

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 6, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Lori Stegmann present. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused.

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

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Notice of Intent for Application to CRCC for a Grant to Support the CROPS Farm.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. WE WILL NOW RECESS AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT.

C.2 *Acting as the Library District:* NOI for Library to Apply for \$9,500 from NNLM PNR for Piloting a Health Information Kiosk

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE LIBRARY DISTRICT'S CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. NOW WE WILL ADJOURN AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Mr. Pissedoff: I AM INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. THAT'S MY REAL NAME. AND THE SUBJECT IS FAKE NEWS. THIS, I THINK, NUMBER FIVE OR SIX, I LOST COUNT,

AND LAST MARCH 16, OR THIS MARCH 16, I AM JUST SAYING THAT I ATTENDED A MEETING HERE. I HAD SAID THAT I MET PAUL MYERS. HE'S A POLICE OFFICER THAT'S IN A WHEELCHAIR NOW FROM HIS ACCIDENT WHERE A TREE FELL ON HIM, AND I HAVE A SAYING THAT I GOT ON AN ELEVATOR AND ASKED HIM HOW LONG AGO THAT HE'D BEEN INJURED. AND HE SAID 4.5 YEARS. WELL, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT, OR TO ASK HIM IF HE REALIZED THAT THERE WAS 45,000 PEOPLE IN ADDITION TO HIM SINCE THAT 4.5 YEARS THAT HE WAS INJURED.

Mr. Pissedoff: THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, 45,000 PEOPLE, AND THE NEXT 4.5 YEARS, IT WILL BE ANOTHER 45,000 PEOPLE FROM SPINAL CORD INJURIES. I AM JUST SAYING THAT ALONE. JUST THE SPINAL CORD INJURIES. NOT FROM ANYTHING ELSE LIKE LEG AMPUTATIONS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. OR INFECTION OR DISEASE OR DIABETES. THERE IS OTHER REASONS WHY PEOPLE ARE IN WHEELCHAIRS. BUT I WAS JUST WANTING TO RELATE THAT. ANOTHER THING IS THAT I AM A PROCRASTINATOR. I WAITED SOME SIX YEARS PLUS SINCE MY INJURIES OF NOVEMBER 10 OF 2015, AND TO PROVE THAT I WAS TAKEN TO OHSU THE DAY OF MY INJURIES, AND AFTER FOUR HOURS THEY CAME INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, AND I WAS ON A STRETCHER, AND THEY SAID WELL WE'RE GOING TO DISCHARGE YOU WITH A PAIR OF CRUTCHES, AND I TOLD THEM I AM NOT EVEN MOVE, AND THAT'S WHEN THEY DECIDED TO TAKE MORE X-RAYS AND, THEY FOUND OUT THAT I HAD A BROKEN HIP AND THEY DID NOT FIND OUT UNTIL THREE OR FOUR DAYS LATER THAT I ALSO SUSTAINED TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD FRACTURING THE T12 AND L1. WELL, I DIDN'T FIND OUT UNTIL MY SPINAL CORD INJURIES. I WAS ALWAYS THROWING UP WHEN THEY WERE STANDING ME UP FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND THAT IS NOT QUITE THE TREATMENT THAT A SPINAL CORD INJURY SHOULD RECEIVE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR IS FOR OHSU OR WHO THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATOR IS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG. ONE OF THE THINGS I STRESSED BEFORE AND AM HOPING WILL GET SOME POLITICIANS IN HERE TO WANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS IS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND AT LEAST LOOKED AT, POSSIBLY STRUCTURED AND PUT TOGETHER AND TRIED TO GO AROUND THE RANGE OF 150 MILLION AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BEFORE I USED TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN, AND I USED TO SAY TO HIM, I WOULD SAY WHY DON'T YOU DO IT? YOU HAVE NOT DONE IT IN THE LAST 10, 20 YEARS. WHY DON'T YOU DO AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND? WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT, FLOAT IT OUT THERE WITH GOOD IDEAS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS AND YOU EITHER GET YES OR NO AND PUSH FORWARD ON IT. AND WHETHER I HAD ANY INFLUENCE ON HIM OR NOT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO ME. IT'S BEEN DONE. IT'S GOING TO BE VERY

EFFECTIVE, AND IT WILL CREATE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Mr. Lightning: NOW THE POSITION THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY NEEDS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND AND LOOK AT THIS IS THAT THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND OF THE 250 PLUS MILLION AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS, ACTUALLY, REAL ESTATE ASSETS FOR THE CITY ITSELF. I REALLY LIKE THAT IS BEING PROPOSED. IT DOES NOT GO TO NONPROFITS, SO THEY ARE NOT SITTING THERE WAITING FOR IT. IN FACT, IT WAS INTERESTING. THEY HAD SOME MEETINGS ON THIS BOND, AND THE WHOLE ROOM WAS EMPTY BECAUSE IF THEY ARE NOT FUNDING A NONPROFIT THEY DID NOT SEEM TO WANT TO SHOW UP FOR THAT MEETING. AND WHAT I AM SAYING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A REAL ESTATE ASSET FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SO IT GOES ON YOUR PAPER AND YOU PROVIDED PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND CREATE JOBS AT EACH DEVELOPMENT THAT YOU DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD ON AND BUILD PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

YOU ARE HITTING ALL THE AREAS THAT YOU TALK ABOUT, BUT YOU DON'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RESISTANCE IS NOT HAVING THE MONEY TO DO IT. YOUR RESISTANCE IS NOT TAKING SOME CHANCES LIKE THE CITY OF PORTLAND DID, AND I WILL GIVE THIS CREDIT TO COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN FOR DOING IT, GETTING OUT OF HIS CHAIR AND GETTING IT DONE. THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HERE. IN 150 MILLION TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD DO SUCH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT NEED HOUSING, SO WHY NOT LOOK AT IT, WHY NOT PUT IT TOGETHER. WHY NOT FORWARD IT OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND GET A YES OR NO, AND AT LEAST MAKE THE EFFORT AND DON'T BE PAID BY THE PUBLIC TO DO NOTHING BUT TALK ALL DAY LONG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OH, I AM NOT DONE YET. ON THE ABANDONED BOATS. I AM GOING TO BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSE ON HOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL HANDLES THIS OUT ON THE RIVER, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE SOLUTIONS BEFORE YOU START HOOKING UP THEIR BOATS AND TAKING THEM AWAY AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A SOLUTION WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. YOU ARE UP.

