



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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## MEETINGS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA

FOR THE WEEK OF  
JUNE 9, 1997 - JUNE 13, 1997

- Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 9:30 AM - DES Budget Work Session.....Page 2
- Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 1:30 PM - DSS Budget Work Session.....Page 2
- Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 3:00 PM - Board Briefing.....Page 2
- Wednesday, June 11, 1997 - 9:30 AM - General Budget Work Session ..... Page 3
- Thursday, June 12, 1997 - 9:30 AM - Regular Board Meeting ..... Page 3
- Thursday, June 12, 1997 - 10:15 AM - Board Briefing ..... Page 5

Tuesday and Thursday meetings this week will be cable-cast live and taped and can be seen by cable subscribers in Multnomah County on Channel 30 at the following times:

- Tuesday, 9:30 AM live; playback Tuesday, 11:00 PM & Sunday, 10:30 AM, CityNet 30
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Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 9:30 AM  
Portland Building, Second Floor Auditorium  
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## DES BUDGET WORK SESSION

- WS-1 Department of Environmental Services 1997-98 Budget Overview and Highlights. DES Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation. Measure 47 and Other Issues. Board Questions and Answers. 2 HOURS REQUESTED.
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Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 1:30 PM  
Portland Building, Second Floor Auditorium  
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## DSS BUDGET WORK SESSION

- WS-2 Department of Support Services 1997-98 Budget Overview and Highlights. DSS Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation. Measure 47 and Other Issues. Board Questions and Answers. 1.5 HOURS REQUESTED.
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Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 3:00 PM  
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## BOARD BRIEFING

- B-1 Update for the Board of County Commissioners: How the FY 1997-98 Budget Addresses the Three Long Term Benchmarks: Increase School Completion; Reduce Children in Poverty; and Reduce Crime/Reduce Juvenile Crime; and the Reduce Teen Pregnancy Breakthrough Benchmark. Current Planning Efforts and Next Steps. Presented by Chair Stein, County Staff and Community Partners. 2 HOURS REQUESTED.

Wednesday, June 11, 1997 - 9:30 AM  
Portland Building, 14th Floor Conference Room A  
1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland

## GENERAL BUDGET WORK SESSION

WS-3      General Work Session on the 1997-98 Multnomah County Budget. Board Questions, Answers and Discussion. Presented by Dave Warren, Bill Farver, Department Directors and Invited Staff. 2 HOURS REQUESTED.

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Thursday, June 12, 1997 - 9:30 AM  
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## REGULAR MEETING

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE AND ADULT COMMUNITY JUSTICE

- C-1      Amendment 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement 900026 with the City of Portland, Providing Compensation to the County for Trained Crew Leaders and Alternative Community Service Crews to Work in Areas Maintained by the City Bureau of Parks and Recreation
  
- C-2      Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 700757 with Washington County, Allowing Washington County Exclusive Use of Fourteen Bed Spaces in the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice Complex for the Detention of Youth Referred to the Washington County Juvenile Justice System in Need of Secure Custody
  
- C-3      Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement 700787 with Oregon Youth Authority, Providing Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred on Behalf of Oregon Youth Authority Parolee and Probation Clients Utilizing Multnomah County Flexible Services Funds
  
- C-4      Budget Modification DJJS 6 Appropriating \$233,000 in Oregon Youth Authority Revenue to the Juvenile Community Justice Division Budget for the Multnomah County Flexible Services Program

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- C-5 ORDER Authorizing Execution of Deed D971487 Upon Complete Performance of a Contract to Shril D. Lomax

## REGULAR AGENDA

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- R-1 Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters. Testimony Limited to Three Minutes Per Person.

## NON-DEPARTMENTAL

- R-2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Formation of the Interlachen Water People's Utility District

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- R-3 Budget Modification DA 9 Authorizing Transfer of the \$147,805 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Revenue from the General Fund into the Federal State Fund
- R-4 Budget Modification DA 10 Authorizing Appropriation of \$152,348 Additional Forfeiture Funds to Pay for Ongoing Projects

## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

- R-5 Budget Modification DLS 1 Authorizing Reclassification of Library Clerk 2 to Senior Office Assistant within the Central Library Division
- R-6 Budget Modification DLS 4 Authorizing Appropriation of \$37,500 Grant Revenue from the Libraries Online Project, a Partnership of Microsoft and the American Library Association
- R-7 Budget Modification DLS 5 Authorizing Appropriation of \$150,000 Grant Revenue from the Library Foundation for the Library's Summer Reading Program
- R-8 Budget Modification DLS 6 Authorizing Creation of a New Position, Library Events Coordinator

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES

- R-9 Budget Modification DSS 4 Authorizing Appropriation of \$2,500,000 from Insurance Reserve Contingency to Insurance Personnel Services to Pay Participants in the Retirement Incentive Program Established by Ordinance 877

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

- R-10 RESOLUTION Designating Violence Against Girls as a High Priority for Multnomah County
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Thursday, June 12, 1997 - 10:15 AM  
(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING)  
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BOARD BRIEFING

- B-2 Discussion on the Department of Community and Family Services Request for Board Policy Direction Prior to Submission of a Proposal in Response to the State of Oregon Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division's Request for Proposals to Provide Managed Mental Health Services Under the Oregon Health Plan. Presented by Howard Klink and Floyd Martinez. 30 MINUTES REQUESTED.

