

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
Thursday, January 19, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Loretta Smith was excused at 11:03 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny M. Morf, Acting County Attorney and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Consider Appointing Ben Cowan for a Two-Year Term to the Multnomah County Vector Control & Enforcement Advisory Committee.

Vice-Chair Smith moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded the motion to consider postponing item C.1 indefinitely.

Vice-Chair Smith requested additional information on the composition of the County Vector Control & Enforcement Advisory Committee.

Item C.1 was unanimously postponed indefinitely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Board Briefing on Managing Inmate Funds. Presenters: Steve March, Auditor; Fran Davison, Auditor's Office; & Drew Brosh, Sheriff's Office.

Dr. March provided the introduction. Ms. Davison explained that during the audit, her office examined the Inmate Trust Accounts, the Inmate Welfare Funds, and Commissary from the time inmates are booked into custody until they are released from jail. The objectives of this audit were to determine whether the processes for inmate cash deposits and disbursements are efficient and whether adequate controls are in place to fully account for cash flowing through inmate trust accounts. She provided recommendations to improve inmate cash processes; reduce the inactive positive inmate accounts as well as

corrections made to inmate accounts; have all indigent inmate losses and recoveries reflected in the Inmate Welfare Fund; and have the Sheriff's Office update their policy and procedures to reflect any changes made to cash handling processes.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

R.2 Board Briefing on Spending Analysis Report to Management. Presenters: Steve March; Judith DeVilliers, Auditor's Office; Sherry Swackhamer, CIO & Director, Department of County Assets; & Tony Dornbusch, IT Contracting.

Dr. March provided the introduction. Ms. DeVilliers explained this report focused on selected spending categories which followed the best practices mentioned in the recent Coraggio Group study. These categories included office supplies, software and communications, and medical supplies and drugs. The Auditor's office analyzed spending data from SAP and the purchasing card system and presented a detailed report to management. Additionally, they created the methodology and tools so the analysis can be repeated for different time periods and spending categories. They found that the County has good spending data, and although they found issues in some areas, they don't believe those issues will mitigate the usefulness of the data.

Ms. Swackhamer and Mr. Dornbusch thanked the Auditor's office for their timely and great work. The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

R.3 Purchasing Annual Report for 2011. Presenters: Mindy Harris, CFO; Brian Smith, Purchasing Manager & Sophia Cavalli, MWESB Supervisor.

Ms. Harris provided the introduction. Mr. Smith said this year they processed over 60 formal procurements and committed several staff to support the Sellwood Bridge project full time. He spoke about performance measures, accomplishments, and goals.

Ms. Cavalli spoke about the opportunities to increase Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Businesses participation created by the Sellwood Bridge and East County Courts projects. She invited vendors from the projects to come up and speak before the Board. They spoke about their experience and the opportunities working with the County provided them.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their great work.

R.4 Mindy Harris Recognition Proclamation. Sponsor: Chair Jeff Cogen. Presenters: Chair Cogen; Beth Barker, Cascadia; Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer; & Invited Guests.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.4.

Chair Cogen provided the introduction and thanked Ms. Harris for her leadership and commitment to Multnomah County. He said she will be very much missed as she leaves the County and embarks on her retirement.

The invited guests and Board spoke about Ms. Harris' achievements and contributions to the County and community partners.

Ms. Harris thanked everyone for the great privilege she had working for the County and thanked her coworkers, the community partners, and Commissioners, past and present, for their support.

Ms. Fuller read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-010 was unanimously approved.

R.5 RESOLUTION Adopting the 2012 Multnomah County State and Federal Legislative Agenda. Presenters: Nancy Bennett & Claudia Black, Co-Directors of Government Relations.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Vice-Chair Smith seconded approval of R.5.

Vice-Chair Smith explained that she has to leave to attend another meeting, but has discussed this agenda with Ms. Bennett and Ms. Black and is in full support of it.

Vice-Chair Smith was excused at 11:03 a.m.

Ms. Black explained that the 2012 State Legislative Session starts on February 1, 2012 and lasts until about February 29. Ms. Bennett listed the County's guiding State Legislative principles as local control of taxes and revenues; opposing legislation that pre-empts local authority; supporting targeted budget cuts that minimize the impact on local programs and services; and supporting government transformation initiatives while ensuring local interests are protected.

The County's State policy priorities are supporting court facilities; the Governor's Early Learning Council; economic development; Elections; health; human trafficking; revenue; taxation and assessment; and the Wapato Jail Facilities. The State budget priorities include projects in health, human services, public safety, and transportation.

The County's Federal Legislative priorities include deficit reduction; re-authorization of the Farm Bill; a long-term fix on payroll tax; transportation reauthorization; combating human trafficking; and energy. Ms. Black listed Federal grant opportunities as the Health Care Innovation Challenge Grant; Southeast Clinic Expansion; Community Transformation; and Financial and Elder Abuse. Block grants include the Community Development Block Grant; Community Services Block Grant; and Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Ms. Bennet and Ms. Black responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for the presentation.

Resolution No. 2012-011 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 As time allows, the Commissioners can provide comment on non-agenda items.

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Please note:

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or

video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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