

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-086**

Authorizing Issuance of a Solicitation for a New Multnomah County Central Courthouse Site.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Oregon Revised Statute § 1.185 requires Multnomah County to "provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, office and jury rooms for the court, the judges, other officers and employees of the court and juries in attendance upon the court, and provide maintenance and utilities for those courtrooms, offices and jury rooms."
- b. Since 1968 Multnomah County has studied the Downtown Courthouse, examining strategies and potential solutions, initially to improve upon the building, more recently to replace or rebuild it.
- c. Potential benefits of constructing a new Courthouse on a new site, that would otherwise prove difficult to achieve with renovation of the existing structure, include reduced disruption of existing court operations during construction, a modern court layout with enhanced security and efficiency, improved public access, court functional enhancements with innovative technology, and decreased operating, maintenance and repair expenses.
- d. The State of Oregon and the Oregon Legislature have signaled their strong support for a prospective site purchase.
- e. The County entered into a contract with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in July 2013 to conduct a program analysis of County court needs through the year 2050.
- f. It is in the interest of Multnomah County to advance the new Multnomah County Central Courthouse Project.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. Authorize County staff to prepare and issue a solicitation for a New Multnomah County Central Courthouse Site, using the site selection criteria proposed and adopted by the Executive Team overseeing the Courthouse project.

2. Direct County staff to return to the Board of County Commissioners by the end of December 2014 with a proposed scope and budget recommendation for the new Central Courthouse project.

**ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2014.**



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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