

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 22, 2014**

TSCC PUBLIC HEARING:

FY 2015 MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUDGET

Present Multnomah BCC: Chair Marissa Madrigal and Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioner Loretta Smith. Commissioner Smith arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Absent Multnomah BCC: Commissioners Liesl Wendt and Judy Shiprack.

Present TSCC: Commissioner Brendan Watkins, Commissioner Gülgün Mersereau, Executive Director Craig Gibbons and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart.

Absent TSCC: Commissioners Steven Nance and David Barringer.

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[CHAIR TERRY McCALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.]

TSCC Chair McCall: COUNTY TAX SUPERVISING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE 2013-14 BUDGET FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ONE OF TSCC'S RESPONSIBILITIES HAS DETAILED IN STATE LAW IS TO REVIEW THE BUDGETS OF THE CORPORATIONS UNDER THE COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION. TSCC STAFF HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE BUDGET AND WORKED WITH THE COUNTY'S STAFF ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET. WE HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL POLICIES IMPLICIT IN THE BUDGET THAT A TYPICAL CITIZEN MIGHT ASK. WE'RE HERE REPRESENTING ALL OF THOSE CITIZENS THAT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF YOU DIRECTLY. OF COURSE WE ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND MAKE ANY COMMENTS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE. MINUTES OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE PREPARED AND RETAINED AS A PERMANENT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS. WITH THAT, THANK YOU FOR PERMITTING ME TO READ THAT LITTLE PREAMBLE. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM AND IF PEOPLE -- CITIZENS HAVE COMMENTS TO MAKE PLEASE SIGN UP AND WE'LL MAKE TIME FOR THAT. WE'RE ON A PRETTY TIGHT TIME FRAME SO WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP THOSE AS BRIEF AS WE CAN. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST INTRODUCE THE COMMISSIONERS OR HAVE THEM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND THEN THE STAFF AND ALSO DECLARE IF YOU HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. I'M TERRY MCCALL, THE CHAIR. I DO NOT HAVE A

REAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST BUT I AM UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY ON A PROJECT. IT HAS NO IMPACT ON THE DECISIONS TODAY.

Commissioner Mersereau: I'M GULGUN MERSEREAU, I ALSO DO NOT HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, I WORK FOR A LAW FIRM THAT REPRESENTS THE COUNTY.

Commissioner Watkins: BRENDAN WATKINS, AND MY FIRM PIPER JEFFREY DOES WORK WITH THE COUNTY, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING SHOULD HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS FAR AS THE VOTING IS CONCERNED.

TSCC Chair McCall: STAFF, PLEASE?

>> CRAIG GIBBONS ON STAFF.

TSCC Chair McCall: CHAIR MADRIGAL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OPENING COMMENTS?

Chair Madrigal: SURE. I'M COMMISSIONER MADRIGAL, TO MY RIGHT IS COMMISSIONER DIANE MCKEEL, REPRESENTING DISTRICT FOUR.

Vice-Chair McKeel: I'M DIANE MCKEEL. I DO REPRESENT EAST COUNTY, DISTRICT FOUR, WHICH IS PART OF OUTER PORTLAND, GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BONNEVILLE DAM. AND I DO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ONE PIECE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE BUDGET. WE FUND THE INTERCEPT PROGRAM, WHICH IS CONTRACTED THROUGH YOUTH VILLAGES. AND I HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER NOW WORKING AT YOUTH VILLAGES IN THE INTERCEPT PROGRAM.

TSCC Chair McCall: OH, I SEE.

Chair Madrigal: WE WILL BE JOINED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH SHORTLY REPRESENTING DISTRICT TWO.

TSCC Chair McCall: VERY GOOD. I DID SAY PRIVATELY, I'LL SAY PUBLICLY TOO, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE JOB WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON COMING TO AN END SOON. YOU CAN REGAIN YOUR LIFE.

Chair Madrigal: A VACATION IS IN MY FUTURE.

TSCC Chair McCall: YOU DESERVE THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY OPEN BUDGET COMMENTS YOU WISH TO MAKE, OR SHALL WE DIVE IN?

Chair Madrigal: I'LL JUST KEEP IT BRIEF. THIS YEAR'S BUDGET THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET IS THE ESSENTIALLY A CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL BUDGET. WE FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONLY 12 -- IN 12 YEARS, WE'RE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR PROGRAMS AND GROW A TINY BIT. AND THAT'S DUE LARGELY TO THE WORK OF FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONERS, AND EXCELLENT STAFF WORK THAT HAS REALLY PULLED THE COUNTY FROM A STATE IN THE EARLY 2000s WHERE WE HAD SPENT DOWN RESERVES, WHERE WE WERE BUDGETING YEAR-TO-YEAR, SORT OF WILD SWINGS INTO A REALLY GREAT FINANCIAL STATE WHERE ALL THE RESERVES ARE FULLY FUNDED, OUR PROGRAMS ARE STABLE, AND WE'RE NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME ABLE TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. AND LOOK AT THE BACKLOG OF NEEDS THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS AND BEGIN TO ADDRESS THEM SYSTEMATICALLY. THE NEW INVESTMENTS YOU SEE IN THE BUDGET REALLY REFLECTS NOT JUST THE ALVIE MARTINS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT THE VALUES OF THE COMMUNITY. AND COMMUNITY SURVEYS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE AND TESTIMONY WE'VE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST YEAR REFLECT THAT WE NEED NEW INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH, NEW INVESTMENTS IN CHILDREN AND SUN SCHOOLS, AND SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING DISPARITIES AMONG COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SO REALLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE BUDGET IS THE STRONG STABILIZING ONE, AND WE'RE ALMOST DONE WITH THE PROCESS. WE'RE STILL DELIBERATING. IT WILL CHANGE.

>> EXCELLENT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER SMITH, GOOD TO SEE YOU. SO WE HAVE PREPARED QUESTIONS AS YOU KNOW, AND BECAUSE OF LIMITATION ON TIME, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ASK ALL OF THEM THIS MORNING. SO I'VE ASKED COMMISSIONER MERSEREAU AND WATKINS TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS.

>> HOW DOES THE COUNTY PRIORITIZE ITS CAPITAL PROJECTS IN ADDRESSING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE? MESEREAU NUMBER FOUR.

>> THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER] WE WANTED ARE TERROR MAKE SURE WE HAD ALL THE RIGHT DETAILS. SO THE COUNTY PRESENTLY USES FACILITY CONDITION FACTORS AND LIFE CYCLE REPLACEMENT NEEDS TO PRIORITIZE CAPITAL REPAIRS. BY A STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE EXPECTED TO FINISH IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 THEY WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE AGE, PUBLIC USE, AND ACCESSIBILITY.

>> WE NOTICED THAT THE COUNTY MADE A \$300,000 APPROPRIATION TO A NONPROFIT LAST YEAR. HOW DOES THE COUNTY HANDLE REQUESTS FROM NONPROFITS GENERALLY? THIS IS SPECIFICALLY THE REQUEST THAT CAME FROM LINES FOR LIFE.

