

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
Thursday, May 10, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION - HD-12-26 Authorizing Three (3) Position Re-classifications within Various Divisions of the Health Department as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources.
- C.2 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement Amendment 0910073-2 with Metro to Provide Inmate Work Crews for Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup.
- C.3 Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement Amendment 0910072-2 with Metro to Provide General Investigative Police Services for Enforcement of Metro Ordinances.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chair Smith and seconded by Commissioner Shiprack, 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.

Public comment was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending MCC Chapters 11.05, 33-36, and 38 Relating to Planning Commission; MCC Chapters 33-36 and 38 Relating to Alternative Energy Systems, Solar Energy Generation, and Commercial Photovoltaic Energy Facilities in EFU Zones; and MCC Chapter 36 Relating to Rural Fire Stations in Various Zone Districts. Presenter: Chuck Beasley, Senior Planner.**

Vice-Chair Smith moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded the first reading of R.1.

Commissioner McKeel stated for the record that her husband is the Chair of Fire District 10, but has verified that this doesn't present a conflict of interest.

Mr. Beasley explained that this proposed Ordinance incorporates three zoning code amendments recommended by the Planning Commission. PC 2011-1402 Planning Commission Authorities is in Part I of the Ordinance; PC 2011-1796 Alternative Energy is in Part II of the Ordinance; and PC 2011-1796 Alternative Energy is Part III of the Ordinance. He provided an overview of the amendments and responded to Board questions and comments.

Public comment was given and received for the record.

The Board thanked the speakers for their presentation.

The first reading was unanimously approved and the second reading was scheduled for May 17, 2012.

R.2 Public HEARING to Consider and Approve the 2012-13 Consolidated PLAN and Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Presenter: Mary Li, Community Services Manager & Carol Cade, Hsg. Dev. Spec.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.2.

Ms. Li gave the overview. She explained that the County is entitled to annually receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For program year 2012-13, the CDBG Grant award is \$289k. She reviewed the requirements of this program and outlined the work of the consortium to produce the annual update of the Plan. Approval of this Plan is a funding requirement; the Plan identifies priorities and strategic direction for use of CDBG funds.

Ms. Cade reviewed the list of specific annual projects that will be funded including public facilities and improvements; public services; housing rehabilitation; and administration. She reviewed the specific applicants and projects that were recommended. She added that citizen participation for the Consolidated Plan has taken place through a series of public hearings held by both cities and the County.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

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

The Plan was unanimously approved.

R.3 ORDINANCE Amending MCC §12.230, Confidentiality, Of The Multnomah County Business Income Tax Law To Provide Full Confidentiality To Taxpayers Under Any Tax Amnesty Program, And Declaring An Emergency. Presenters: Jenny Morf, County Attorney; Marissa Madrigal, Chief of Staff, Chair's Office; Thomas Lannom, Director, Portland Revenue Bureau.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.3.

Ms. Madrigal and Mr. Lannom explained that the City of Portland collects the Multnomah County Business Income Tax and is empowered to take action to increase collection and compliance. The increased collection results in additional revenue for County programs. The City Revenue Bureau will institute a tax amnesty program from May 15 to July 16, 2012 to increase collection and bring businesses into compliance with the City's Business License Fee and the County's Business Income Tax. Tax amnesty programs create a narrow window of time that noncompliant taxpayers can voluntarily bring themselves into compliance at significantly reduced costs. This incents these taxpayers to come into compliance and create a reduction in penalties and interest. The requested Board action ensures that any taxpayers who apply for amnesty can do so confidentially.

There is no cost to amend the Business Income Tax Law. The City projects that this program may provide up to \$400k in additional one-time-only revenues to the County.

Vice-Chair Smith asked what is being done to let the public know about the amnesty program.

Mr. Lannom answered that they have launched a website; held a press conference with Mayor Sam Adams; contacted all professional tax preparation firms in Portland and Multnomah County; did a significant amount of outreach to the news media; and will send out direct mailers to qualifying individuals in their database.