MEETING DATE: June 10, 1997  
AGENDA #: WS-1  
ESTIMATED START TIME: 9:30 AM

(Above Space for Board Clerk's Use ONLY)

**AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM**

SUBJECT: DES 1997-98 Multnomah County Budget Work Session

BOARD BRIEFING: DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR MEETING: DATE REQUESTED: Tuesday, June 10, 1997  
AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED: 2 Hours

DEPARTMENT: Non-Departmental DIVISION: Chair Beverly Stein

CONTACT: Dave Warren TELEPHONE #: 248-3822  
BLDG/ROOM #: 106/1410

PERSONS MAKING PRESENTATION: Larry Nicholas, CBAC Chair, Department Staff

ACTION REQUESTED:

INFORMATIONAL ONLY    POLICY DIRECTION    APPROVAL    OTHER

SUGGESTED AGENDA TITLE:

Department of Environmental Services  
1997-98 Budget Overview and Highlights.  
DES Citizen Budget Advisory Committee Presentation.  
Measure 47 and Other Issues. Board Questions and Answers.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

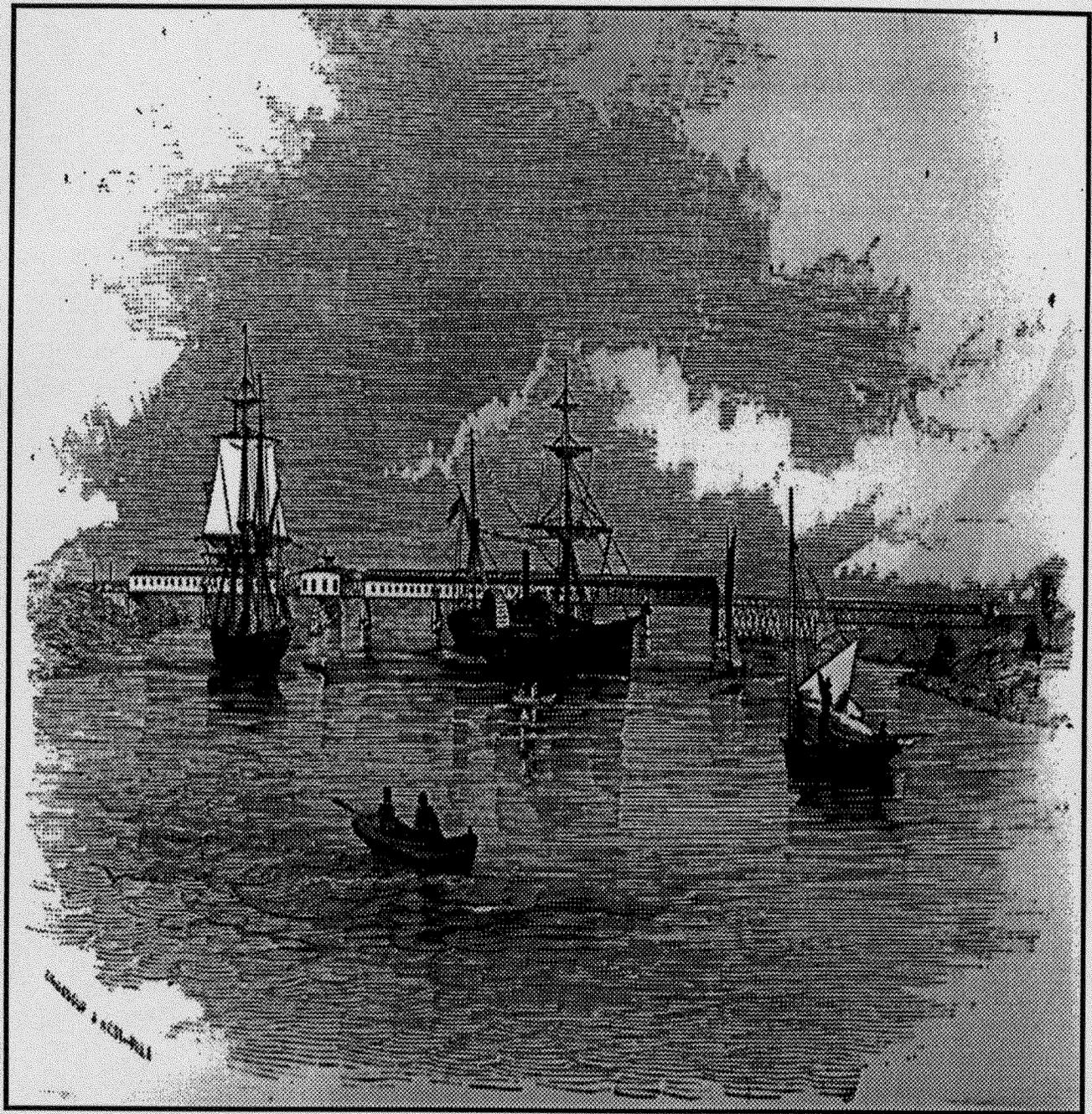
ELECTED OFFICIAL: *Beverly Stein*

(OR)  
DEPARTMENT MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS MUST HAVE REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Any Questions? Call the Board Clerk @ 248-3277



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# Multnomah County

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

June 10, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.

Budget  
1997-98

Packet #12 - Presentation



## Budget Presentation

for the  
Multnomah County  
Board of Commissioners

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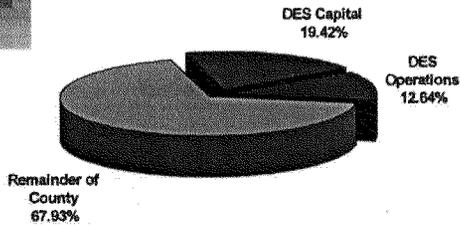
## Department Overview

### Financial Information



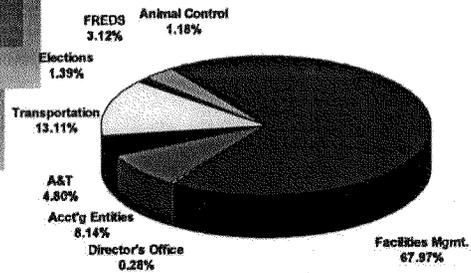
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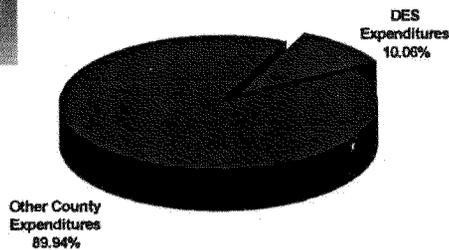
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  - **Employee suggestions** in Animal Control save approximately \$185,000
  - **Cut ongoing General Fund support** in Animal Control by \$1,000,000 with increased fees and foundation support
  - **Employee suggestions** in Facilities save approximately \$350,000

### *Preview of Issues & Opportunities*

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- **Responding to Changing Property Tax Laws (update)**
- **Funding the Facilities CIP Program**
- **Funding Animal Control Services**
- **Land Use (Rural Area) Planning Community Education**

### *CBAC Presentation*

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- **Presented by M'Lou Christ, DES Citizens Budget Advisory Committee**

### *Issues & Opportunities*

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- *Rural Areas Land-Use Planning Education*

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### ■ Chair's Recommendation