Chair Madrigal: WE HAVE A WRITTEN RESPONSE. I'M ALSO THINKING WE NEED TO ADD TO THIS. SO I'LL READ THE PREPARED REMARKS FIRST. THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND SUBSEQUENT BOARD APPROVED BUDGET

MODIFICATIONS OFTEN INCLUDE CONTRACT SERVICES AND SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT BOARD PRIORITIES. VENDORS ARE SELECTED TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES THROUGH PROCESSES GOVERNED BY THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING RULES WHICH INCLUDE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS. IN THE CASE OF LINES FOR LIFE A NONPROFIT IDENTIFIED A COMMUNITY NEED THAT WAS UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTED BUDGET THE BOARD APPROVED A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO ADDRESS THAT NEED, AND A PROCUREMENT WAS IMPLEMENTED UNDER A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. THE MOST COMMON WAY NONPROFITS COME TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COUNTY IS THAT THE BOARD IDENTIFIES SERVICES TO BE PROCURED THROUGH THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS, THEN NONPROFITS ARE AMONG THE VENDORS SELECTED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES UNDER COMPETITIVE -- A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS GOVERNED BY THE COUNSEL'S ROLE. WOULD I ADD I THINK NONPROFITS LIKE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO PIECE TOGETHER FUNDING. THERE AREN'T FEDERAL EAR MARKS ANYMORE, EVERYTHING IS VERY COMPETITIVE, SO WE DO GET A LOT OF REQUESTS, AND THE REQUESTS FROM NONPROFITS ARE FOR GOOD THINGS. BUT WE CANNOT, AND WE HAVE TOLD A LOT OF PEOPLE NO THIS YEAR, BASICALLY EVERYONE, BECAUSE WE DON'T DIRECTLY -- WE DON'T GRANT MONEY TO NONPROFITS. WE DESIGNATE SERVICES THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE AND THEN THERE'S COMPETITIVE PROCESS.

>> WHAT IS THE SERVICE THAT LINES FOR LIFE PROVIDES?

Chair Madrigal: THEY HAVE A SUICIDE HOTLINE THAT PROVIDE AS DIFFERENT SERVICE THAN OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE, WHICH IS SORT OF A CATCH-ALL THAT ANY -- ANYBODY -- ANY KIND OF MENTAL ILLNESS CAN CALL. THE SUICIDE LINE IS A SPECIFIC -- IT'S A SPECIFIC MODEL FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLING FROM A BRIDGE, OR HAVE -- ARE IN DANGER OF TAKING THEIR LIFE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION ON THAT. GIVEN THE COUNTY'S I GUESS I SHOULD SAY EXPANDING FINANCIALLY, OUT OF THE RECESSION, IS THERE A DESIRE LIKE LONG-TERM ASSUMING THIS IS A SECULAR TREND IN GROWTH AND EXPANSION, THAT THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER SERVICES VIA THE GRANT MODEL, OR IS THIS JUST A ONE-TIME TYPE OF THING?

Chair Madrigal: I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO DEVELOP A GRANT MODEL. I THINK THERE ARE MANY FOUNDATIONS WHO DO A WONDERFUL JOB WITH THAT. I THINK WE HAVE A DIFFERENT STANDARD TO UPHOLD FOR THE PUBLIC IN MAKING SURE THAT ANYBODY WHO IS RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS IS THE BEST PERSON, OR IS THE BEST ORGANIZATION TO DELIVER THOSE. AND SO I

BELIEVE THE SYSTEM WE HAVE SET UP NOW WHERE WE IDENTIFY THE NEED AND THE KIND OF SERVICE, AND MAYBE EVEN A SPECIFIC AS THE MODEL, THAT WE WANT SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE AND THEN ALLOWING PEOPLE TO COMPETE FOR THAT IS THE BEST.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I GUESS IT'S ON TO ME. I'M SKIPPING TO QUESTION EIGHT FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

>> THE COUNTY AND THE CITY HAVE MENTIONED WORK THEY'VE DONE TOGETHER TO REFINE THE SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES IN FISCAL '15 BUDGET. CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THAT'S REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET?

Chair Madrigal: YES. SO FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CITY. THE CITY HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PARTNER THIS YEAR, WHILE THE COUNTY HAS TRANSITIONED. AND WE FOCUSED -- THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOCUSED TOGETHER IN OUR DISCUSSIONS ON AREAS OF OVERLAP WHERE WE HAD BEEN JOINTLY FUNDING THINGS, OR WHERE WE HAD THE DANGER WAS -- THE FUNDING WAS IN DANGER OF GOING AWAY FOR THINGS WHERE WE HAD PARTNERED, OR -- SO YOU'LL REMEMBER LAST YEAR SENIOR CENTER WERE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK, SUN SCHOOL ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. SO WE FOCUSED ON THOSE AREAS FIRST AND LOOKED AT OTHER WAYS TO COME TOGETHER. SO THE BUDGET INCLUDES \$943,000 FOR THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF A PLAN TO PROVIDE PERMANENT FUNDING FOR 10 EXISTING AND 10 NEW SUN SCHOOLS. IT INCLUDES \$566,000 FOR SENIOR CENTER SERVICES, ONCE FUNDED BY THE CITY -- NOW IT'S ONGOING COUNTY FUNDS. IT INCLUDES \$600,000 TO FULLY FUND THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT CENTER, THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED WITH A 50/50 SPLIT OF COUNTY AND CITY FUNDS. AND IN EXCHANGE, THE CITY PICKED UP THE ENTIRE COST OF THE SOBERING STATION AT HOOVER DETOX. SO WE WERE BOTH FUNDING THEM AND TO MAKE IT CLEANER WE SAID WE'LL FUND ONE, YOU FUND THE OTHER. AND THEN IT ALSO INCLUDES THE BUDGET INCLUDES \$500,000 FOR THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNTY, CITY, AND HOME FORWARD TO FUND \$1.5 MILLION IN SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE, ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM RENT ASSISTANCE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY DO. SO THE TOTAL INCREASE IN SERVICES WAS \$2,609,000. OFFSET BY \$639 -- IN A REDUCTION FROM THE CITY FUNDING FOR SOBERING. AND THEN THE CITY'S ALSO PLANNING TO REIMBURSE US FOR -- WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN THIS THOROUGHLY, BUT WE PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE CITY'S SPECIFIED ANIMAL CODE, SO IT'S BASICALLY THE CODE THAT REGULATES LIVESTOCK IN THE CITY. SO CHICKENS -- WE'VE BEEN ENFORCING THE CODE WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT, SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE REIMBURSING US FOR THAT. AND ON THE CITY SIDE, JUST FOR

CONTEXT, WHILE WE DID INCREASE OUR SPENDING, SO DID THEY. AND IT WAS ABOUT AN EQUAL AMOUNT. SO THAT WAS THE NICE THING ABOUT THIS PLAN, IT WAS THAT WE WERE BOTH KIND OF INCHING OUT THERE TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THESE SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED.

>> EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. CAN YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM YOU'RE FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET?

Chair Madrigal: SO THIS BUDGET INVESTS \$1.4 MILLION OF GENERAL NEW FUND AND THREE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN OR AT RISK OF ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS COMBINATION OF PROGRAMS WILL PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE CLIENT SERVICE AND REDUCE COSTLY INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM WHILE LESSENING THE NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY INVOLVEMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS MANAGEMENT. FIRST THERE IS \$658,000 TO ADD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRIAGE SERVICES AT THE CRISIS ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT CENTER. A SECURE SHORT-TERM MEANT HEATHER EWELL TREATMENT PROGRAM. THIS WILL INCLUDE RAPID MEDICAL SCREENING AND PSYCHIATRIC ASSESSMENTS ON SITE FOR PEOPLE UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. INSTEAD OF HAVING TO BE ASSESSED SOMEWHERE ELSE FIRST, SUCH AS THE JAIL, OR AN EMERGENCY ROOM, THE RELEVANT INDIVIDUALS CAN BE TAKEN STRAIGHT FOR ASSESSMENT OR DIRECTLY ADMITTED IF NECESSARY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL REDUCE OVERALL COSTS TO THE SYSTEM, DIVERT FROM INAPPROPRIATE ADMISSIONS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, AND IN-PATIENT CARE, AND REDUCE BOOKINGS INTO THE JAIL. NEXT THERE IS \$285,000 TO CORRECTIONS HEALTH, WHICH WILL ALLOW 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH SUICIDE WATCH SUPPORT THROUGH A NEW 10:00 P.M. TO 9:00 A.M. SHIFT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS, AUTHORIZE SUICIDE WATCH RELEASE AND PREPARE HOSPITALIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COURT. THIS WILL REDUCE SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUICIDE WATCH AS WELL AS DELAYS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS AND TRANSFERS TO HOSPITALS THAT RESULT FROM THE CURRENT GAP IN MENTAL HEALTH STAFFING. FINALLY THERE'S ABOUT \$365,000 FOR 20 SPECIALIZED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS FOR OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO COMMIT LOW-LEVEL CRIMES. AND THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES NOT JUST HOUSING, BUT SERVICES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT, JOB TRAINING, AND OTHER SUPPORTS AFTER INCARCERATION, ALL OF WHICH IS CRITICAL TO REDUCING RECIDIVISM. THE BOARD HAS PROPOSED A BUDGET NOTE REQUIRING QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES OUTCOMES, SPENDING, AND BUDGET IMPACTS. INCLUDING THE USE OF OVERTIME BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME SPENT ON SUICIDE WATCH.

>> I'M GOING TO SKIP AHEAD TO NUMBER 12. SO IN 2013-14, YOU ESTIMATED THE COUNTY LOST LOOKS LIKE \$26.3 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

TO PORTLAND AREA URBAN RENEWAL AREAS. THE BUDGET MESSAGE REFLECTS A PROPOSAL PUT FORTH BY MAYOR HALES TO ELIMINATE OR SHRINK CERTAIN EXISTING URBAN RENEWAL AREAS WHILE EXPANDING TWO OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY. THE NET RESULT PROPOSAL IS SAYING TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$1.5 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUES. IS THIS IN ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET, AND DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIED USE FOR THOSE DOLLARS?

>> I'M NOT SURE WHICH ONE OF US IT IS, BUT IT IS -- IT'S NOT REFLECTED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET, BUT WE ARE CONSIDERING AN AMENDMENT TO ADD IT TO OUR REVENUE AS ONE-TIME-ONLY. WE'VE DISCUSSED WITH OUR ECONOMIST AND LOOKING AT THE CURVE OF FUNDS WE WOULD RECEIVE BASED ON THE CITY PROPOSAL OVER 20 YEARS, AND WE WILL -- IN THE INITIAL YEARS SEE AN INCREASE, THEN A DECREASE, THEN AN INCREASE AGAIN. SO WE FEEL THE PRUDENT THING TO DO IS CONSIDER IT FOR ONE-TIME-ONLY. BECAUSE IT'S TAX REVENUE, IT'S NOT -- AND IT'S NOT REVENUE FROM AN URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT, IT JUST GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND CAN BE SPENT ON ANYTHING.

>> KIND OF PIGGYBACKING ON THAT, DO YOU KNOW OUT OF THE SPECIFIC URBAN RENEWAL AREAS THAT ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT, SUNSETTING, OR SHRINKING, HOW MUCH LONGER THEIR PLAN CALLS FOR THEIR LIFE, OR ARE WE ALREADY APPROACHING THEIR TERMINATION?

Chair Madrigal: WELL, I WOULD HESITATE TO GIVE SPECIFICS, BUT THE PACKAGE IS A COMBINATION OF EXPANDING SOME URBAN RENEWAL AREAS, AND DECREASING OTHERS. MANY OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME AND WERE EXTENDED MULTIPLE TIMES. I THINK THEIR PROPOSAL SIGNIFICANTLY SHRINKS THE EDUCATION DISTRICT, THE NEW ONE THAT WAS PROPOSED, AND EXPANDS THE DISTRICT THAT WE'RE IN HERE. THE -- THE WATER -- CENTRAL EAST SIDE, THANK YOU,.

>> LET'S MOVE ON TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR A MOMENT. IT'S A PERENNIAL SUBJECT. HOW DOES THE BUDGET ADDRESS THE EFFORT TO REPLACE THE AGING COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE FUNDING IN TERMS OF TIME DEADLINES? THAT'S QUESTION NUMBER 13.

Chair Madrigal: I AM ANSWERING FOR LIESL, WHICH IS WHY I'M TALKING SO MUCH.

>> YOU'RE DOING VERY WELL.

Chair Madrigal: I'M NOT TRYING TO HOG THE MICROPHONE. THE 2015 COUNTY BUDGET INCLUDES COUNTY FUNDS TO DEVELOP SITE-SELECTION CRITERIA ASK WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING A SITE FOR THE NEW

COURTHOUSE, COMPLETE A BUSINESS ANALYSIS, AND PREPARE DRAFT PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS TO BID ON THE PROJECT. WITH REGARD TO THE STATE, NO, THERE ARE NO TIME DEADLINES ATTACHED TO THE STATE'S PORTION OF THE FUNDING FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE, KNOWN AT THIS TIME. AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND A JOINT PROJECT APPROVAL IGA BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE STATE ARE BEING CREATED THIS YEAR TO DEFINE THE OVERALL FINANCING STRATEGY MORE EXPLICITLY.