Ms. Johnson: GOOD MORNING. I AM ELIZABETH JOHNSON. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LONDER LEARNING CENTER, WHICH IS PART OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING SUPPORT AND GED CLASSES FOR THE POPULATION WHO HAVE BEEN IN PRISON, RELEASED, AND ALSO FROM THE FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS AND ALSO HAVE BEEN RELEASED, TRYING TO GET THEIR GED TO GET BETTER JOBS AND HOUSING. I'VE BEEN A TUTOR AT THE LONDER LEARNING CENTER

SINCE 2010, AND I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST TO THE POSITIVE CHANGES THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM BRINGS TO THE STUDENTS. AND I WOULD ASK IF YOU WOULD PLEASE, IF YOU CAN GIVE ME A STATUS ON THE FUNDING OR I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU DEFINITELY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM. IT IS TRULY AMAZING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. AND MY STAFF, NANCY BENNETT, IN THE BACK ROW BACK THERE, SHE'S HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Newell: HI, I AM NANCY NEWELL, BEEN A RESIDENT OF PORTLAND FOR 24 YEARS, AND VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE REGULAR AGENDA OF THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK AND THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVES ARE REPRESENTATIVES THAT UPHOLD THE LAW THAT ARE PAID TO DO SO, AND THERE IS EXTENSIVE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND THERE ARE VICTIMS OUT THERE THAT ARE NOT BEING HEARD, AND I CAN GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE, THE HOMELESS, WHO ARE UP NEAR THE SPRING WATER CORRIDOR, AND REALLY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. AND I JUST GOT THE REPORT THAT ALL THE WOMEN THERE HAVE BEEN RAPED TWICE BY MEANING INHABITING THE CAMP OR COMING IN. AND THIS CAN BE EASILY PROVEN, AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT. ALSO THE TREATMENT OF ONE OF HIS OWN STAFF PUTTING A BOMB UNDER A HOMELESS PERSON'S R.V. AND NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED, AND THIS IS AN ACTUAL FACT.

I DON'T HAVE ALL THE DETAILS, JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS, BUT I THINK THAT IT'S WELL WORTH LOOKING INTO. SO IF YOU ARE CONFIGURING A VICTIM'S CRIME WEEK, YOU SHOULD REALLY LISTEN TO SOME OF THE AWFUL THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING TO PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE THAT DON'T REALLY CARE THAT THEY ARE DOING ILLEGALITIES AND CRUELTY AND CAUSING PROBLEMS RATHER THAN ASSISTING A REASONABLE SOLUTION TO THE ISSUES THAT KEEP CIRCLING IN THE SOCIETY AND GETTING WORSE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ARE MAKING PROCLAMATIONS AS IF THEY ARE NOT CREATING VICTIMS WHEN THEY SHOULD BE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. SOME KIND OF TRUTH IN THIS COUNTY AND CITY. I AM TIRED OF PEOPLE COVERING THINGS UP AND PEOPLE BEING PLACED IN HORRENDOUS POSITIONS BECAUSE OF CORPORATE TAKEOVERS. WARREN BUFFETT OWNING OUR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CHARGING OUTRAGEOUS RATES AND BILLING COAL OPERATIONS TO ACCELERATE GLOBAL WARMING SO LET'S CHECK A CHECK AND DO HONEST STUDIES, AND I CAN START BRINGING THINGS INTO YOU THAT WILL BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. I WILL BE BACK WITH SOME FURTHER ELABORATION WHEN MR. UNDERHILL OR HIS STAFF TALK ABOUT THAT. BUT PARTICULARLY YOU KNOW WE HAVE THIS ODD DYNAMIC WHERE YOU ALL FUND THE SHERIFF BUT YOU

DON'T REGULATE THE SHERIFF, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD IF THERE'S BEEN ANY DEFINITIVE RESOLUTION ABOUT HOW WELL THE SHERIFF'S STAFF IS ADHERING TO OUR PRINCIPLES HERE OF SANCTUARY AND WELCOME AND INCLUSION. WE KNOW THAT AT LEAST ONE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF PERSON IS UNDER SOME, OR WAS UNDER SOME INVESTIGATION FOR BEING A ROGUE VIGILANTE ICE OFFICER. AND THEN MORE TOWARDS THE ITEM WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT LATER OF CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK. OVER 100 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CYCLED THROUGH YOUR JAIL IN SOME SORT OF I DON'T KNOW WHAT, JOBS PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THEN ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF MR. UNDERHILL'S OFFICE, SEMI-POSITIVE, THEY GET NO COMPLAINT. A NO COMPLAINT MEANS THAT SOME, I DON'T SEE A WAY AROUND IT OTHER THAN HE HAS WRITTEN UP A REPORT THAT NEVER SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN WRITTEN THAT PUT A CITIZEN IN JAIL FOR HOURS AND THEN UPON REVIEW FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THEY WERE LIKE OH, WELL, THAT WAS PROBABLY A COMPLETE WASTE OF EVERYBODY'S TIME. THE LATEST IS JUST YESTERDAY WHEN THE FEDERAL COURTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WERE REVIEWING OUR WHACK JOB FASCIST PRESIDENT'S FIRST IMMIGRATION BAN. THINGS GOT SO HEATED AT THE AIRPORT THAT APPARENTLY A PUNCH WAS THROWN AND SOME ASSHOLE GOT IN THE WAY OF SOMEBODY'S FACE. FINALLY THE BRILLIANT PEOPLE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT MADE AN ARREST YESTERDAY INSIDE OF THE PORTLAND CITY HALL. HOW IS THAT FOR OPEN DEMOCRACY? WE'LL STALK YOU AND NOT ARREST YOU UNTIL YOU ARE IN A CITY HALL GETTING READY TO DO PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