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# *Budget Presentation*

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*June 10, 1997*

# *Department Overview*

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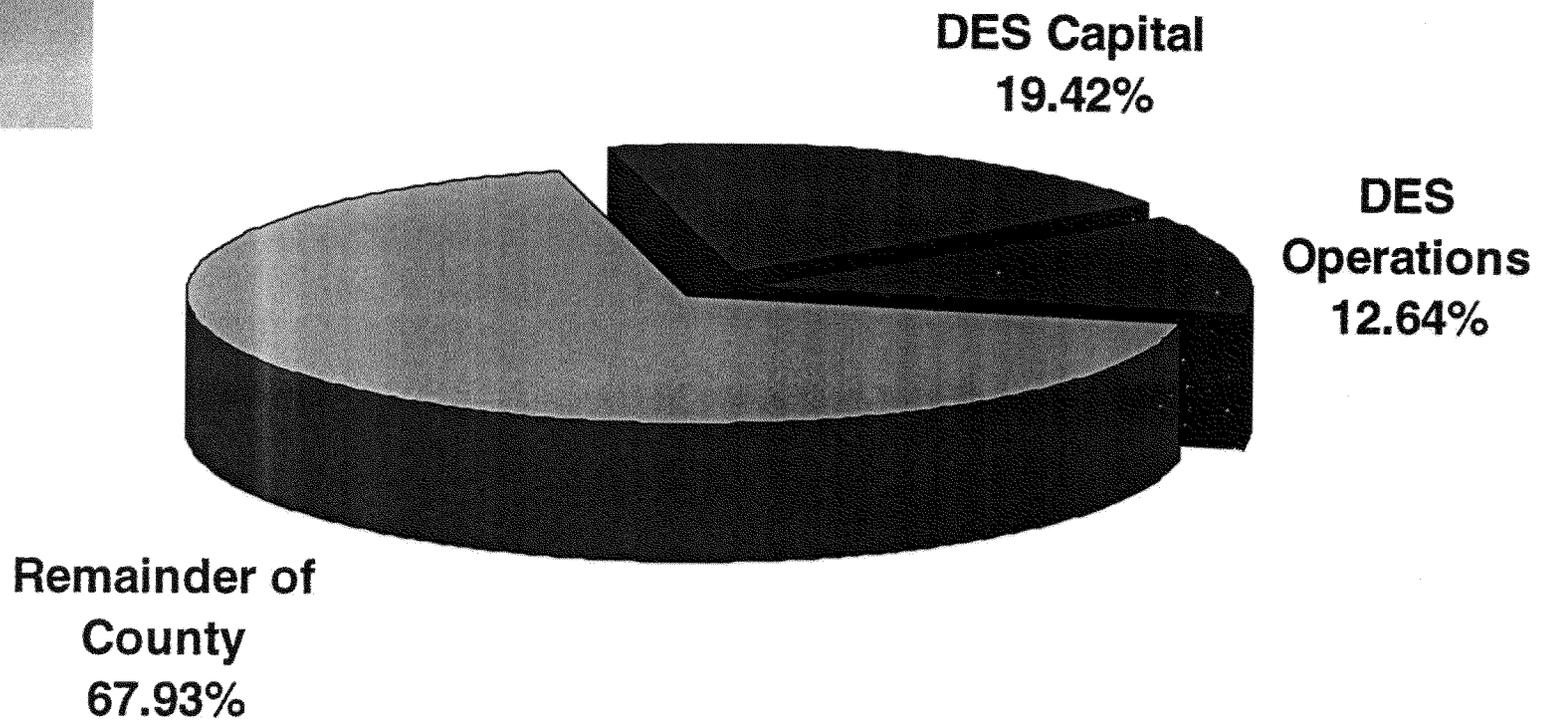