>> GOOD. EXCITING TO SEE IT'S STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. I HAD WANTED TO ASK ABOUT OVERTIME, BUT IN THE IMOF GOING OVERTIME, OR NOT GOING OVERTIME, I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO THE QUESTION 17. WE CAN COME BACK TO QUESTIONS IF WE HAVE TIME, BUT REGARDING THE JAIL BEDS THAT HAVE BEEN RENTED TO THE U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE, SO BUDGET MESSAGE -- MENTIONS THE RENTALS HAVE DROPPED FROM A BUDGETED LEVEL OF 95 PER DAY TO A LOW OF 35 RECENTLY, BUT THE BUDGET ANTICIPATES A 95-BED RENTAL AVERAGE. SO THERE'S ABOUT \$5 MILLION IN RENTAL REVENUE AT STAKE AS I UNDERSTAND IT. HOW DOES THE BUDGET TREAT THIS RATHER VULNERABLE REVENUE SOURCE?

Vice-Chair McKeel: THE BUDGET ASSUMES 95 BEDS PER DAY UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY VOTERS DON'T APPROVE A LOCAL OPTION LEVY ON MAY 20th, WHICH I BELIEVE THEY DID APPROVE TO OPERATE THEIR JAILS. AND THAT THE -- AND THAT WOULD HAVE CREATED U.S. MARSHAL SHIFTING SOME FOLKS FROM PRISONERS FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT I BELIEVE THERE'S PAST. SO IN EARLY APRIL THE U.S. MARSHAL STOPPED -- WELL, THIS IS REALLY JUST TALKING ABOUT COLUMBIA COUNTY, BUT WE'RE BUDGETED NOW AT -- IN THE BUDGET IS 95 BEDS.

>> BUDGETED 95, BUT THERE'S POSSIBLE EXPECTATION IT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER?

Chair Madrigal: THEY'RE CURRENTLY AT 125. AND SO WE'RE NOT SURE IF THAT WAS AN ANTICIPATION OF COLUMBIA COUNTY SHUTTING DOWN, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THE BOARD WILL DEFINITELY MONITOR.

>> GOT IT. OK. THANK YOU. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY QUESTIONS FOR A MOMENT OR TWO TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. DO WE HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY? I SEE SOMEONE -- COME ON UP IF YOU WOULD PLEASE. IDENTIFY YOURSELF BY YOUR NAME. THAT WILL BE SUFFICIENT. AND IF IT'S CORRECT STATE THAT YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THIS HEARING PERTAINS STRICTLY TO BUDGETS.

>> I UNDERSTAND THAT, SIR.

>> OK.

Mr. Lightning: I REPRESENT LIGHTNING COMPANY, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. ONE OF THE ISSUES I HAVE IS WHEN WE'RE TALKING THE SUICIDE WATCH DIVISION, IT'S BEEN STRESSED THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF OVERTIME BECAUSE OF SUICIDE WATCH. ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE BEING RELEASED, ARE WE SETTING UP A PLAN TO PUT THEM IN SOME FORM OF HOUSING? OR ARE WE JUST PUTTING THEM OUT ON THE STREETS? THE PROPER TREATMENT TO ME, THIS IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL AREA TO LOOK AT AS FAR AS ON IF SOMEBODY IS IN SUICIDE WATCH, THEY NEED TO ALSO GO INTO HOUSING WHEN THEY'RE RELEASED. PUTTING THEM OUT ON THE SIDEWALK IS NOT GOING TO DO THEM ANY GOOD FOR TREATMENT. IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE BUDGET AT THIS TIME? I HAVE PROPOSED TO THE CITY TO TAKE 2.5% OF THE 5% GOOGLE FRANCHISE FEE AND APPLY THAT TOWARD ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND DEVELOPING A PLAN TO GO IN THOSE TYPE OF DIRECTIONS. AGAIN, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT FROM SUICIDE WATCH, WHERE THEY BEING RELEASED, IS THERE A PLAN IF THEY'RE HOMELESS TO GET THEM INTO HOUSING. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WOULD YOU PLEASE SIGN THE SIGN-UP SHEET SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR NAME? DIRECTOR GIBBONS HAS THAT.

>> ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

>> I BELIEVE THERE'S NO FURTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY? IS THAT CORRECT? OK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. LET'S SEE. WE HAVE -- YES? EXCUSE ME. SO DO YOU, COMMISSIONERS, HAVE ANY OTHER QUICK QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THAT WE DID NOT INCLUDE?

>> I'M INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION ABOUT THE LIBRARY.

>> SURE. IS THAT -- WE'RE NEARING THE END -- QUESTION 18, WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT. I THOUGHT IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. SO COULD YOU TELL US HOW THAT TRANSITION IS WORKING? WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE LIBRARY BUDGET HEARING RIGHT AFTER THIS, SO YOU CAN ADDRESS THAT A LITTLE BIT, BUT THEN WE'LL HAVE THE FULLER BUDGET HEARING NEXT. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: YOU DO --

>> WHICHEVER ONE OF WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT.

Chair Madrigal: OVER THE LAST YEAR AN INTERNAL WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN LOOKING TO ASSESS THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE LIBRARY DISTRICT. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT WERE THAT IT IS FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT. AND IT IS. AND WHAT THE VOTERS DID WAS ESSENTIALLY CREATE A SHELL WHERE THAT FUNDING GOES INTO. AND THERE IS AN IGA BETWEEN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE LIBRARY SERVICES. SO AT THIS TIME ALL THE EMPLOYEES, EVERYTHING IS STILL ON THE COUNTY'S SIDE, AND THE COUNTY SHELF. AND IT IS SURPRISINGLY COMPLEX QUESTION ABOUT HOW YOU PULL THOSE THINGS APART AND WHETHER THAT MAKES FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SENSE TO DO, WHETHER IT WOULD INCREASE COSTS. SO THE PROS AND CONS. SO THIS GROUP HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THAT. WE INITIALLY PULLED OUT LOOKING AT ASSETS, THINKING THAT THAT WAS SORT OF A CONCRETE BITE OF THE APPLE WE COULD DO. AND HAVE STUDIED IT OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES WITH IT, SO WE SORT OF DECIDED TO TAKE A PAUSE, PULL BACK, AND DO A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH. WE'LL PROBABLY STILL SEQUENCE OUT THE AREAS TO LOOK AT STARTING WITH ASSETS, BECAUSE WE'VE DONE SOME WORK THERE. BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE TIME AND THERE ISN'T A FISCAL CRISIS WITH THE LIBRARY, IT'S BEING RUN VERY WELL, WE'VE RESTORED HOURS, WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE IF WE ARE PULLING THINGS INTO THE LIBRARY, THAT WE ARE DOING IT INTENTIONALLY AND THOUGHTFULLY.

>> WELL GOOD. I SUPPOSE ONE OF THE BEST HALLMARKS OF THAT IS I READ NOTHING IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT IT.

Chair Madrigal: EXCEPT GOOD STUFF AND PICTURES OF CUTE CHILDREN.

>> YES. YES. ANY OTHER --

>> I HAVE ONE MORE I WANTED TO ASK. THIS IS QUESTION 11 OUT OF THE QUESTIONS WE GAVE YOU. THE COUNTY BEGAN RECEIVING FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT TO HELP AT-RISK YOUTH STAY AT HOME OR IN FOSTER CARE WHILE THEY'RE ON PROBATION. TO RECEIVE THIS FUNDING THE COUNTY HAD TO GO THROUGH A QUALIFICATION PROCESS. IF POSSIBLE CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THAT PROCESS WAS LIKE, AND WHAT YOU HAD TO DO IN ORDER TO -- WHAT CHANGES YOU HAD TO MAKE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY?

