

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah East County Building
600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Oregon
Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING #A

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Lynda Grow and Marina Baker, Board Clerks.

Chair Cogen opened the public hearing by thanking everyone who attended and taking time out of their busy schedule to attend. Chair Cogen asked the Board of Commissioners to introduce themselves, and then he recognized the other Elected Officials in the audience including Sheriff Dan Staton and Dr. Steve March, Auditor. .

The Chair said that this Public Hearing is not a time for the Board to deliberate, but for the Board to hear from the public on the programs within the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. He said this public hearing was the first of three Public Hearings with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, May 22th at Multnomah County's East Building, followed by Wednesday, May 29th at IRCO. All three hearings begin at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Chair Cogen advised that the Board Clerk will call up four individuals at a time to give testimony. When their name is called, they are to come up to the presenter's table, and when it is their turn to speak, to state their name for the record. Time was limited to two minutes per person due to the large number of people who had signed up to testify. He also reminded the attendees that translation services are available in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese and Somali/Swahili. He said if attendees had not filled out a public testimony form yet, there is still time to do so and that the forms are in the back of the room.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. 14 people signed up to testify on various programs through partner-agencies who provide services including Culturally Specific Services such as Mental Health Services; Early Works School Program; and, the General Budget.

Written testimony was also received for the file.

Chair Cogen invited others who had not signed up to testify, to do so. No one else did.

Chair Cogen closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for attending, and adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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