

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne, Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 18, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Vice-Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Chair Jeff Cogen arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny M. Morf, County Attorney and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 RESOLUTION 2012-176 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to Lorna J. and Charles W. Kendig.
- C.2 RESOLUTION 2012-177 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to Michael J. Campbell and Laura M. Ibsen.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment was announced, however, no one chose to provide testimony.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 PROCLAMATION Declaring the Week of October 21-27, 2012 as National Friends of Libraries Week in Multnomah County and Recognizing the Important Role of Our Local Friends of the Library. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, District 4. Presenters: Friends of Multnomah County Library Board Members – Kurt Kruse, Judy Lindley, Kris Hudson, Trish Bowcock, Susan Wong & Other Invited Guests.**

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

Commissioner McKeel made opening remarks and introductions. A video was shown about the great work done by the Friends of Multnomah County Library created by Ms. Bowcock. Chair Cogen arrived at this time.

Mr. Kruse made gave an overview about the purpose of today's Proclamation. Friends is 40 years old and throughout their history has played a vital role in the well-being of the Library. It has supported enhanced services, helped spread the message the libraries are important, and worked to ensure continued funding. Ms. Lindley spoke about her experiences as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors. Ms. Wong talked about her experiences as a

volunteer and the significant role the Library has played for her and her family. The presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Board comments were made by each of the Commissioners. They commended Friends for their great work and thanked them for coming before the Board today.

Commissioner McKeel read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2012-179 was unanimously adopted.

R.2 Informational Board Briefing on the Great Oregon Shake-Out Earthquake Preparedness Drill. Sponsor: Chair Jeff Cogen. Presenters: Marissa Madrigal, Chair's Office; Brigadier General Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oregon National Guard; Oregon Military Dept., Ian Madin, DOGAMI, Joe Partridge, Emergency Management - Multnomah County & Martin Plotner, Director, Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Chair Cogen welcomed everyone attending. Ms. Madrigal gave an overview and made introductions. She said the Great Oregon shakeout is a statewide earthquake preparedness drill that provides an opportunity for elected officials and communities to increase their readiness for a major earthquake.

Mr. Madin gave the presentation. He talked about Cascadia earthquakes versus other types of quakes, how they compare with the earthquake in Japan last year, the likeliness of having one here, Oregon's vulnerability and risk. He discussed the impact of Japan's earthquake in 2011 and how their well designed structures reduced the impact outside the tsunami inundation zone. He discussed the highly vulnerable critical buildings and schools in Multnomah County and how earthquakes were not considered in building design until after 1956 and subduction zone earthquakes were only considered in design since 1993. Building code earthquake design is to protect the lives of the occupants, not ensure the building will be usable after the earthquake. He reviewed recovery times for lifeline systems and made recommendations on how the County can decrease vulnerability. He said the County has to look at what is cost effective and prioritize, look at strategies, and make an inventory to assess vulnerability. New construction has to be able to come through a Cascadia earthquake with minimal downtime; critical facilities and residential structures have to be retrofit and other buildings have to be evaluated to determine if they are critical or not.

Brigadier General Caldwell talked about the preparations made when he was Interim Director of the Emergency Management Agency. He said as a former county Commissioner in Eastern Oregon, he understands their role and the important high-level role the Board plays in preparations. He talked about military preparedness, interagency cooperation and lessons learned from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. He talked about retrofitting the infrastructure of emergency facilities, hospitals, schools and emergency responder facilities.

Mr. Plotner said they were evaluating by probabilities, not possibilities, and have focused on the earthquakes in Japan and Chile as part of their assessment. He said in Chile, 55% of the responders became victims during the earthquake. They predict one-third of responders will be available. He said of all the bridges on Highway 101, only two are retrofitted for earthquakes, which gives insight into the size and scope of the problem. He emphasized the

importance of preparedness as individuals, in evaluating their plan of action for their pets, children livestock, and how to survive if no services are available. He talked about the need for retrofitting fire departments, schools, city halls and other emergency services.

Mr. Partridge handed information on how individuals can prepare. He said the most important four areas of preparedness are: build a survival kit; make a plan, stay informed, and get involved. He emphasized that Drop, Cover and Hold is the earthquake safety procedure recommended by Oregon Emergency Management, the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the US Geological Survey, and the American Red Cross. Recent scientific research has found that Oregon will experience future earthquakes. Ultimately, Oregon residents should evaluate the earthquake readiness of their homes and work places and take appropriate steps to reduce their risk from structural and nonstructural building components. He added that more information can be accessed at their site: <http://multco.us/em>

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

Chair Cogen and the Commissioners thanked them for their presentation.

**R.3 Appointment and Reappointments to Merit System Civil Service Council.
Presenter: Chris Radzom, Labor Relations Manager and Merit System Civil Service Council Executive Secretary.**

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

Ms. Radzom made introductions and discussed the mission of the Merit System Civil Service Council. She gave the background of the appointees and why they were chosen. The appointees explained why they wanted to serve on this Council and thanked the Board for this opportunity to serve.

The Commissioners acknowledged and thanked the Appointees.

The appointees were unanimously approved.

**R.4 PROCLAMATION Declaring October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Smith, District 2.
Presenters: Jason Lee, IT Security Supervisor & Brig Otis, IT Security Manager.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R-4.