# *Department of Environmental Services*

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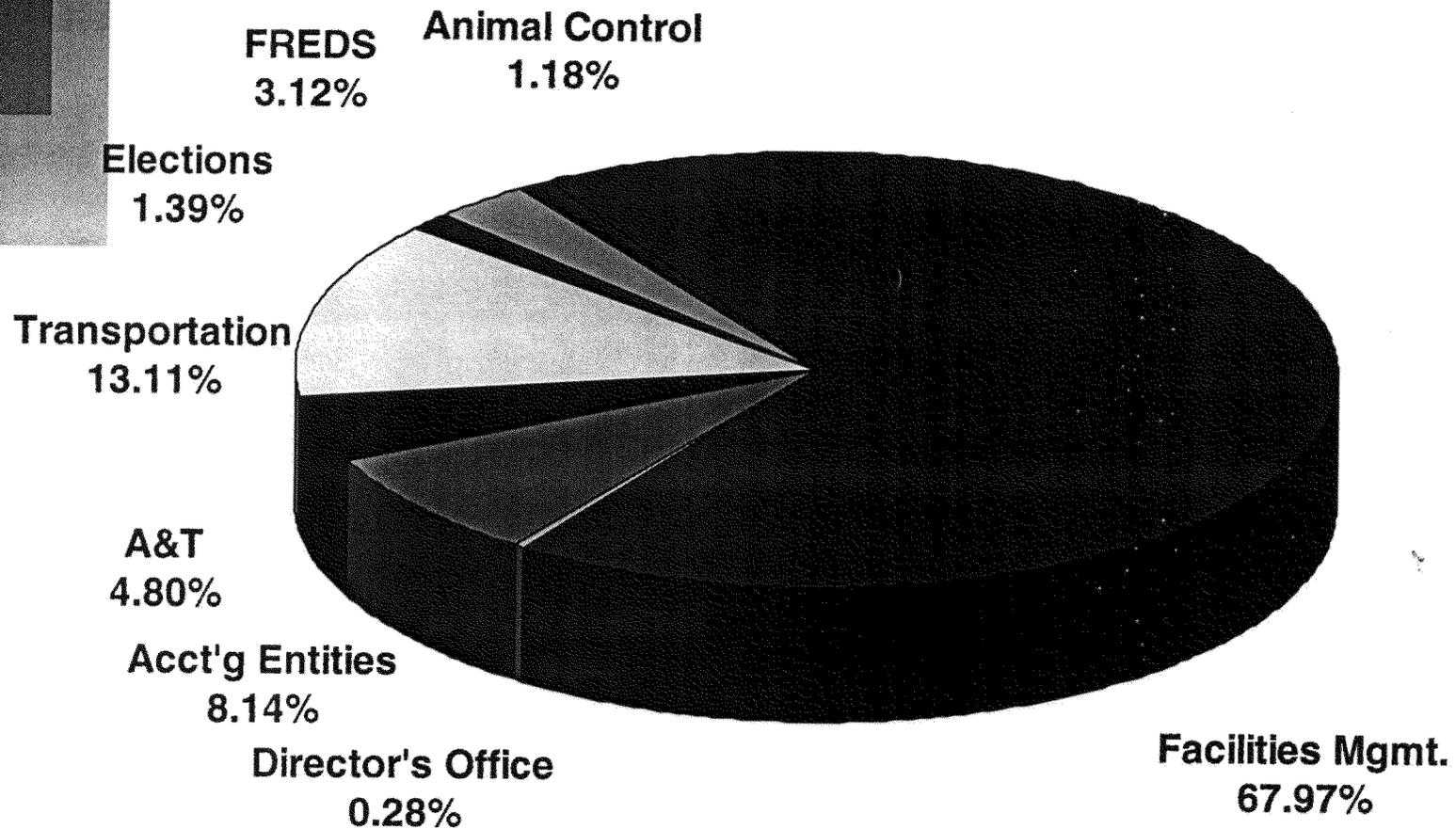
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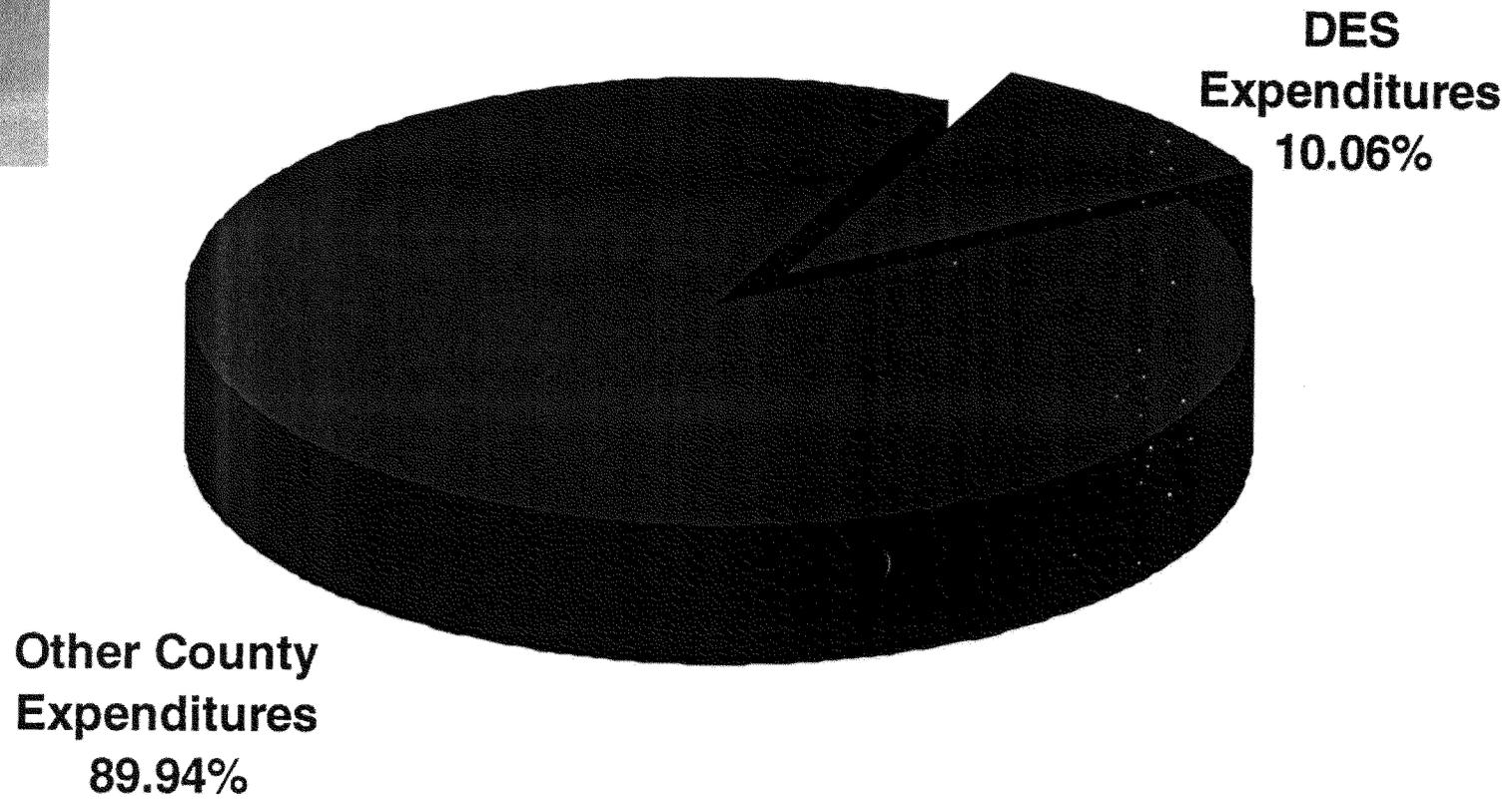
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- ***Fee Increases*** proposed for Animal Control, County Surveyor, and Land Use Planning could raise an additional \$660,000 per year, or \$330,000 in first year