Chair Madrigal: SO THE PROCESS OF THIS APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE TITLE 4E CLAIMING PROGRAM REQUIRED THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP CLAIMING COME OPPONENT ACCIDENTS PROCEDURES TO BECOME THE FIRST JEREMIAH JUSTICE PROGRAM IN OREGON AS WELL AS IN REGION 10. THE PROCESS INCLUDED THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS, MULTNOMAH TRIAL YOUTH -- MULTNOMAH

TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, DCJ MANAGERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM SEVERAL WORK UNITS, YOUTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE, OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'SH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AS THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TITLE 4E AGENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AT THE STATE WORKED WITH REGION 10 TO OBTAIN APPROVAL TO AMEND THE STATE'S FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION PLAN TO ALLOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A JUVENILE JUSTICE CLAIMING PROGRAM IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. DCHS -- DHS AND DCJ WORKED TO DEVELOP TOOLS AND PROCEDURES AS WELL AS INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT CLAIMING BY DCJ'S JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION AND DHS'S STATEWIDE AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM. I APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE ACRONYMS. DHS AND DCJ WORKED TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT REQUIRED BEFORE CLAIM COULD BEGIN. AND THE AGREEMENT WAS FULLY EXECUTED ON DECEMBER 31st, 2013. ADDITIONALLY, TO CLAIM TITLE 4E, JUVENILE COURT ORDERS AND DELINQUENCY CASES MUST CONTAIN SPECIAL FINDINGS AND MUST ADHERE TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. DCJ WORKED WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO MODIFY ITS COURT ORDERS TO ADHERE TO THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS. AND IMPLEMENTED THOSE CHANGES IN JANUARY 2013. EMPLOYEE AND MANAGERS OF DCJ WORKED TO INSTITUTE A MYRIAD OF CHANGES IN BUSINESS PRACTICES IN ORDER TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE REGULATIONS. THESE INCLUDED INCORPORATING NEW COURT ORDER FORMS, CHANGING THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF JSD CASE PLANS AND CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE TRAINING FOR STAFF AND MANAGEMENT ON WEB-BASED CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. WHILE THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE NEW CLAIMING PROGRAM WAS INTENSE, IT WAS WELL WORTH THE EFFORT. AS THE TITLE E REIM-- TITLE 4 IMBERES, THE ARE GOING TO FUND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUTHS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THEM FROM FURTHER PENETRATING THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM.

>> THANK YOU. WELL THANK YOU. WE WERE ABLE TO ASK ABOUT HALF OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAD PREPARED, BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU HAD RESPONSES PREPARED IN WRITING, SO WE HAVE THOSE. I ALSO WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT YOU'VE PROBABLY HAD STAFF PEOPLE HERE WHO WERE PREPARED TO HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR BEING HERE, BUT WE'RE GOING TO CONCLUDE OUR QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT. AS JUST A MATTER OF PROTOCOL, I NEED TO GAVEL THE HEARING CLOSED FOR JUST A MOMENT. BUT PLEASE STICK AROUND. DON'T GO AWAY. SO THE HEARING IS CLOSED, AND I NEED TO OPEN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TSCC. SO FIRST IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET? AND THEN SECONDLY, DOES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAVE ANY COMMENTS? NO DISCUSSION?

>> WE HAVE REVIEWED THE BUDGET EXTENSIVELY AND WE HAVE ONE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EXPENDITURES IN THE PHYSICAL YEAR 2013 THAT EXCEEDED APPROPRIATIONS. THIS WAS IN THE GENERAL FUND, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THEY EXCEEDED APPROPRIATIONS WAS \$508, AND THAT WILL BE A RECOMMENDATION THEY NOT EXCEED APPROPRIATIONS IN FUTURE BUDGETS.

>> OK. THANK YOU. WELL, AGAINST THE OVERALL SIZE OF THE COUNTY BUDGET, THAT'S A SMALL AMOUNT, TECHNICALLY A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO WITH THAT, THEN, I NEED TO ASK FOR A VOTE IN CERTIFYING WHETHER THE COMMISSION HAS ANY OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE 2013-14 BUDGET. MOVE TO CERTIFY AS WRITTEN. VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A SECOND. IT'S BEEN MOVED TO CERTIFY, AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, WE WILL TAKE YOUR VOTE. I TAKE IT SINCE THERE ARE TWO OUT OF THREE OF US THAT MADE THE MOTION THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. SO THAT CONCLUDES THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TSCC, AND OF THE HEARING. AND CHAIR MADRIGAL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND THOROUGH ANSWERS THIS MORNING AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE RESUMPTION OF YOUR CAREER.

Chair Madrigal: YOU'RE WELCOME. IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE. [GAVEL POUNDED]

>> WE'LL START THE LIBRARY HEARING, BUT WE CANNOT START IT ANY SOONER THAN THE APPOINTED TIME, SO WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES. [RECESS]

FY 2015 MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET

>> LET'S BEGIN THE LIBRARY HEARING IF WE MAY. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING 2013 APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT. I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE REST OF THE COMMENTS, BECAUSE I READ THEM TO YOU EARLIER AND THEY CAN BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE, HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND THEN THE STAFF TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. AND THEN TO STATE IF THEY HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. MY NAME IS TERRY MCCALL, I'M THE CHAIR, AND NO CONFLICT.

>> GULGUN MERSEREAU, NO CONFLICT.

>> BRENDAN WATKINS, NO CONFLICT.

>> CRAIG GIBBONS, STAFF.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> I HAVE TO CONGRATULATE CRAIG, I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF HIS SECOND YEAR AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TSCC. HE'S PAST PROBATION. HE'S STILL HERE. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM IF ANYONE HAS ANY COMMENTS TO MAKE LATER DURING THE HEARING. THIS HEARING NEEDS TO CONCLUDE BY 10:15 IF WE CAN. SO WE'LL TRY TO KEEP REMARKS AND QUESTIONS AS BRIEF AS WE CAN. HELLO AGAIN, CHAIR MADRIGAL, DO YOU HAVE ANY OPENING COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS?

Chair Madrigal: YES. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO BRING BEFORE YOU THE SECOND BUDGET FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT. AS YOU KNOW THE DISTRICT TOOK EFFECT ON JULY 1st, 2013, AND HOURS AND SERVICE WERE RESTORED AS OF THAT DATE. THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET CONTINUES THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 TAX RATE OF \$1.18 RATHER THAN THE FULL RATE OF \$1.24. THE TAX DISTRICT -- THE DISTRICT TAX IS EXPECTED TO BRING IN \$66.9 MILLION NEXT YEAR, COMBINED WITH OTHER REVENUES SUCH AS FINES, FEES, AND GRANTS. THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL REVENUES ARE PROJECTED TO BE 69.4 MILLION. OF THAT AMOUNT, 67.9 MILLION IS BUDGETED FOR TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY FUND, LEAVING 1.5 MILLION IN CONTINGENCY. THIS WILL BEGIN TO CREATE A RESERVE WITHIN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT FUND. THE LIBRARY DISTRICT'S PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS THE LEVEL OF HOURS AND SERVICES RESTORED IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

>> COMMISSIONER MESEREAU AND I WERE VISITING A FEW DAYS AGO AND WE'D LIKE FINES TO BE REFERRED TO AS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Chair Madrigal: WE HAD THAT DISCUSSION YESTERDAY.