Ms. Madrigal and Lannom responded to Board questions and comments.

Ordinance No. 1191 was unanimously approved and adopted by emergency.

R.4 Introducing the 2012 Rose Festival Court and Highlighting Rose Festival Activities in and around Multnomah County. Presenters: Teri Bowles-Atherton, Court Vice Chair & Rose Festival Director; Norma Manning, Rose Festival Director; Karen Sanquist, Wardrobe; & Members of the Rose Festival Court.

Ms. Manning gave the overview, saying 2012 marks the 105th year of the Portland Rose Festival Celebration. She talked about the Rose Festival history, traditions and events and how it showcases the unique people and qualities of this region. She introduced the 15 young women, chosen by their peers from Portland-Metro area high schools, who comprise the 2012 Rose Festival Court. Ms. Bowles-Atherton discussed their mission, which is to provide scholarships for higher education and promote community outreach and volunteerism.

The Board thanked them for attending and commended them for their community work.

R.5 RESOLUTION Approving the 2012 Multnomah County Salary Commission Setting the Salaries of Multnomah County Chair, Commissioners, District Attorney and Sheriff. Presenters: Steve March, Auditor & David Rhys, Chair, Salary Commission.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.5.

Dr. March explained that the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter requires that the County Auditor appoint a five-member Salary Commission composed of qualified Human Resource professionals with compensation experience by January of every even year to set the salaries

for the elected offices of County Chair, Commissioners, District Attorney and Sheriff. They do not set the salary for the Auditor to avoid conflict of interest. He thanked the Salary Commission for their hard work.

Mr. Rhys reviewed the Commission's report and discussed the methodology for setting salaries and analyzing market factors. He noted their recommendations outlined in the Resolution. If adopted, these changes would be effective July 1, 2012.

Dr. March and Mr. Rhys responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2012-053 was unanimously adopted.

R.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION - HD12-21 – Request Approval to Appropriate \$50,000 in Revenue from the State of Oregon – Department of Human Services – Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant. Presenters: Claire Smith, Project Manager & Consuelo Saragoza, Health Dept.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.6.

Ms. Saragoza provided the opening remarks. Ms. Smith explained that Public Health accreditation is a set of national standards based on the ten essential services that ensure high quality services and an accountable Public Health system. If approved, the Health Department will use the \$50k mini-grant funding to develop a work force development plan in preparation for becoming accredited.

Mses. Saragoza and Smith responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod HD12-21 was unanimously approved.

R.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION – HD12-22 - Request Approval to Appropriate \$74,935 in Revenue from the State of Oregon – Department of Human Services – OHA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Presenters: Haiou He, PDES Program Manager & Julie Maher, PDES Director.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.7.

Ms. Maher provided the opening remarks. Ms. He explained that if this BudMod is approved, the Health Department's (HD) Federal/State revenue budget will increase by \$74,935 in FY 2012 as a result of the work performed under this award. This increase in grant funding will allow the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) centralized database to better monitor certain prescription drugs dispensed to patients in Oregon.

They responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod HD12-22 was unanimously approved.

R.8 BUDGET MODIFICATION – HD12-24 - Request Approval to Appropriate \$20,000 in Revenue from the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Coordinated School Health Grant. Presenter: Haiou He, PDES Program Manager.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.8.

Ms. He explained that if this BudMod is passed, the Health Department's Federal/State revenue budget will increase by \$20k in FY 2012. The Public Health Division has been contracted to summarize documentation about the underlying theory of Coordinated School Health (CSH) efforts, efficacy, and return on investment from school-based health initiatives. The overall goal of the project is for the CSH Program partners to use the results from the study to inform decision-makers about the need for and benefits from the school-based health interventions.

Ms. He responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod HD12-24 was unanimously approved.

R.9 BUDGET MODIFICATION – HD12-25 - Request Approval to Appropriate \$17,800 in Revenue from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), Worksite Wellness Program Grant. Presenter: Haiou He, Program Manager.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.9.