MISS NEWELL'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE NUANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE VERY IMPORTANT. AND YOU KNOW, WE THINK THAT THE CRIME IS DOWN, ESPECIALLY SEVERE AND VIOLENT CRIME ALTHOUGH MAYBE IT'S JUST THE REPORT IS GETTING BAD. MADE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, ROBBERY, NON-SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE JUST NOT WANTING TO ENGAGE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT'S PERFORMING IN THIS BRILLIANT WAY THAT I SHOWED IN THE LAST TWO MINUTES SO I ENCOURAGE YOU WOMEN TO PLEASE TAKE LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN OVER THOSE AREAS AND HELP THOSE HURT BY OTHERS, AND THE PEOPLE DOING THE HURTING MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET HELP THAT'S NOT EXPENSIVE LIKE THE NEW WOMEN'S PRISON, WHAT A WHACK JOB IDEA THAT IS. THANKS, KATE.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I CAME BEFORE YOU A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND I SAID TO YOU, WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM COMING DOWN FROM WASHINGTON D.C. AND THERE IS NO WAY TO EXAGGERATE HOW BAD THIS IS GOING TO BE. AND WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHERE THEY ARE PULLING BACK ALL OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS' DIVISIONS OF INVESTIGATING POLICE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND INCLUDING PORTLAND. I SAID TO YOU IT WAS

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU STAND WITH US. THAT YOU CANNOT SAY THAT THIS IS A SANCTUARY COUNTY, CITY, STATE, AND DO NOTHING OUTSIDE OF THAT. THEY ARE CALLED SUGAR WORDS. THEY MEAN NOTHING TO ME.

Mr. Walsh: I LOOK AT ACTIONS AND WHAT HAPPENED THAT THEY MENTIONED YESTERDAY WAS THERE WAS AN ACTIVIST ARRESTED GOING TO CITY HALL ON A FOURTH GRADE MISDEMEANOR. WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT YOUR COOPERATION AND STANDING WITH US? AS POLITICIANS AT CITY HALL? IS THAT YOU ON A COUNTY LEVEL STANDING WITH US? NO, IT ISN'T. THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE PASSING LAWS THAT IT'S OK TO RUN OVER PROTESTERS AS LONG AS IT'S AN ACCIDENT. THEY ARE PASSING LAWS THAT IT'S A VIOLATION OF THEIR CODES IF THEY CRITICIZE POLITICIANS. WE ARE GOING TOWARDS DICTATORSHIP, AND I AM BEGGING YOU, BEGGING YOU, YOU MUST STAND WITH US. IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU THINK OF ME. IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHAT WILL HAPPEN AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS YOU ARE MAKING RADICALS HAVE LIBERALS, AND THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING FOR YOU. THEY GET REALLY ANGRY WHEN THEY GET ARRESTED FOR DOING WHAT THEY THINK IS LEGAL. YOU HAVE TO TELL YOUR D.A., THE COUNTY D.A., STOPOVER CHARGING ACTIVISTS. WE HAD ONE GUY THAT HAS GOT A \$750,000 BAIL. BECAUSE HE GRABBED SOMEBODY WITH GLASSES. THAT'S YOUR D.A.

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO WHINE ABOUT THE CITY. I CAME HERE TO WHINE ABOUT ALL OF YOU. YOU HAVE TO STAND WITH US. WHEN THEY DO COME HERE TO VIOLATE YOUR SANCTUARY COUNTY, I WANT YOU NEXT TO ME, NOT PUTTING ME IN JAIL. AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. THAT GUY ADDED THE DEMONSTRATION BECAUSE THEY CLOSED DOWN CITY HALL, AND HE GRABBED SOMEBODY'S GLASSES, WHICH IS WRONG. I STAND FOR NON-VIOLENCE. WHEN YOU GRAB SOMEBODY'S GLASSES, YOU ARE WRONG. BUT YOU TELL YOUR D.A., AND I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER THE D.A., BUT YOU CAN STILL TELL THEM, THEY HAVE GOT THE PHONE, DEBORAH, AND SAY WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 1st Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 5 Elections to Add Section 5.200 Campaign Finance and Declaring an Emergency. Presenters: Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney; Jacqueline A. Weber, Deputy County Attorney; and, Katherine Thomas, Assistant County Attorney.**

Chair Kafoury: CAN I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Weber: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. JACQUELINE WEBER, HERE WITH ATTORNEY KATHERINE THOMAS AND STEVE MARCH. WE ARE HERE REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT PASSED BY COUNTY VOTERS IN 2016, WHICH IMPOSES CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON ALL COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS RUNNING FOR OFFICE. THIS WAS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS AS A RESULT OF AN EXTENSIVE CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS. THAT PROCESS REQUIRES THE COMMITTEE OF COUNTY RESIDENTS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATORS IN EACH COUNTY DISTRICT, AND TO STUDY THE CHARTER AND RECOMMEND CHANGES, WHICH ARE THEN SENT TO THE VOTERS. THE COMMITTEE MET OVER A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS AND RECOMMENDED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CHARTER. ONE OF THOSE AMENDMENTS WAS THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHARTER AMENDMENT.

UNDER THE CHARTER PROVISIONS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANY AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO THE VOTERS FOR A PUBLIC VOTE. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHARTER AMENDMENT, AS I SAID, PASSED, AND IS NOW CODIFIED AS CHARTER SECTION 11.60, AND BY ITS TERMS BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017. AND NOW I WILL TURN IT OVER TO KATHERINE THOMAS WHO WILL DESCRIBE THE ORDINANCE FOR YOU.

Ms. Thomas: GOOD MORNING. KATHERINE THOMAS, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY. SO THE IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IS IDENTICAL TO THE CHARTER PROVISION ENACTED BY THE VOTERS, AND WE HAVE DONE THAT FOR A VERY SPECIFIC REASON. YOUR ENACTMENT OF THAT ORDINANCE THIS MORNING WILL BE THE NEXT PROCEDURAL STEP IN ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO SEEK MORE GUIDANCE ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT AND THIS ORDINANCE. UNDER CURRENT FEDERAL AND STATE CASE LAW QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THIS MEASURE UNDER AGAIN THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. THE ORDINANCE THIS MORNING IN ADDITION TO MIRRORING THE CHARTER LANGUAGE ALSO INSTRUCTS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO FILE A VALIDATION PROCEEDING IN CIRCUIT COURT.