>> WE DO CONTRIBUTE FROM TIME TO TIME. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE 40 PAGES LEFT IN THAT BOOK?

>> EXACTLY.

>> ANYWAY. ASSISTS SO LET'S GO INTO THE QUESTIONS. I THINK WE'LL TRY TO DO ABBREVIATED ONES. COMMISSIONER?

>> I'M GOING TO START WITH THE QUESTION ONE OF WHAT WE PREPARED FOR YOU. YOU MENTIONED ALREADY, YOU GUYS ARE UNDER LEVYING YOUR ALLOTTED RATE. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT WILL BE SUSTAINABLE?

Chair Madrigal: THE ORIGINAL LIBRARY DISTRICT FINANCIAL MODELING ASSUMED 1.18 FOR FIVE YEARS, OR THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2018. BASED ON OUR CURRENT MODELING PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THIS WEEK, THE DISTRICT IS ON TRACK TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THE RATE FLAT AS PLANNED. IN FACT THERE'S A REASONABLE CHANCE WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THE RATE

FLAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEYOND 2018. DUE TO LOWER COSTS. THAT IS STILL FAR ENOUGH INTO THE FUTURE THAT CONTINUES COULD CHANGE. BUT IT IS CURRENTLY OUR INTENT TO AVOID INCREASING THE RATE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE FLEXIBILITY.

>> THANK YOU. MOVING ON, LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE EXPECTING HIGHER PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY 2.8 MILLION THIS YEAR. WE ASSUME THIS MEANS THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BEING RECEIVED AS EXPECTED. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX YOU RECEIVED IN THIS LAST -- WHAT YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR?

Chair Madrigal: YES. THE LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGETED 62.6 MILLION OF CURRENT YEAR TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014. AND OUR CURRENT ESTIMATES PROJECT ACTUAL COLLECTIONS BEING 62.6 MILLION. IN PRECISE TERMS WE EXPECT TO COLLECT \$71,000 OR ONE-TENTH PERCENT MORE THAN BUDGETED. OUR ECONOMIST --

>> NAIL ON THE HEAD.

Chair Madrigal: WE ALSO DON'T EXPECT OUR ESTIMATES TO BE THIS ACCURATE AGAIN. [LAUGHTER] FOR REFERENCE IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, WE'VE ASSUMED A CONTINUED DROP IN COMPRESSION AND INCREASED A.V. GROWTH, SO IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE WE'VE BEEN TOO AGGRESSIVE IN OUR FISCAL YEAR '15 FORECAST. THE LIBRARY DISTRICT HAS NOT ASSUMED ANY INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA MODIFICATION, SO THIS COULD PROVIDE A BUFFER IF OUR FORECAST PROVES TOO AGGRESSIVE.

>> EXCELLENT. IN INTEREST OF TIME --

>> WE CAN COME BACK IF WE HAVE TIME.

>> TWO AREAS I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN. THE FIRST IS YOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF PARTNERSHIPS HAVE YOU AND SPECIFICALLY THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY FOOD PROGRAM?

Vice-Chair McKeel: YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I COULD TALK ABOUT THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY ALL DAY. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS RESULT IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT LEVERAGE THE UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND RESOURCES OF EACH ORGANIZATION. AND HELP BROADEN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. PARTNERSHIPS INCREASE AND ENHANCE THE LIBRARY'S VISIBILITY AND ESTABLISH GOODWILL BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR USERS. PARTNERSHIPS MAKE PROGRAMS LIKE EVERYBODY READS POSSIBLE, WHICH

IS MY FAVORITE, BY THE WAY, LIBRARY PARTNERS INCLUDE OREGON HUMANITIES, PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DELTA SOCIETY, OASIS, PORTLAND OPERA, OREGON SIMILAR FOND AND I MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES. THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY HAS TWO GREAT EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIPS THAT ADDRESS NEEDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE SUMMER FOODS SERVICE PROGRAM BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTNERS FOR A HUNGER-FREE OREGON AND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S CATERING FOR A CAUSE. PARTNERS FOR A HUNGER-FREE OREGON SEEKS OUT A NEW MEAL SITE AND PROVIDES THE GATEWAY TO CONNECTING WITH FOOD PROVIDERS. CATERING FOR A CAUSE HELPS DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE LEARN CULINARY SKILLS AND ALL PROFITS FUND OTHER VOLUNTEER OF AMERICA SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS. THE PARTNERSHIP RESULTED IN 2,125 FREE HOT LUNCHES BEING SERVED TO CHILDREN IN THE ROCKWOOD COMMUNITY LAST SUMMER. AND I JUST HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STAFF AT THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY. THEY NOTICED THAT THERE WERE CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY ALL DAY LONG THROUGH THE SUMMER, BUT THEY HAD NOTHING TO EAT. SO THEY WERE THE ONES THAT RECOGNIZED THAT AND CAME TO PUT THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER. SO I REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE STAFF FOR THEIR CARING AND SEEING AN ISSUE AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT IS A RESULT OF A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP AT THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY IS OFFERING ESL CLASSES. OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE LIBRARY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH TWO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, MOUNTED COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS TO PROVIDE WELL-ATTENDED AND ENERGETIC ESL CLASSES FOR THE PREDOMINANTLY IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORHOOD IN ROCKWOOD. THESE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE TRAINED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH THE ESL CLASSES WHILE THE LIBRARY PROVIDES AN IDEAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND THE ABILITY TO CONNECT PATRONS WITH THIS HIGHLY REQUESTED SERVICE. SEVERAL FORMER ESL STUDENTS HAVE BECOME LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS.

>> MY NEXT QUESTION IS ABOUT THE ALLEN FOUNDATION GRANT. I UNDERSTAND THE GOAL IS TO HELP PATRONS FIND THEIR NEXT GREAT READ. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT PROGRAM AND WHAT YOU'RE USING THE FUNDS FOR?

