

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

In the Matter of Defining the Role)
of Multnomah County in a Proposed)
Development Project at the)
Russellville Site)

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Multnomah County has recognized the importance of service integration and co-location as strategies to meet Benchmark objectives in the area of social and human services; and

WHEREAS, the David Douglas School District owns an 11-acre parcel in the area of E. Burnside and 102nd Avenue known as the Russellville site; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Multnomah County has been exploring the feasibility of developing the Russellville site with the co-location of numerous public agencies and social services; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Department of Aging Services would like to relocate its leased Mid-County Senior Center to this site, and anticipates that it would have direct use of about 20,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Aging Services as well as the Division of Community and Family Services would be in a better position to coordinate plans to achieve their Benchmarks objectives if they can play an active role in the mix of non-profit uses at this site as well as in the coordination of service contracts and leases; and

WHEREAS, the following agencies are actively considering co-locating with Multnomah County at this site: Portland Parks Bureau; YWCA; Loaves and Fishes; Lutheran Family Services; Mt. Hood Community College HeadStart; and Mt. Hood Community Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 1995, Community Builders, Inc., briefed the Board of Commissioners about its plans for developing the Russellville site as a multi-generational community; and

WHEREAS, the David Douglas School District has removed the Russellville site from the market for 60 days to permit Community Builders, Inc., to demonstrate the financial feasibility of its proposal to co-locate multi-family housing, community services, medical facilities, recreational facilities, retail opportunities and social service providers at this site; and

WHEREAS, Community Builders, Inc., has requested that Multnomah County provide a letter of intent about the nature and extent of its interest in this site during this 60-day time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County endorses the development of the Russellville site with the creation of a multigenerational community with at least 1000 housing units, retail space, a community center, social service agency space and public open space; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners determines that the public interest would be served best if the County took the following role in the development of this site:

1. As part of the larger project to be developed at the Russellville site, the Division of Facilities and Property Management and the Department of Aging Services are authorized to submit a letter to Community Builders stating the intent of Multnomah County to acquire the necessary real property and construct facilities for the direct use of the Department of Aging Services as well as for lease to the non-profit agencies committing to co-locate at this site; and
2. Prior to submitting to the Board the final approval of an acquisition at this site, the Department of Aging Services and the Division of Facilities and Property Management shall work in coordination with Commissioner Sharron Kelley as the Board liaison for the project, the Division of Community and Family Services, the Department of Environmental Services, participating non-profit and public agencies, and third party agents (if needed) to provide the Board with the project specifics for the development of the project, including a financial analysis and specific plan.

ADOPTED this 20 th day of April, 1995.




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