

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Authorizing the Sheriff to Purchase )  
Land and Obtain All Necessary ) RESOLUTION  
Permits to Construct a New Jail and ) 97-173  
Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center )  
at the Radio Towers Site )

WHEREAS, the Siting Advisory Committee (SAC), a 15 member citizen advisory committee, recommended three possible sites for a new jail and a secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted the report of the SAC and requested that further feasibility studies of each site be conducted; and

WHEREAS, a team of technical experts conducted a preliminary site assessment of the three top-ranked sites for a new Multnomah County Corrections Facility; and

WHEREAS, this team conducted a systematic and thorough analysis of engineering, environmental, land-use and permitting issues at each site; and

WHEREAS, the analysis also identified flaws which are technical conditions of the property that, if not resolved, render a site unsuitable; and

WHEREAS, potential flaws were identified at each site; and

WHEREAS, the environmental contamination in combination with the proximity of a chlorine plant at the Northwest Industrial site render that site unsuitable for building a jail and secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center; and

WHEREAS, the SAC recommended the Radio Towers site (*A parcel of approximately 91 acres situated southerly of and adjacent to Expo Center land, northerly of and adjacent to Portland International Raceway land, and westerly of and adjacent to Expo Road and Interstate Highway 5*) as its first choice and the

Rivergate site (*A parcel of approximately 35 acres situated within Blocks 9 and 14, Rivergate Industrial District, at a location to be determined, easterly of N. Lombard Street and northerly of N. Ramsey Blvd. Extended*) as the first alternative site for the building of a new jail and a secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center; and;

WHEREAS, potential solutions exist to address all of the potential flaws identified at the Radio Tower site; and

WHEREAS, despite possible solutions the environmental and land issues at the Radio Tower site may prove impossible to obtain; and

WHEREAS, the County is obligated to make the best use of taxpayer investment by minimizing construction and operating costs, and maximizing building design efficiency; now therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that the Board authorize Sheriff Noelle to move forward with the purchase of land and obtaining the necessary permits to construct a new jail and secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center at the Radio Towers site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Sheriff Noelle to commission a Citizens Working Group comprised of representatives of local neighborhood, business, and environmental organizations to advise the Sheriff and the County on design, construction, building footprint, good neighbor plan, natural resource plan issues, transportation plan, and operation of the new jail and secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board also authorize Sheriff Noelle to enter into negotiations with the Port of Portland to secure a written agreement by November 30, 1997 which details the legal resources, environmental mitigation, enhancement and capital to be contributed by the Port to assist in the acquisition of necessary permits for construction at the Radio Towers site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Sheriff Noelle to gain agreement with the City of Portland to supplement environmental

mitigation and enhancement efforts the City is making on or about the Radio Towers site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the recommendations of the SAC, the environmental mitigation to be completed by the County and its partners at the Radio Towers site shall exceed the minimum standards required by construction permits; and

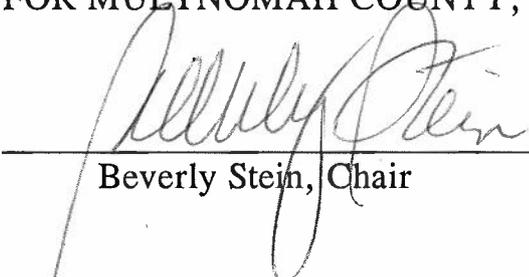
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the new jail and secure residential alcohol and drug treatment facility cannot be built at the Radio Towers site because the environmental and land use permits cannot be obtained that Sheriff Noelle be authorized to proceed with securing the Rivergate site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board direct Sheriff Noelle to give no less than quarterly progress reports concerning both the permitting process as well as the construction of the new jail and secure residential alcohol and drug treatment center.

APPROVED this 28th day of August, 1997.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
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