Commissioner Smith: YES, THANK YOU. I'M THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT TWO, MY NAME IS LORETTA SMITH. I'LL TELL ABOUT YOU THIS PROJECT, IT ENGAGES A PERSONALIZED APPROACH TO READERS ADVISORY. MY LIBRARIAN CREATES PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH READERS IN A VIRTUAL SPACE. ACTIVITIES HAVE INCLUDED FOCUS GROUP RESEARCH WITH READERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY. AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW WAYS OF DELIVERING READERS ADVISORY. THE LIBRARY WILL BE DOING ADDITIONAL PROMOTION OF THIS SERVICE, TESTING THE USABILITY OF THE MY LIFE BRING AND WEBSITE, EVALUATING USERS EXPERIENCED WITH THE SERVICE AND SHARING THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT

WITH LIBRARIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE PROJECT MAY INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF VIRTUAL SERVICES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY, AND OTHER PUBLIC LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> IN JANUARY OF 2014 YOU BEGAN A NEW ONLINE SERVICE THROUGH HOOPLA, WHERE PATRONS CAN BORROW DIGITAL MUSIC AND VIDEOS ONLINE. I NEED TO REMIND MYSELF TO DO THAT. SO THEY DOCK THAT WITHOUT A TRIP TO THE LIBRARY. WOULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THOSE AND THE OTHER DIGITAL OFFERINGS THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY?

>> Commissioner Smith: CERTAINLY. AS PATRON DEMAND FOR DIGITAL CONTENT INCREASES, THE LIBRARY HAS RESPONDED BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TYPES OF VIRTUAL RESOURCES OFFERED. CURRENTLY ABOUT 215,000 DIGITAL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE TO PATRONS THROUGH VARIOUS VENDORS. ELECTRONIC BOOKS ARE PROVIDED THROUGH OVERDRIVE 3M EBL, TUMBLE BOOKS AND BOOK FLICKS. TUMBLE BOOK AND BOOK FLICKS ARE PLATFORMS FOR CHILDREN. THE BOOKS ARE INTERACTIVE AND THEY HAVE OPTIONS FOR VIDEO, AND READALONGS, EBL OFFERS ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MATERIALS. 3M AND OVERDRIVE ARE THE TARGET PLATFORMS AND COLLECTIONS ARE GEARED TOWARD BEST-SELLERS AND FICTION OF ALL GENRES. THESE TWO PLATFORMS ALSO PROVIDE DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO BOOKS. HOOPLA IS A MULTIMEDIA PLATFORM THAT OFFERS STREAMING ACCESS TO MUSIC, MOVIES, TELEVISION PROGRAMS, AND AUDIO BOOKS.

>> VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. SO HOW DO THOSE COSTS COMPARE TO THE TRADITIONAL HARD COPIES WE USED TO BE USED TO AND ALL WE HAD AVAILABLE FOR US?

Commissioner Smith: THE COST FOR ELECTRONIC CONTENT ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE VENDOR. THE PRICING MODEL AND CONTENT TYPE. FOR LIBRARY PURCHASES OF E-BOOKS THE COST OF ELECTRONIC TITLES IS HIGHER THAN THE COST OF PHYSICAL BOOKS. HOWEVER, LIBRARIES ARE CHARGED UP TO \$85 FOR AN E-BOOK THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER MAY PURCHASE FOR \$15. WHEREAS THE PRICE OF PHYSICAL BOOKS IS USED TO BE DISCOUNTED, E-BOOK PRICING IS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND THE PUBLISHER. AND SOME VENDORS ALSO CHARGE AN ANNUAL PLATFORM FEE. THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ONGOING IN TERMS OF HOW TO MITIGATE THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO REACH A MORE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR PUBLISHERS IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING LANDSCAPE, THE LIBRARY'S GOAL IS TO CONTINUE TO USE PUBLIC RESOURCES AS WISELY AS POSSIBLE IN PROVIDING PATRONS WHAT THEY WANT AND EXPECT FROM THEIR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

>> THAT'S INTERESTING. HOW THOSE COSTS WORK. A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T REALIZE THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS I REALLY LIKE ABOUT DIGITAL BOOKS, THEY DON'T HAVE COFFEE STAINS ON THEM. [LAUGHTER] SO COMMISSIONER WATKINS, I THINK YOU MAYBE DIDN'T ASK A QUESTION OR TWO.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO JUMP BACK TO QUESTION THREE. SO THE BUDGET INCLUDES A REDUCTION OF THREE FTE. BUT IT'S NOTED THERE'S ADDITIONAL 4.75 FTE THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY REVENUES FROM THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION. THESE FTE HOWEVER WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. ARE YOU UNSURE WHETHER THE FUNDING WILL BE RECEIVED, OR WILL THESE EMPLOYEES -- I GUESS WILL THE FUNCTION AS THE EMPLOYEES OF THE FOUNDATION?

Vice-Chair McKeel: EACH YEAR THE LIBRARY ADDS A FOUNDATION FUNDING INCLUDING ANY FUNDED POSITIONS. THROUGH A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN MAY. THIS GIVES THE FOUNDATION MORE TIME TO DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABLE FUNDING, AND IT GIVES THE LIBRARY THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE ENHANCEMENTS THAT THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT PROVIDES, RATHER THAN INCLUDING IT EACH YEAR IN THE LIBRARY'S ORIGINAL BUDGET REQUEST. THE FY-2015 REVENUE AMENDMENT FOR FOUNDATION FUNDING WILL INCLUDE 3.83 FTE PLUS ONE LIMITED DURATION POSITION FOR A TOTAL OF 4.83 FOUNDATION FUNDED FTE. THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD DURING THEIR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. THE OVERALL REDUCTION OF THREE FTE REFLECTS THE NET RESULT OF NOT INCLUDING THE FOUNDATION POSITIONS AS COMPARED TO THE 2014 ADOPTED BUDGET FTE WHICH DID INCLUDE THESE POSITIONS. AS WELL AS SOME OTHER FTE ADDITION AND DELETIONS. THERE WERE NO LAYOFFS NECESSARY.

>> DO YOU HAVE ANY FOLLOW-UPS, COMMISSIONER MESEREAU?

>> THERE WAS RECENT NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT THE LIBRARY'S REQUEST TO HIRE A SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGER. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT PERSON'S ROLE WOULD BE AND ALSO WHETHER THE SALARY FOR THAT ROLE IS INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET?

>> THE POSITION AND THE SALARY WILL BE ADDED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET WITH A STAFFING AMENDMENT. THE CREATION OF A LIBRARY SAFETY AND SECURITY MANAGER REFLECTS THE NEED FOUND IN MOST LARGE URBAN LIBRARIES TO HAVE A POSITION DEDICATED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY EFFORTS. AND THESE DUTIES INCLUDE OVERSIGHT OF PHYSICAL, PERSONAL, AND MATERIALS SECURITY, PROVIDING STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND COORDINATION OF THE SECURITY PROGRAM, MAKING SECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND INVESTIGATING SECURITY INCIDENTS, ANALYZING SECURITY PROGRAMS AND MAKING