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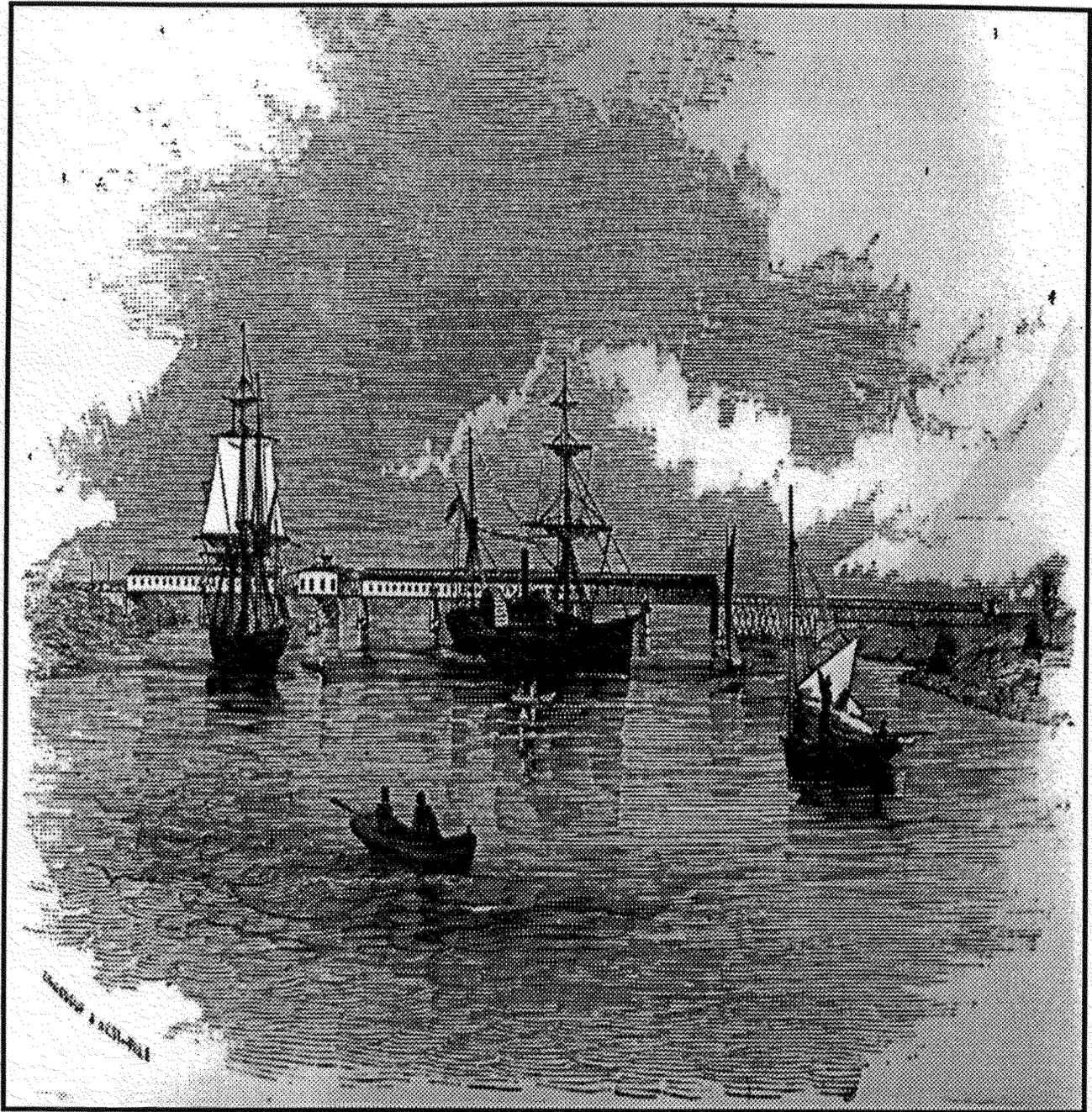
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June 17, 1997

Budget  
1997-98

Packet #20 - Follow up information



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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TO: Larry Nicholas, Environmental Services Director  
Mike Oswald, Environmental Services Deputy Director  
Vickie Gates, Support Services Director

FROM: Dave Warren

DATE: June 16, 1997

SUBJECT: Follow Up Items from the Board's Budget Work Sessions of June 10, 1997

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Here is a list of items about which the Board of Commissioners would like additional information.

Please prepare responses to the Board's questions. I suggest the responses state the question and then state the response. If appropriate, the response may be a reference to an attached document. Please respond to all the questions by Monday, June 16. If you can't prepare the final answers by June 16, I suggest responding by telling the Board when they can expect the answers.