THE PROCEEDING IS A SPECIAL TYPE OF PROCEEDING BEFORE THE COURT THAT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO GET GUIDANCE FROM THE COURT ON NOVEL OR IMPORTANT LEGAL ISSUES SUCH AS CONSTITUTIONALITY. THERE ARE FEW BENEFITS TO FILING A VALIDATION ACTION THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT FOR THE BOARD. ONE IS BY FILING THIS PROCEEDING, THE COUNTY GETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE UNCERTAINTY AND GET GUIDANCE FROM A COURT ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THIS MEASURE BEFORE IT GOES INTO EFFECT. THAT'S GOING TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY BOTH FOR THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE MEASURE, SO CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AS WELL AS

PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS BY MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES, BUT ALSO FOR THE COUNTY, IN IMPLEMENT THINKING CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL HAVE DIRECTION FROM THE COURT ON HOW TO DO THAT AND ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING IT IN A CONSTITUTIONAL WAY.

Ms. Thomas: THE SECOND BENEFIT OF TAKING THIS APPROACH IS THAT IT ALLOWS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. AFTER THE COUNTY FILES THE VALIDATION ACTION IT WOULD THEN PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE ACTION FOR THREE WEEKS, ONCE A WEEK FOR THREE WEEKS IN THE PAPER PUTTING EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY ON NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING AND THEN AFTER, WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THAT FINAL NOTICE, ANY INTERESTED PERSON HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT. SO THE COURT GETS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT JUST TO HEAR FROM THE COUNTY BUT FROM ANYBODY ON ANY SIDE OF THIS ISSUE, ASK THE COURT'S GOAL IS TO FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER, IS THIS CONSTITUTIONAL OR NOT.

AFTER THE COUNTY GETS A RULING FROM THE COURT, AND WE WOULD REQUEST THAT IT BE HEARD ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS, AFTER THE COUNTY GETS A RULING FROM THE COURT, WE FULLY EXPECT TO BE BACK BEFORE YOU WITH AN AMENDED IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE THAT WOULD PUT INTO EFFECT THE DETAILS OF WHATEVER PROVISIONS OF THE MEASURE THE COURT UPHOLDS AND DIRECTS THE COUNTY THAT IT CAN IMPLEMENT. WE WOULD TAKE THAT THROUGH OUR NORMAL PROCESS OF ENGAGING BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN FULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY VET HOW TO ACTUALLY ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE TO THE EXTENT THAT, AGAIN, A COURT TELLS US THAT WE CAN DO SO IN A CONSTITUTIONAL MANNER. SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO AUDITOR MARCH AND WE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Dr. March: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE DURING THE CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS, THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE WAS MENTIONED MORE THAN ONCE AS BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT. I DID NOT INITIATE NOR REQUEST THIS ACTION BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND APPRECIATE THEM ALLOWING ME TO JOIN THEM. THIS IS A PRUDENT FIRST STEP TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING WHAT PROVISIONS, IF ANY, IN THAT CHARTER REVIEW AMENDMENT ARE ABLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. WE KNOW FROM DISCUSSIONS DURING THE CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS THAT PROVISIONS OF THAT WERE CONSIDERED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF AT LEAST THE U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL SUPREME COURT DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED.

PROPONENTS SPECIFICALLY CALLED THAT OUT. THEY TOUTED A STRATEGY OF ACTUALLY OVERTURNING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

DECISION IN THAT CASE THROUGH THE MEASURE 26184, AND I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. REFERRING TO THE LIMITS ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, ONE OF THE PROPONENT ARGUMENTS ASKS, DIDN'T THE U.S. SUPREME COURT SAY THAT IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN CITIZENS UNITED, AND THE ANSWER WAS YES, THE 54 MAJORITY LED BY JUSTICE SCALIA RULED IN CITIZENS UNITED IN 2010 THAT LIMITING THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS VIOLATED THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. FURTHER IN THAT ARGUMENT THEY SAY, BUT THE SCALIA COURT IS GONE. WELL, THAT'S TRUE. SCALIA IS GONE. BUT THIS IS WHERE THE ARGUMENT GOES SLIGHTLY AWRY. THE NEXT JUSTICE WILL BE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA OR PRESIDENT HILLARY CLINTON.

Dr. March: UNFORTUNATELY THAT ARGUMENT SORT OF WENT OFF THE TRACKS AT THAT POINT. ESSENTIALLY THEY URGED PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE, SO IT CAN BE CHALLENGED ALL THE WAY TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND GET OVERTURNED. SO SEEKING LEGAL REVIEW IS AN EXCELLENT STRATEGY. IT ALLOWS THE COUNTY, THE PROPONENTS, AND OPPONENTS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND INTERVENE DURING WHICH TIME THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CAN BE REVIEWING OPTIONS FOR WHAT PROVISIONS THAT THEY THINK MIGHT, IF ANY, MIGHT PASS JUDICIAL MUSTER, AND WORK ON THE NEXT ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THIS IF WE ARE ALLOWED TO DO SO. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE WAY THAT WE CAN KEEP FAITH WITH THE VOTERS' INTENT HERE. I DON'T THINK MOST VOTERS INTENDED US TO TAKE THIS ALL THE WAY TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. SOME DID. BUT ON AVERAGE THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF BASICALLY FAIR ELECTIONS, AND SO I THANK YOU AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THIS FIRST STEP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS? I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR OUR PANELISTS THIS MORNING? THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Mr. Meek: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM DAN MEEK. I GUESS THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE ME HERE WOULD BE VOLUNTEER LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ELECTIONS MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WHICH IS THE GROUP THAT SPEARHEADED THE CAMPAIGN TO PASS MEASURE 26184, WHICH PASSED BY A MARGIN OF '89-11% OF THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR. THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS A LITTLE BIT STRANGE. 9% OF IT IS TAKING THE CHARTER AMENDMENT AND PUTTING IT INTO ORDINANCE. WE DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY. WE DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO ASKING A COURT FOR VALIDATION. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS TO THE MEASURE. ONE IS LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICE. THE OTHER IS LIMITS ON INDEPENDENT

EXPENDITURES, AND THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT MR. MARCH WAS TALKING ABOUT WHEN HE WAS REFERRING THE CITIZENS UNITED.