Ms. He explained that if this BudMod is passed, the Health Department's Federal/State revenue budget will increase by \$17,800 in FY 2012. PDES has been contracted to summarize the evaluation of past and current efforts and benefits of their Health and Productivity program. PDES will develop survey instruments to measure perceptions of the Health and Productivity program among L & I employees and provide detailed technical reports describing results from analysis of three surveys associated with specific L&I health interventions.

Ms. He responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod HD12-25 was unanimously approved.

R.10 NOTICE OF INTENT - Request \$33,000 in Grant Funds from the Oregon Dept. of Energy to Conduct Commercial Energy Efficiency Feasibility Study. Presenters: Tim Lynch, Climate & Energy Coord., Sustainability & Warren Fish, Sr. Policy Advisor, Chair's Office.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R.10.

Mr. Lynch explained that the \$33k requested from the Oregon Department of Energy will allow the Office of Sustainability to hire a consultant to conduct research and develop a feasibility study on the development of a property assessed clean energy (PACE) commercial energy efficient financing program in Multnomah County and cover the project management costs. PACE programs support energy and water efficiency and renewable energy projects in the community by making financing available to commercial property owners repaid through a

voluntary property tax assessment. PACE programs leverage the stability of the property tax system to reduce borrowing costs, align repayment terms with cost savings, and provide lending where traditional lending may not be available.

Messrs. Lynch and Fish responded to Board questions and comments.

The NOI was unanimously approved.

R.11 BRIEFING and Update on the One Year Anniversary of CONNECTED. Sponsors: Commissioner Kafoury & Vice-Chair Smith, D-1 & D-2. Presenter: John Canda, Founder & Co-Chair of CONNECTED.

Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner Kafoury made the opening remarks. Mr. Canda and other invited CONNECTED members shared their experience with the Board and the challenges and opportunities ahead. CONNECTED is a community-based response to the rise in gun violence and gang-related activity in our community. One year ago, following a series of deadly shootings, Mr. Canda issued a community-wide call for 100 volunteers to participate in a process called "Ministry of Place," where participants simply occupy an area with people who believe that their mere presence can positively influence that environment. Volunteers can walk with CONNECTED every Friday at 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. They meet on the corner of NE 13th and Multnomah Street in Holladay Park in Portland.

Mr. Canda and invited guests responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for the briefing and their work in the community.

UC.1 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming our Support and Thanks to CONNECTED on Their One Year Anniversary

Commissioner Kafoury requested that an item be considered under Unanimous consent.

Chair Cogen said that section 6L of Resolution 07-014 states that:

- A. *The Board may act on an item not on the agenda notice if at least three Commissioners vote in favor of a motion to immediately consider the matter.*
- B. *For the matter to be adopted, all Commissioners present must vote in favor of the matter.*

He called for a motion to consider an item under Unanimous Consent. Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Smith seconded, approval to consider an item under Unanimous Consent. Consideration of the UC item was unanimously approved.

The Board Clerk read the title into the record.

Chair Cogen called for a motion to approve UC.1.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Smith seconded approval of UC.1.

Commissioner Kafoury provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. She read the Proclamation into the record.

The Board praised CONNECTED members and volunteers for their hard work in the community.

Proclamation No. 2012-052 was unanimously adopted.

R.12 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Week of May 5-13, 2012 as National Travel and Tourism Week and Recognizing the Impact of Our Local Travel and Tourism Industry. Presenter: Jeff Miller, President/CEO for Travel Portland; Jasmina Huskic, Embassy Suites & Invited Guests.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.12.

Commissioner McKeel made the opening remarks. The travel and tourism industry creates and maintains 29k jobs in the Portland Metropolitan region. It accounts for over \$3.6 billion in spending and \$146 million in tax receipts in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Across Oregon, there are over 81k people employed in the travel and tourism industry.

Ms. Huskic spoke about her experience working for the Embassy Suites. The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

Commissioner McKeel read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-050 was unanimously adopted.

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 11:56 a.m.

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

Submitted by:

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Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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