- Send a copy of the answer(s) to Ching Hay or Steve Pearson. They will review it (for no more than one working day after it arrives), perhaps even supplement it with additional work, and forward it to the Chair's Office;
- Taking no more than one working day, Bill will review the responses to see that they answer the question(s) clearly, add anything they feel is needed, and return it to Ching and Steve;
- Ching and Steve will communicate any proposed changes to you or give you the OK to print;
- Deliver 10 copies to Kathy Nash in Budget & Quality. She will package your material with a sequentially numbered cover page and an index so the Board can tell what they receive, tell that it is in response to issues raised and at which hearing, the date they received it, and be assured they have received all the packets.
- Budget & Quality will deliver the packets to the Office of the Board Clerk who will distribute them to the Board.

## **Environmental Services**

### **52. Discuss the idea of imposing a per square foot facilities surcharge to fund ongoing capital maintenance.**

The Facilities Client Team (FCT) has been discussing this issue for several months. The issue is complex, and therefore, the solution may be as well. Although the committee has discussed this issue at several of their past meetings, they have not accomplished much more than creating a "problem statement" at this time (following the County's RESULTS CQI methodology).

The FCT has reached a consensus that Multnomah County needs to find a solution to the way we fund our capital asset preservation. The basic idea is to come up with a stable, ongoing funding source, based on the concept of a flat-fee per square foot of space occupied by each program. Current discussion and work centers around:

- how would the addition of the surcharge affect square foot costs
- how would the surcharge be applied (based on the kind of space occupied, leased vs. Owned space, etc.)
- funding source (General fund contribution, program dollars, etc.)
- amount of deferred maintenance to fund annually, via this source
- timeline for catching up on the current backlog of deferred maintenance

Our current work plan includes the opportunity for presenting the issues and recommended solutions to the Board in time for any funding implications to be accommodated during the FY 1998-99 budget preparation process, near the end of calendar year 1997.

### **53. Discuss potential appraisal increases to capture personal property value and increase revenue.**

Personal property represents about five percent of our total tax roll. Values must be calculated each year based on filings from the property owners in order to maintain that level of contribution. Beginning this year, under proposed Measure 50 implementing legislation, values under \$10,000 will be excused from tax liability (up from the previous exemption of \$3,000). Owners will still have to file, therefore there may be little savings in work load.

The discovery process at Multnomah County is thorough and systematic. Each year the Personal Property staff conducts field audits of approximately 1/3 of the 50,000 business locations in the county. This audit is to verify information relating to ownership and address and to insure that all businesses which need filing forms will receive them. In addition to the field audit, a clerk periodically reviews the Business Journal, neighborhood newspapers and other publications for information on new business. The clerk also receives lists of new business licenses from the City of Portland and other cities in the county. Our office also receives information on floating properties from the State Marine Board and moorage operators and on mobile homes from the Oregon Department of Revenue and mobile home park operators.

All of the normal business locations seem to be fairly well covered by our activities. We are allowed to add property to the roll, going back up to five years in instances where we discover omissions. We have no information that additional staff would add a proportional increase in the roll value, and in fact an independent ratio study conducted for defense of the supreme court Airlines case found that we had very little omitted property. The types of property which may be missed are those used by home based businesses which in our opinion would not be cost effective to pursue.

**54. Describe the activities and effort we spend on collecting personal property tax.**

Personal property values are calculated annually based on filings from business owners reporting lists of assets as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The non-problem returns are processed by temporary help under the supervision of permanent staff at a cost of about \$52,000. The difficult, problem/ incomplete returns are processed by the technicians and appraisers. The result is about 35,000 accounts with a value of \$1.6 billion. **Estimated taxes generated for 1997/98 are \$25.5 million** The auditor verifies compliance with filing requirements. A three year review of production indicates \$24 million in omitted property is added to the roll annually, generating over \$300,000 in taxes.

	Businesses	Mobile Homes	Floating Property	Total
Taxes(est)	22,281,900	1,621,800	1,596,300	25,500,000

	Businesses	Mobile Homes	Floating Property	Collections	Total
FTE	9.25	1.25	1.0	4.0	15.50
Budget	603,556	38,342	28,580	163,471	833,949

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as of 5/31/97	\$3.5M
Average Annual Delinquency Rate	12.6%
Average Annual Amount of Taxes Written Off	\$250K
Collection FTE's	4.0
Average Delinquency Collected per FTE (96/97)	\$778,045

The total combined budget for personal property appraisal and collection is approximately \$834K for which the county realizes \$5.5-\$6M.

The majority of personal property taxes are collected as they are billed. The least expensive methods of collecting delinquent taxes are used: reminder notices, follow up phone calls, filing warrants; payment plans; and garnishments. Personal property seizures are only conducted when absolutely necessary and when there is adequate value to cover taxes and costs.

