. LET ME SEE, ON STOP SIGNS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. I HAVE DONE A COUPLE OF YARN BOMBS MYSELF. A LOT OF YARN BOMBERS DO THEM IN THE DARK OF NIGHT LIKE A GRAFFITI ARTIST. THEY DON'T REALLY NEED TO. NO YARN BOMBER HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR YARN BOMBING, SO I HAVE DONE THEM IN THE LIGHT OF DAY BECAUSE IT'S MORE FUN TO HAVE THE INTERACTION WITH PASSERSBY AND THEY HONK THEIR HORNS, AND YOU ARE AWESOME, SO, THIS, ACTUALLY IS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHICH I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INSTALL THIS ON THE BROADWAY BRIDGE, THIS IS THE SANCTIONED PIECE WITH A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AFTER THE PIECE HAS BEEN TAKEN DOWN. THE PIECE CONSISTS OF 42, SIX BY SIX SQUARE KNIT AFGHANS, AND THIS IS -- THIS ONE RIGHT HERE -- THIS IS ONE OF THE SIX BY SIX-FOOT BLANKETS, OUR PROTOTYPE THAT WE WERE WORKING ON FOR, FOR THE BRIDGE. SO, IT WOULD BE -- SO ONE BANNER, THERE IS FOUR. ONE BANNER TAKES UP -- IS 10.5 KNIT AFGHANS. YEAH. SO IT'S STRETCHY YEAH. AND SO, THIS IS JUST ONE BLANKET, AND EACH OF THESE 42 BLANKETS WILL BE DONATED TO HOMELESS SHELTERS AFTER THE PROJECT. IT'S MADE OUT OF A SUPER WASH WOOL, WHICH MEANS THAT ITS A NATURAL FIBER THAT CAN BE WASHED AGAIN AND AGAIN. IT MAKES IT WONDERFUL FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTERS. I WILL BE SPEAKING WITH VARIOUS HOMELESS SHELTERS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN TO SEE HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THEM AND LEAVE THAT UP TO THEIR DISCRETION. BUT, YOU KNOW, I COULD PASS IT AROUND IF YOU WANT TO FEEL IT, BUT IT'S VERY SOFT. IT IS REALLY COMFORTABLE. IT IS WARM, AND YOU CAN JUST FOLD IT UP LIKE THIS AND SIT ON IT. SO, YEAH. THAT'S ABOUT THE MAIN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

**Commissioner Smith:** I HAVE A QUESTION, SO ARE THEY GOING -- ARE THESE TWO GOING TO STAY ON THE BROADWAY BRIDGE?

**Ms. Mackie:** THERE WILL BE FOUR OF THEM. TWO ON THE NORTH SIDE AND TWO ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BROADWAY BRIDGE.

**Commissioner Smith:** THESE WILL BE PERMANENT?

**Ms. Mackie:** UP FOR JUST A MONTH. IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

**Commissioner Smith:** I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE RAIN.

**Ms. Mackie:** SO, THERE SHOULD NOT BE TOO MUCH DANGER OF GETTING WEIGHED DOWN WITH RAINWATER.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** ARE YOU LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

**Ms. Mackie:** YES, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. I HAVE CARDS THAT I CAN HAND OVER TO MIKE, AND YOU GUYS CAN GET SOME OF THEM TO DISTRIBUTE OUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO. YOU HAVE AN INDIEGOGO FUNDRAISING PAGE FOR BRIDGE FOR BLANKETS. I PROBABLY DIDN'T MENTION THAT THE NAME OF THE PROJECT IS BRIDGE FOR BLANKETS.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** SO, THOSE IN THE ROOM WHO ARE KNITTERS.

**Ms. Mackie:** WE ARE LOOKING FOR KNITTERS AND DONORS.

**Commissioner Kafoury:** EXCELLENT, THANK YOU.

**Mr. Pullen:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR COGEN. I HAD THE PROCLAMATION TO READ, AND ALSO, I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT I DON'T THINK TONY MENTIONED IT, BUT HE'S OUR RETIRED COUNTY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, SO HE'S CONTINUING HIS LOVE OF THE BRIDGES AND IN THIS RETIREMENT AND, AND THE FESTIVAL, I WAS THERE THE NIGHT THAT TYLER BROUGHT THE IDEA TO THE FESTIVAL BOARD, AND THEY REALLY LIKED HOW INTERACTIVE IT WAS WITH THE COMMUNITIES, SO AND, AND IT HAD THIS CIRCLE OF CREATING SOMETHING, AND GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO, WE REALLY ARE HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT TYLER'S IDEA, AND IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO, SHOULD I READ THE PROCLAMATION NOW?

**Chair Cogen:** PLEASE.

[MR. PULLEN READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

**Chair Cogen:** GREAT. YEAH. SO, COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND PARTICULARLY TO THOSE WHO ARE VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IT'S REALLY GREAT TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR WONDERFUL BRIDGES. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THE BROADWAY BRIDGE CENTENNIAL IS CELEBRATED. [APPLAUSE]

## **BOARD COMMENT**

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

**Chair Cogen:** THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF THE REGULAR AGENDA. WE HAVE TIME SET ASIDE FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS. ANY COMMISSIONER WANT TO BRING SOMETHING FORWARD?

**Commissioner McKeel:** I HAVE TWO, BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 100-YEAR CELEBRATIONS, LAST SATURDAY WAS THE 100-YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING IN GRESHAM. AND WHICH NOW HOUSES THE GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BUT DID HOUSE THE GRESHAM LIBRARY UNTIL THE NEW REGIONAL FACILITY WAS BUILT. SO, THEY ARE 100 YEARS OLD, AS WELL. AND THE SECOND ONE IS, I JUST WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT MARCH IS, IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE HAVING A PRESENTATION COMING UP THE FIRST PART OF APRIL. BUT, JUST WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE YOUR SCREENING TEST DONE. MY FATHER DIED OF COLON CANCER AT THE AGE OF 51. IT'S A VERY PREVENTABLE KIND OF CANCER. SO, ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HAVE THAT COLONOSCOPY. IT'S NOT THAT BAD.

**Chair Cogen:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND ANY OTHER ITEMS?

**Commissioner McKeel:** ONE COMMENT, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

**Commissioner Smith:** LATER ON I WILL BE BRINGING TO THE BOARD, AND AN IDEA, AN INITIATIVE ABOUT BRING YOUR DAD TO THE DOCTOR DAY, SO, THAT WILL BE VERY, VERY TIMELY.

**Chair Cogen:** GREAT. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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