Vice-Chair Smith made opening remarks and introductions.

Mr. Otis talked about the functions of their department and how they maintain cyber security for staff and community members alike. He emphasized how important it is for employees to implement safe practices to prevent, protect and respond to cyber threats. Mr. Lee gave tips on how to protect computer systems, such as using different passwords for each account, and not using names familiar to others or easy to detect, such as pet names, birth dates, etc.

The presenters provided the cyber security online resources available as follows:

<http://www.msisac.org/awareness> and <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips>
<http://www.staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online> and <http://www.stopthinkconnect.org>

Vice-Chair Smith read the Proclamation into the record.

The Board thanked them for attending and acknowledged the work of their department.

Proclamation No. 2012-180 was unanimously adopted.

At the request of the Chair, R.5 and R.6 were taken out of sequence and reversed to accommodate invited guests.

R.6 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Month of October 2012 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Kafoury, District 1. Presenters: Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinators Office; Judge Nan Waller; Kris Billhart, Sara Johnson, and, Martha Strawn Morris, Gateway Center for Domestic Violence.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-6.

Commissioner Kafoury made introductions and opening remarks, saying that October is recognized nationwide as Domestic Violence Awareness month and was created to raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence and where to get help. In Multnomah County, domestic violence is one of the most significant contributors to violent crime and homicides, accounting for approximately 40% of all reported violent crimes.

Judge Waller said it is her hope to say to all the individual members of the community to arm themselves with competence, be courageous and speak up, intervene, and join the commitment to have a community free of domestic violence. Ms. Billhart talked about the work of the domestic violence advocates who work in the court room, work with the victim and their family and the connections a victim is exposed to as they go through the system. Ms. Strawn Morris talked about the Gateway Center and said since it opened two years ago, they have met with 4,400 survivors. She discussed those issues that complicate their ability to serve, particularly for victims who cannot afford an attorney, and shared a story of one victim as an example. Ms. Johnson spoke about the self-defense program they offer which is open to women of all ages. Volunteers who train to be Instructors complete a minimum of 120 hours of intensive training. Additionally, Girl Strength was developed and is being offered to young girls and teens. She gave a demonstration of the holistic methods that are taught.

Ms. Neal talked about the progress made to break the cycle of violence these past 25 years. She read a portion of the Proclamation into the record.

Commissioner Kafoury made closing remarks and encouraged everyone to take joy in the successes in this very difficult issue.

The Commissioners thanked the presenters for their touching presentation today.

Proclamation No. 2012-181 was unanimously adopted.

R.5 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Financing of Multnomah County's Share of the Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$128,000,000. Presenter, Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R-5.

Mr. Campbell provided the explanation. He said this request is for the Board's approval to obtain financing for the Sellwood Bridge replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$128,000,000. Construction of the Bridge has been ongoing since December, 2011. The Resolution before the Board today authorizes the issuance of bonds to support Multnomah County's share of the total project cost. Current estimates place the value of the project at approximately \$299 million with funding coming from Multnomah County (\$146 million), the City of Portland (\$84.5 million), the State of Oregon (\$35 million), and the federal government (\$33.5 million). The County's portion of the funding is being supported by a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) that was authorized during the 2009 Oregon legislative session. The fee is set at \$19 per year for most vehicles registered in the County and, by statute, it can only be used to support costs associated with the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge. Today's approval of this resolution authorizes the financing of \$128 million. The additional \$18 million of the County's total commitment represents VRF revenues already collected through July, 2012. Given current interest rates, the estimated annual cost of debt service to finance \$128 million of project costs is approximately \$9 million. The project will be amortized over 20 years. The County is authorized by ORS 271 & 287A to finance capital projects if such financing is approved by a majority of the governing body.

Mr. Campbell discussed the final terms and sale of obligations. The County authorizes the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement between the County and the escrow agent, in a form satisfactory to the Authorized Representative, pursuant to which the escrow agent shall execute the Obligations representing the principal amount payable under the Financing Agreement, and evidencing the right of the escrow agent to receive the County's finance payments under the Financing Agreement. The financing payments for the Obligations are payable from the general non-restricted revenues of the County and other funds, including but not limited to VRF funds, and any taxes levied within the restrictions of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon. The obligation of the County to make payments is a full faith and credit obligation of the County, and is not subject to appropriation. The registered Owners of the Obligations do not have a lien or security interest on the Project financed with the proceeds of the Obligations.

Mr. Campbell said. Interest rates are at historically low levels and emphasized that, although Multnomah County is an infrequent issuer, the County's bonds are considered a solid and safe investment. Multnomah County's outstanding debt ratio is a small fraction of the capacity to which it is entitled and recent debt offerings have received the second highest rating available, Aa1, from Moody's Investor Services .

Commissioner Smith questioned how people whether people would be able to purchase these bonds if they want to help the County, and how they would proceed. Mr. Campbell said that Underwriters will have three weeks to review term sheets. Bids go out for competitive sale on Nov. 27th and the completion of the bond sale will close December 11th, 2012. Once

assigned, a list of brokers will be made available where folks can purchase these bonds. He responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution No. 2012-178 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 11:48 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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