**55. Discuss possible termination of the State A&T grant program and the potential flexibility it might give us in determining the functions of A&T.**

If the HB2338, DOR Grant, funding were to be discontinued the County would lose approximately \$1.9 M in revenue. My understanding is that if HB 2338 sunsets June 30, 1998 we would no longer collect the conveyance fee of \$20 (we get 5% of each fee collected as an administrative reimbursement—about \$30K annually, in addition to the \$1.9M). The current delinquent interest rate of 16% would probably return to 12% (the 4% interest collected is what funds most of the \$1.9M we receive). Not having to collect the conveyance fee and additional interest would have a negligible impact on the A&T workload. However, should the revenue not be replaced and the A&T budget be reduced further, it would be approximately \$450K *below* the 1997/98 proposed constraint level. At that level there is significant property tax revenue loss.

As far as flexibility, the choice is up to the Commissioners as to what level they wish to fund A&T to meet compliance with the statutes, and/or to what level of public information/customer service it should provide. However, under M50 all levying bodies will be limited to an annual 3% increase in their tax collections. The only source of additional tax revenue will be from new construction. No processing of personal property tax filings would eliminate the total personal property revenue.

DOR will remain the statewide property tax system regulatory agency (ORS306.115) with or without the provisions of HB2338. There would be no grant funds to withhold, however, they would still have the ability to withhold Cigarette and Liquor Tax revenue (approximately \$2.5M General Fund revenue in 95/96) if the appraisal function is not in compliance. They also

have the authority to prevent values from being entered on the roll should the DOR not approve the annual Ratio Study.

**56. Discuss replacement of GNC and a capital budget to keep it open until it is replaced.**

As part of the County's response to the seismic analysis of its facilities, it was discovered that the Gresham Neighborhood Center's structural system was failing. Facilities & Property Management has completed temporary repair measures which are being monitored until a permanent solution can be determined and funded. The City of Gresham has issued a temporary-use permit for the facility which requires ongoing inspection and monitoring of the structure. In addition, the occupancy permit requires vacating the premises during high wind or snow-loading conditions. It is unlikely, with what we know today, that the County will need to spend any further capital dollars on this facility, prior to its replacement. On the other hand, it is possible that the County may need to seek temporary quarters or take some other remedial measures requiring additional funds, should subsequent inspections reveal a worsening of the current structural problems.

**56b. What percentage of animals are licensed.**

Approximately 78% of dogs in Multnomah County are licensed (79,900 of 102,000) and approximately 46% of cats (55,000 of 121,000). To help round out this picture, approximately 100,000 households are reached each year through the annual Animal Control Canvassing project.

**57. What are the significant streams/watersheds in east county?**

Most of the eastern unincorporated portion of Multnomah County drains into the Sandy River. Within the unincorporated area there are five major tributary streams to the east of the Sandy River - Smith Creek, Big Creek, Buck Creek, Gordon Creek, and Trout Creek. There is one major tributary to the west of the Sandy River - Beaver Creek. All of these creeks are part of the Sandy River Watershed. The headwaters of Johnson Creek, which flows to the Willamette River, lie in unincorporated East County. There are also a number of small watersheds draining into the Columbia River in the Columbia Gorge area, including Multnomah Creek, Bridal Veil Creek, and Latourell Creek.

Currently the only recognized watershed council in the area represents the Johnson Creek watershed. Beaver Creek also has a recognized watershed protection organization which has chosen not to attempt to have watershed council status. The entire area is within the boundaries of the East Multnomah

Soil and Water Conservation District, which has worked to promote watershed groups in the area.

A map, attached, displays the watersheds in the metro area.

**58. Discuss the issue of determining voter eligibility.**

The procedures for determining the number of “eligible” voters for measure 50 are established by administrative rule of the Secretary of State. The basic process starts with the total number of registered voters and deducts all voters who have moved or died. The information for who has moved or died comes from undeliverable ballots and other mail, as well as notices from other jurisdictions, etc.

Oregon law states that *“It is the policy of this state that all election laws and procedures shall be established and construed to assist the elector in the exercise of the right of franchise.”*

The problem is that people move or die every day. Now we somehow have to know the status of people who do not communicate with us through voting, registration, etc. This forces us to make assumptions about people. In light of the policy set by law, we assume that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, voters are still eligible to vote. As we look at procedures, we must always maintain a balance between the policy set by law and our need to be as accurate as possible.

The legislature is looking at several options to help address the need to clarify who is and is not eligible. Until the rules are changed, the Elections Division will continue to be diligent in its efforts to determine the correct number of “eligible” voters while maintaining the rights of people to be electors, whether or not they vote.

**59. Review ways to receive information from vital statistics about who has died to be used in determining voter eligibility.**

We have contacted the Multnomah County Health Department’s Vital Statistics. After July 1, we will work with them to receive their information as to death certificates filed with them. We will be able to promptly update our records for any deceased who were registered voters in our County.

# Watersheds