Mr. Meek: I WAS A BIT CONFUSED BY HIS TESTIMONY BECAUSE HE SAID THAT THE PROPONENTS SAID ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE MEASURE IS TO PROVIDE A CHALLENGE TO THE CITIZENS UNITED, COULD TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT, BUT THEN MR. MARCH SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT'S WHAT THE VOTERS WERE VOTING TO DO. SO A BIT CONFUSED. AND THE THIRD VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE MEASURE IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS IN COUNTY RACES HAVE TAG LINES, HAVE PROMINENTLY DISCLOSED WHO IS THE TOP FIVE TRUE ORIGINAL SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR EACH ADVERTISEMENT, NOT JUST NICE SOUNDING COMMITTEE NAMES. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THAT. WHEN MR. MARCH AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEYS SAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, CHALLENGES. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS FOR VALIDATION, WHAT PART ARE YOU TAKING? ALL OF IT? AND MOST IMPORTANT WHAT POSITION IS THE COUNTY TAKING? THE COUNTY HAS TO TAKE A POSITION WHEN IT GOES FOR A VALIDATION PROCEEDING BEFORE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, AND I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE POSITIONS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD TAKE, AND AS I SAY THERE ARE CERTAINLY VERY MANY DISCREET ISSUES THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO TAKE POSITIONS ON.

ALSO I BELIEVE THAT MUCH OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT THE VOTERS ENACTED IS SELF EXECUTING. THE LIMITS ARE SELF EXECUTING. THEY DON'T REQUIRE AN ORDINANCE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. THEY ARE EFFECTIVE NOW. THEY ARE NOT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1. WHAT'S EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1 IS AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE MEASURE TO THE EXTENT THAT IMPLEMENTATION IS NECESSARY, AND IT IS MAINLY NECESSARY IN TWO WAYS. ONE IS TO FLUSH OUT THE TAG LINE REQUIREMENT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DISCLOSE THE TOP FIVE TRUE ORIGINAL SOURCES OF A POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT?

WE HAVE PROVIDED TO A COUPLE DAYS AGO TO THE, TO THE COMMISSION OUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TAG LINE REQUIREMENT, BOTH THE FINDING, WHAT THE TOP FIVE TRUE ORIGINAL SOURCES MEANS, ALSO DEFINING WHAT IS MEANT BY PROMINENT DISCLOSURE AND THE FORMAT REQUIRED FOR PROMINENT DISCLOSURE, AND THE OTHER THING TO THE STATES NEED TO DO IS OUTLINE THE ADMINISTRATION ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURE. THERE WAS NOT ANYTHING ABOUT CAN SOMEONE FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT A VIOLATION AND WHO DETERMINES WHETHER IT HAS OCCURRED AND WHAT'S THE APPEAL PROCESS SO WE ALSO INCLUDED THAT IN OUR, IN OUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Mr. Delk: MY NAME IS DAVID DELK, PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY, THE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY, WANTS THE FIRST GROUPS TO BECOME PART OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY GROUP THAT ADVOCATED FOR PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE BALLOT MEASURE. I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH ISSUES REGARDING MONEY IN POLITICS AND THE CORRUPTION THAT COMES FROM THAT SINCE WE PASSED MEASURES 46 AND 47 MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO AT THE STATE LEVEL, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN ENFORCED, UNFORTUNATELY. I WANTED TO NOTE THAT, NUMBER ONE, I DON'T THINK THAT WE REALLY NEED TO GO AND GET A COURT VALIDATION OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE HAVE PASSED A LAW, AND THE PROPER WAY TO DO THAT WOULD BE TO ENFORCE THE LAW THAT WE HAVE PASSED AND THEN ALLOW IT TO BE CHALLENGED IN THE COURTS AFTER IT HAS BEEN ENFORCED RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION FROM THE COURTS BEFOREHAND.

UNFORTUNATELY I REALLY THINK THAT THAT'S THE WRONG WAY TO DO IT. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR IS THIS TESTIMONY THAT DAN HAS JUST GIVEN AND SUPPORT FOR HIS PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WITH REGARD TO TAG LINES IN PARTICULAR. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE TAG LINES ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN ELECTIONS. THERE ARE TAG LINE REQUIREMENTS IN CALIFORNIA, AND IN 2014 THERE WAS A, AN ELECTION, IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA. RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN KNOWN AS A COMPANY TOWN OWNED AND OPERATED BY CHEVRON. AND THERE IS A LARGE REFINERY THERE. IT HAS HAD LOTS OF DIFFERENT PROBLEMS THAT WERE ADDRESSED THROUGH LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE RICHMOND PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE FORMED PROBABLY BEGAN ABOUT 15 TO 20 YEARS AGO.

IN 2014 THEY HAD A SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE. THOSE CANDIDATES WERE CHALLENGED BY A CHEVRON SPONSORED GROUP OF CANDIDATES. ALL THOSE CANDIDATES, ALL OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS THAT SUPPORTED THEIR CANDIDACY WERE CLEARLY LABELED BEING SPONSORED BY CHEVRON. EVERY ONE OF THEM LOST. AND ALL OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE RICHMOND PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE ARE NOW IN OFFICE. YOU WILL STRAIGHTENING THE IMPORTANCE OF TAG LINES, BUT ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING IT CLEARLY SO THAT PEOPLE CAN, ACTUALLY, UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE MEAN AND CAN READ THEM AND SEE THEM AND HEAR THEM CLEARLY. THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING AGAIN, COMMISSIONERS. STILL CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. AND I URGE YOU TO REALLY THINK ABOUT THE DANGER OF THIS VOTE. DOES IT ACTUALLY SOIL YOURSELVES AND YOUR REPUTATION? CITIZENS UNITED IS NOT POPULAR IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WHEN YOU COME UP AND SAY WELL, WE DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED

IN WHAT MIGHT BE A CITIZENS UNITED RELATED ISSUE ON A VOTE WHERE THE VOTERS WERE 89% IN FAVOR OF A MATTER, MAKES SOME OF US WONDER WHERE DID THIS IDEA OF VALIDATION ORIGINATE? SOME OF US CYNICAL SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE THINK THAT THE, THE BIG MONEY PEOPLE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS VALIDATION. ONLY DEEP POCKETS BENEFITS HERE, THE WAY TO ACTUALLY BENEFIT THE PEOPLE IS DO NOTHING EXCEPT LET THE VOTER APPROVED MEASURE STAND IF SOME DEEP POCKETS PEOPLE SAY THAT'S GROSS. LOOK AT THOSE PEONS, LET'S TAKE THOSE NORMAL HUMANS WITH LOW-BUDGET LIVING INTO COURT. THEN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY CAN HAVE SOME WORK, BUT WE DON'T NEED TO PASS THIS.