RECOMMENDATIONS. -- IDENTIFYING NEW PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS THAT PROTECT AGAINST INTRUSION AND OTHER SECURITY BREACHES, WHICH IS SOMETHING WE'RE TRYING TO DO ACROSS THE COUNTY, ALL GOVERNMENTS, OVERSEE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEMWIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. ADVISE STAFF ON RULES ENFORCEMENT AND THE EXCLUSION PROCESS, AND PLAN AND PRESENT SECURITY TRAININGS AND THE EXCLUSION PROCESS IS SOMETHING THAT WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY BECAUSE WE HAVE PUBLIC BUILDING AND WANT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ACCESS, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT'S THE PLACE TO GO AND EVERYBODY CAN ENJOY THE PUBLIC SPACE. SO THERE'S A VERY DIFFICULT BALANCE THERE. THIS PERSON WOULD ALSO TROUBLE-SHOOT SECURITY RELATED PATRON COMPLAINTS AND CONDUCT INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS IF NEEDED. WORK WITH THE LIBRARY'S EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM, MANAGERS AND STAFF TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY AND SAFETY PROGRAMS. SERVE AS THE LIBRARY LIAISON ASW LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP WAS KEY COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS, SERVE ON SAFETY COMMITTEES AND AS ACT LIAISON TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT SECTIONS TO ENSURE BUILDINGS ARE SAFE FOR STAFF AND PATRONS. AND AGAIN, SERVING AS THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE FOR EXCLUSION APPEALS AND RESPOND TO APPEALS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I'D LIKE TO ASK ONE MORE QUESTION REGARDING THE QUESTION SEVEN. IT'S A TRIVIA QUESTION, BUT I KNOW THE ANSWER ITSELF IS NOT TRIVIAL. HOW -- TELL US ABOUT THE DIGITAL OFFERING NUMBERS DURING A YEAR COMPARED TO CHECK-OUTS OF HARD COPY BOOKS? I THINK IT'S PROBABLY A RATHER INTERESTING SET OF NUMBERS.

Commissioner Smith: THE NUMBER OF DIGITAL CHECKOUTS ARE GROWING. LAST YEAR DIGITAL CHECKOUTS ACCOUNTED FOR 5.5% OF TOTAL CHECKOUTS. THE LIBRARY EXPECTS THAT NUMBER TO GROW TO 10% THIS YEAR, WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT 1 MILLION CHECKOUTS.

>> THE 10% WOULD BE 1 MILLION. THAT TELLS ME YOU'RE HAVING ABOUT 10 MILLION OR SO CHECKOUTS.

Commissioner Smith: EXACTLY.

>> IS THAT STILL NUMBER ONE OR TWO IN THE NATION?

Commissioner Smith: EVERYTHING THAT I UNDERSTAND IS -- NUMBER TWO NEXT TO MANHATTAN.

>> TO MANY OF US, MANHATTAN IS NEW YORK. COMMISSIONER WATKINS THOUGHT IT WAS A DRINK. [LAUGHTER] THAT'S AN INTERESTING NUMBER. DID YOU HAVE MORE TO ADD?

>> THAT WAS IT. THAT WAS THE COMPLETE ANSWER. YOU WILL WIN THE TRIVIA IF YOU SAY 1 MILLION, 10%.

>> AND IT IS NOT TRIVIAL, IS IT?

Commissioner Smith: NOT AT ALL.

>> THOSE ARE HUGE NUMBERS. IT'S ALWAYS A SOURCE OF PRIDE. SO PEOPLE ARE USING THE LIBRARY HERE COMPARED WITH SO MANY OTHER PLACES. IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT A PER CAPITA BASIS IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER, BUT IT ISN'T. THAT SPEAKS WELL TO OUR PUBLIC. I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTIONS. WE DO HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. CHARLES JOHNSON, PLEASE. AND IF YOU COULD LIMIT YOUR TIME TO TWO MINUTES, I'D APPRECIATE THAT. THIS IS A TIME TO MAKE A COMMENT. WE PROBABLY WILL NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONS, BUT THE COMMISSIONERLESS TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT.

Mr. Johnson: FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON, I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THIS WIDE RANGING AND FAIRLY THOROUGH DISCUSSION FOR THE TIME THAT'S LIMITED. WITH THE MENTION OF THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY, WE HAVE TO IN OUR PROCESS CONSIDER THE BROADER SITUATION THAT TO SOME EXTENT THE LIBRARY OPERATES PERHAPS THE ONLY POVERTY RELIEF SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE SECURITY AND SAFETY MANAGER, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY -- PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL LIBRARY, BUT SOMETIMES THE LIBRARY IS A PLACE OF REFUGE. IF PEOPLE ARE MISBEHAVING IN THE LIBRARY, IT'S MOST EASY TO TRANSITION THEM OUT OF THE LIBRARY IF WE CAN IDENTIFY OTHER SAFE AND DRY SPACES FOR THEM TO GO. ONE ISSUE THAT WAS ON THE COUNTY'S AGENDA WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS WAS THE SPACE PROBLEM THE ADMINISTRATION HAS. AND WHILE I UNDERSTAND PORTLAND MAY BE AN EXCEPTIONALLY COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING REAL ESTATE MARKET, WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT THE FACT THAT WITH THE LIBRARY NEWLY FUNDED BY A PUBLIC OPTION, FOUND THE BEST WAY TO GET SPACE WAS TO RENT FROM ONE OF THE LARGER LANDLORDS, AMERICAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE LIBRARY BOARD AND THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO DO THAT WHEN NECESSARY, BUT ALWAYS LOOK FOR BETTER USE OF ALREADY OWNED SPACE, EVEN IF IT MEANS MAYBE HAVING PEOPLE WORK FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION INSTEAD OF HAVING THE CONVENIENCE OF GOING TO THE OFFICE THEY'VE ALWAYS KNOWN. AND ONE THING I NOTICED THAT I THINK MAYBE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICE DOES BETTER IS HELP PEOPLE WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION WHERE WE DEAL WITH THE TRUTH

THAT FINES OR CONTRIBUTIONS, ARE REGRESSIVE, AND THAT FAMILIES THAT ARE ON ASSISTANCE OR HAVE LOWER WAGE JOBS FIND -- COMING UP WITH THOSE F. THEY MAKE ANA MISTAKE AND INCUR FINES, THAT'S MORE CHALLENGING. AND I KNOW THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SYSTEM PARTNERS WITH FOOD BANKS TO MAKE UP SPECIAL OPTIONS FOR THOSE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. COMPLIMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AND TO THE COMMISSION. IT CAN BE COMPLEX IN TERMS OF WHO YOU REALLY ARE DURING THESE HEARINGS. COMPLIMENTS --

>> THE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD.

>> EXACTLY RIGHT. THANK YOU. SO I'M GOING TO, AS WE DID WITH THE PRIOR HEARING, GAVEL THE HEARING CLOSED AND OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TSCC. SO COMMISSIONERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? DIRECTOR GIBBON, DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS?

>> WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATIONS AND NO OBJECTIONS TO THE BUDGET BASED ON OUR STAFF REVIEW.

>> EXCELLENT. EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. SO I'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CERTIFY WHETHER THE COMMISSION HAS ANY OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE --

>> I MOVE TO CERTIFY.

>> SECOND.

>> MOVED AND SECONDED TO CERTIFY. THOSE IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? CARRIES. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE CLOSED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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