

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR
Thursday, November 3, 2011**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 RESOLUTION 2011-130 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to Kenneth Trebelhorn.
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-04 Reclassifying Two Positions in Central Human Resources as Determined by Central Human Resources Classification Compensation Unit.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Shiprack and seconded by Commissioner McKeel, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 Authorizing the County Attorney to Join in a Lawsuit Against Online Travel Companies (OTC). Presenter: Jacquie Weber, Deputy County Attorney.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-1.

Ms. Weber provided the explanation. She said that OTCs collect transient lodging taxes in connection with hotel rentals. Although the tax is collected from consumers, it is not passed onto the County as required by Ordinance. The County seeks to join the City of Portland in a lawsuit requesting that OTCs be required to remit the taxes collected. Commissioner Smith asked what the cost is to the County to join this lawsuit. Ms. Weber replied that it is at no cost to the County.

Although most of the taxes collected are passed through to cities and/or Metro, these dollars go to provide support and promote the tourism industry in our County.

She responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The proposal to join the lawsuit against OTC was unanimously approved.

R.2 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for up to \$5 Million to the Health Resources and Services Administration's Capital Development – Building Capacity Grant Program. Presenters: Susan Kirchoff, Health Centers Operations Director; and Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator. (5 min)

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-2.

Ms. Kirchoff provided the introductions. She explained that the Capital Development – Building Capacity grant program, part of the Affordable Care Act, is open to all Health Center Program grantees who did not receive funding through the FY 2010 Facility Investment Program or the FY 2011 Capital Development opportunities. Applicants must request between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 for capital improvements (construction/renovation and equipment) at a single site. The Health Department did not receive FY10 or FY11 capital funding and plans to submit a proposal to renovate the Southeast Health Center (SEHC) to begin providing primary care services at the facility.

This facility was chosen because SEHC's service area is underserved in health care. SE Portland has high numbers of unemployment, underemployment and homeless persons. There is no access for Medicaid and uninsured residents in SE Portland. Additionally, with health care reform in Oregon, more clients are qualifying for Medicaid. Renovating this Center would enable the Department to better meet their health care needs of these vulnerable southeast residents.

The project will start April 1, 2012 and be completed by mid-2014. The Grant is due November 9, 2011 and is for \$1.7 to \$1.8 million. Once completed, services will include primary care, pharmacy, mental health and lab services to approximately 3,000 clients annually; dental services will continue to be provided. If this grant is unsuccessful, Care Oregon has expressed potential interest; they were the partner who helped to renovate the building in Rockwood.

Mr. Harris stated that the purpose of this grant is to build capacity through capital improvements. Cost sharing/matching is not required, although MCHD will contribute in-kind funds for unallowable costs such as moving. Post-award reporting includes compliance with audit requirements, quarterly electronic Federal Financial Report Cash Transaction Reports, and Federal Financial Reports at the end of each of the three project years ending March 2015.

They responded to questions and comments from the Board.

The NOI was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County