Mr. Johnson: WE DON'T NEED TO VOTE TO USE THIS LITTLE SPECIAL ORS-33, WHATEVER IT WAS, I CHANGED THE PAGE, SORRY. YOU DON'T NEED TO. THERE IS NO REAL ADVANTAGE. IT DOES NOT REDUCE THE WORKLOAD IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. IT DOES NOT SAVE US FROM BEING THAT COUNTY THAT FOUGHT AGAINST CORPORATE RULE, SO JUST, YOU KNOW, SAY THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AT LOOKING AT THIS AND LET THE VOTER-APPROVED MEASURE STAND UNTIL THE DEEP POCKET SCUM BAGS OUT THEMSELVES AND SAY OH, I WANTED TO BUY OFF AN ELECTION AND THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION GOT IN MY WAY. I AM GOING TO SUE YOU IN OREGON OR FEDERAL COURT. THEN WE'LL KNOW WHAT AND WHO WE'RE UP AGAINST. BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A POSSIBLY 100% LEGAL PIECE OF CHARTER CHANGE FROM THE VOTERS, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF OUR 15-HOUR HIGH STAMINA SENATOR KEEPS DOING A GREAT JOB WE WILL JUST LIVE THROUGH A SUPREME COURT THAT ONLY HAS EIGHT PEOPLE ON IT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND IT WILL BE UPHELD FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL, SENSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENT WON'T NEED TO BE BACKED UP BY ANY ORDINANCE.

WE'LL HAVE EMPOWERED THE PEOPLE AND WE'LL HAVE SAVED THE OVERWORKED COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FROM HAVING TO GO THROUGH THIS, SO PAYABLE, WITHDRAWAL OR VOTE NO IS, ACTUALLY, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THIS COUNTY EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE HAD SOME ATTORNEYS COME UP AND SAY THERE IS THIS LEGAL STANDING QUESTION AND HILLARY CLINTON DIDN'T WIN THE ELECTION LIKE WE THOUGHT AND WAS QUOTED IN THE EARLIER TESTIMONY. SO WHAT. JUST RECONSIDER THIS AGENDA AND PULL IT BACK AND THERE IS PLENTY OF WORK FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEYS, AND THE OTHER THING, IT'S REALLY GROSS THAT YOU WOULD PREEMPTIVELY WORK ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS LIKE THIS WHEN YOU DON'T DO IT FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THE POOR THAT ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS. SO WORRY ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, NOT A MYTHOLOGICAL, MAYBE STANDING THING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE OTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY? IF FOLKS HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU SO MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE QUESTIONS, CHAIR. THE QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT PARTS OF THIS MAY BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND PARTS OF THIS MAY BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL; WE DON'T KNOW. BUT AS I READ, WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON HERE TODAY THE SEVERABILITY MEANS THAT IT'S UP TO THE SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE WHICH PARTS ARE CONSTITUTIONAL AND WHICH PARTS ARE NOT, AND WE AS A BODY WOULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PARTS. IS THAT THE CASE? AM I UNDERSTANDING THAT CORRECTLY?

Ms. Weber: THAT'S THE GOAL IS TO HAVE A COURT RULE ON THAT PREEMPTIVELY AS OPPOSED TO AFTER IT'S IMPLEMENTED AND THERE IS GOING TO BE A COST TO THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THIS. THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE TO ENFORCE IT. THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. THIS ALLOWS THAT DECISION TO BE MADE BEFORE THE COUNTY GOES TO THAT EXPENSE. WHEN WE KNOW THAT THERE IS, UNDER OREGON STATE LAW, AS WELL AS FEDERAL LAW, A PROBLEM WITH IT.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: ALSO IN TERMS OF THE COST, THERE IS THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF DEFENDING THE LAWSUIT WERE THAT TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD, CORRECT?

Ms. Weber: THAT'S TRUE.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: AND IN GENERAL, A VALIDATION VERSUS DEFENDING A LAWSUIT, IS THERE A COMPARABLE? IS ONE MORE EXPENSIVE TO THE COUNTY THAN ANOTHER?

Ms. Thomas: ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE VALIDATION PROCEEDING IS THE PUBLIC NOTICE AND PARTICIPATION ASPECT OF IT. IT REALLY ALLOWS EVERYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN THIS TO PARTICIPATE, AND TO YOUR POINT OF SOME OF THESE PIECES MAY BE CONSTITUTIONAL, PART OF THIS IS TO RESOLVE ALL DOUBT SO THAT WE DON'T RECEIVE THE FUTURE CHALLENGES ON ONE OR THE OTHER PROVISION. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE CONSTITUTIONAL AND IT MAY BE UPHELD, THIS HELPS TO JUST RESOLVE ANY UNCERTAINTY THAT COULD REMAIN OUT THERE, BUT THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VALIDATION AND DEFENDING IT IS JUST ALLOWING EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE, AND ALSO MR. MEEK SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO TAKE A POSITION, PART OF THE BENEFIT OF A VALIDATION ACTION IS WHAT WE'RE DOING IS COMING BEFORE THE COURT, PRESENTING THE LAW, IN ITS STATE AND ASKING A COURT TO TELL US WHAT THE RIGHT ANSWER IS, WE DON'T ADVOCATE FOR OR AGAINST IT, WE ASK A COURT TO TELL US WHAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT, AND THEN WE WILL CARRY THAT FORWARD.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Stegmann: I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING. IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE THIS IS A PROCEDURAL STEP, AND IT SEEMS LIKE THAT'S A PRUDENT FIRST STEP IN A WAY THAT HONORS THE VOTERS' WILL, BUT IT ALSO HELPS US TO IMPLEMENT THAT WILL. IT SEEMS FROM A PURELY BUSINESS POINT OF VIEW, IT SEEMS PRUDENT THAT WE WOULD TAKE THIS STEP SO THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT THIS RULE OR ORDINANCE IN THE PROPER WAY BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WHAT I AM HEARING YOU SAY AND CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG IS THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY SURE HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT GETTING THIS VALIDATION. IS THAT NEAR WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?

Ms. Weber: YES, COMMISSIONER. WITH THIS VALIDATION ACTION THE BOARD WILL HAVE CLARITY ON HOW, HOW TO MOVE FORWARD IN A WAY THAT THE COURTS BELIEVE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OREGON CONSTITUTION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

Commissioner Stegmann: AND THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND PROCESS?

Ms. Weber: YES, THERE WILL BE A PUBLICATION OVER THREE WEEKS ONCE THE VALIDATION ACTION IS FILED, IN THE NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AND ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN THIS CAN THEN PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTION.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY, AND TESTIFYING, AND ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE ON THIS MEASURE. FOR MR. MEEK, SO WHAT IS THE DOWNSIDE IN TERMS OF GETTING THIS VALIDATION FROM YOUR STANDPOINT? IF WE MOVE FORWARD TO GET THE DEFINITIVE ANSWER, AND IF THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE TO GET CLARITY IS WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING IS OF THIS PROCESS, WHAT IS THE DOWNSIDE TO THAT?

Mr. Meek: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, I AM STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS ACTUALLY BEING PROPOSED, WHICH IS THAT THE COUNTY NOT TAKE A POSITION ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY PART OF THE MEASURE. THIS, TO ME, IS ALARMING. THE FIRST STEP IN A VALIDATION IS TO IDENTIFY WHAT PART OF THE ORDINANCE IS TO BE VALIDATED, AND APPARENTLY, THE PLAN IS TO HAVE ALL OF IT BE VALIDATED, OR ALL OF IT SUBJECT TO QUESTION. SO THAT'S MY FIRST OBJECTION TO IT. SO YOU ARE SUBJECTING TO THE QUESTION PARTS OF A MEASURE THAT ARE NOT SERIOUSLY SUBJECT TO

QUESTION. AND YOU ARE PUTTING THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON INTERVENING CITIZENS TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE LAW.

Mr. Meek: THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT WORKS. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IS OBLIGATED TO DEFEND THE LAWS ENACTED BY THE VOTERS, AND WHAT THIS IS PROPOSING TO DO IS TO NOT DEFEND WHAT THE VOTERS HAVE DONE, AND TO REQUIRE INTERVENING CITIZENS TO COME FORWARD AND DEFEND IT, SO THAT I FIND THAT TO BE EXTREMELY ALARMING. AND THAT'S NOT THE WAY THAT, THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO IMPLEMENT THE WILL. VOTERS, IT IS THE CHARTER AMENDMENT, AND IT'S NOT A CHARTER AMENDMENT MAY BE. IF SOME CITIZEN GROUP COMES FORWARD AND DEFENDS IT AGAINST THE, AGAINST THE FOLKS WHO UNDOUBTEDLY COME FORWARD TO CLAIM IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THEY WILL BE, THEY WILL HAVE, ESSENTIALLY, UNLIMITED FUNDS AT THEIR DISPOSAL SO I FIND THIS TO BE VERY ALARMING AND NOT, NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE WILL OF THE VOTERS AT ALL.

Commissioner Meieran: BUT WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE IT WILL BE CHALLENGED REGARDLESS. I THINK THAT PEOPLE FROM YOUR OWN GROUP AND WHO SUPPORT THIS HAVE SAID IT'S SURPRISING THAT THIS WILL BE CHALLENGED NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. IF WE GO AHEAD AND IMPLEMENT IT AND SAY PERFECT. WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS STUFF, IT WILL BE CHALLENGED, AND THEN THERE WILL BE A PROTRACTED LEGAL PROCEEDING. AT THAT POINT THE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE REGARDLESS. THERE WON'T BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC INPUT, SO THERE WILL BE A LEGAL DECISION NO MATTER WHAT, AND WHAT THIS, TO ME SEEMS TO BE DOING IS, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, BUT SEEMS TO BE JUST MAKING THE SITUATION MORE EFFICIENT AND PROCEDURALLY ADVANCING IT SO THAT THIS HAPPENS, AND WE HAVE THE CLARITY TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

Mr. Meek: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, I WOULD DISAGREE WITH MUCH OF THAT. FIRST OF ALL IF IT WERE TO BE CHALLENGED BY SOME PARTY, THEY WOULD IDENTIFY WHAT PARTS OF IT THEY ARE CHALLENGING. THAT'S NOT DONE HERE. HERE WE'RE SAYING WE'RE WASHING OUR HANDS OF IT AND THROWING IT TO THE COURT AND ALL TO VOLUNTEER CITIZENS TO DEFEND, ALL OF IT. NUMBER TWO IS YOU SAY THAT IF A LAWSUIT IS FILED, THERE WOULD BE SOME PROTRACTED PROCEEDING. THIS IS THE SAME THING AS FILING A LAWSUIT, EXCEPT NOT TAKING A POSITION ON IT AND REQUIRING CITIZENS TO COME FORWARD AND DEFEND IT. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY MORE OR LET [INAUDIBLE] FILED BY ANYTHING ELSE, AND THIS IS JUST A LAWSUIT. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT HERE. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO TAKE PART IN THE LAWSUIT THEY HAVE TO INTERVENE AS A PARTY, SAME IS TRUE HERE.

Commissioner Meieran: ONE MORE COMMENT. YOU SAID IT IS NOT MORE OR LESS PROTRACTED. WE WOULD BE ASKING FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW AND HAVE A DECISION MADE VERY PROMPTLY. SECOND IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE

THAT THE PUBLIC IS A PARTY TO THIS IN ANY WAY. THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT AND MAYBE LEGAL COUNSEL, LET ME KNOW IF I AM WRONG. BUT THE PUBLIC WON'T BE TAKING A POSITION ON OUR REQUEST FOR VALIDATION. YOU HAD SAID THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD BE INTERVENING AND IF WE DID THIS.

Mr., Meek: THAT'S RIGHT, IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING, A PARTY HAS TO INTERVENE IN THE PROCEEDING, GRANTED STATUS AS AN INTERVENER, AND HAS TO, YOU KNOW, TO FILE THE \$370 FILING FEE, AND ETC. AND THAT'S NO DIFFERENT HERE.

Commissioner Meieran: I VERY STRONGLY SUPPORTED 26-184 WHEN IT WAS ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. I TESTIFIED BEFORE THE CHARTER REV COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF PUTTING THIS TO THE VOTERS AND PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT. I THINK THAT THIS WAS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS SO THAT WE COULD MAKE OUR DEMOCRACY STRONGER BY INCREASING THE DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND MAKING IT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. I TESTIFIED WHEN I WAS RUNNING FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SO THIS WAS THE KIND OF THING THAT WOULD HAVE DIRECTLY IMPACTED ME, AND I SEE WHAT RUNNING CAN BE AND HOW DAUNTING AND EXCLUSIVE IT CAN BE, SO I AM VERY TORN ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION HERE. WHEN I WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE MEASURE GOING TO THE BALLOT, IT WAS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE, THAT THAT IS PROBABLY GOING TO HAPPEN, AND YOU KNOW, I SAID THAT I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.

I WAS NOT ALONE. 89% OF VOTERS AGREED WITH THAT. I THINK WE NEED REFORM. I THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD MEASURE. I FEEL THE ORDINANCE BEFORE US NOW PROVIDES THE MOST EFFICIENT PATH TO CLARITY AND WILL ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE AND THE HARD WORK AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN A WAY THAT'S THE MOST APPROPRIATE WHEN OUR LEGAL COUNSEL IS TELLING US THAT THERE IS A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE, AND WHEN WE HAVE KNOWN FROM THE GET-GO THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE.

Mr. Meek: IF I MAY SUGGEST AN AMEND, AND THAT BE THAT THE COMMISSION INSTRUCT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DEFEND THE MEASURE IN THE PROCEEDING. THE PROCEEDING ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST THROW SOMETHING OVER TO THE COURT AND TAKE NO POSITION. THE COUNTY HAS TO TAKE A POSITION, AND THE COMMISSIONERS, THE COMMISSION I BELIEVE SHOULD INSTRUCT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DEFEND THE MEASURE THE VOTERS ENACT AND HAD NOT JUST PUNT IT OVER TO THE COURTS TAKING NO POSITION, AND OBLIGATED ME TO DEFEND IT.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, AND I AGREE 100% WITH COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. I THINK YOU STATED IT ELOQUENTLY HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS, IS THAT ABSOLUTELY. I SUPPORT CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LIKE THE OTHER 88% OF THE POPULATION BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE IS THE MOST PRUDENT PATH FORWARD TO SAFEGUARDING THE TAXPAYER MONEY. THIS GIVES US THE GUIDANCE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE WITHOUT VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I APPRECIATE HAVING A LAWYER ON THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE I AM NOT A LAWYER, AND MY UNDERSTANDING FROM COUNCIL, THIS IS THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO GET A DECISION ON THIS. THIS IS THE THINGS THAT THEY WORK ON AS A LEGISLATURE THAT WE NEED TO ENACT SOMETHING BECAUSE THE POLITICAL CLIMB AND THE MONEY GOING INTO THE POLITICAL RACES IS OUT OF CONTROL RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S DROWNING OUT THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SMALLER DONORS AND IT'S PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND WOMEN AND THE DIVERSITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SEE SO I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT PARTS OF THIS WILL BE CONSTITUTIONAL, AND I AM ALSO YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT COMES BACK TO US -- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE VOTERS, AGREE ON, THERE SHOULD AN NEXT STEP, REGARDLESS WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE NEXT STEP OF WHAT WE CAN DO LEGALLY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

Chair Kafoury: I BELIEVE THAT REASONABLE PARTIES CAN DISAGREE ON THE PROPER CHANNELS FOR GETTING SOME RESOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE, BUT I HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC IS HEARTENED BY THE FACT THAT THIS COMMISSION STRONGLY IS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM. I NOT ONLY SAW COMMISSIONER MEIERAN TESTIFY AT THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE BUT KNOW THAT SHE WAS A VOCAL ADVOCATE DURING THE CAMPAIGN. I SUPPORTED THIS AT THE BALLOT AND I VOTED FOR IT AND BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I THINK WHAT YOU ARE HEARING TODAY IS AGAIN THAT PEOPLE CAN DISAGREE ON THE PROPER PATH BUT WE BELIEVE THAT, AND I BELIEVE THAT GETTING SOME CLOSURE AND GETTING SOME DIRECTION WILL BE MOST HELPFUL FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. I WILL JUST USE MYSELF BECAUSE I WILL BE ON THE BALLOT NEXT MAY, AND I KNOW THAT IF SOMEBODY IN THE PUBLIC WANTS TO CHALLENGE ME THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME CERTAINTY AS TO WHAT ARE THE LAWS AND THE RULES BEFORE THEY DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION.

I THINK THAT HAVING THE COURTS SENDING THIS VALIDATION TO THE COURTS AND HAVING THEM MAKE A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT IS GOING TO BE HELPFUL NOT JUST FOR THOSE OF US SITTING HERE, BUT FOR FOLKS IN THE PUBLIC WHO MIGHT WANT TO RUN WHO I HOPE DO RUN, AND THEY WANT

MORE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PUBLIC PROCESS. I APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE TESTIMONY THAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.

R.2 Board Briefing by the Health & Economic Benefits of Public Health Investments. Presenters: Tricia Tillman, Director of Public Health Div. and Myde Boles, PhD, PDES Principal Investigator.

Ms. Tillman: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM TRICIA TILLMAN, AND I AM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU FOR CELEBRATING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK WITH US IN HONOR OF THE WORK THAT OUR STAFF AND PARTNERS DO TO PROMOTE HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE HONORED PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES AND WE WANTED TO SPEND A BIT MORE TIME TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH FROM AN ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON THE SECOND OBJECTIVE FOR THE PRESENTATION. WE'LL FOCUS JUST ON OUR SECOND OBJECTIVE, WHICH IS TO SHARE A PRESENTATION ON HEALTH AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AS WE FACE CONSTRAINED RESOURCES IN PUBLIC HEALTH, DEVELOPING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMICS OF POPULATION HEALTH, BECOMES MORE AND MORE ESSENTIAL, AND SO AT THIS POINT, LET ME FAST FORWARD HERE THROUGH A NUMBER OF SLIDES. I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO DR. MYDE BOLES.

Dr. Boles: THANK YOU TRICIA AND GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MYDE BOLES, WORK AT PROGRAM DESIGN AND EVALUATION SERVICES, WHICH IS AN INTER-AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH AND EVALUATION UNIT THAT IS HOUSED WITHIN BOTH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION WITHIN THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY COLLEAGUE, DAVID, WHO IS ALSO A STEADY CO-AUTHOR, AND ALSO THE OREGON PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION STAFF AND SOME EXTERNAL EXPERTS THAT HELPED WITH PROVIDING SOME CONSULTATION ON THIS STUDY THAT I AM GOING TO BE TELLING YOU ABOUT TODAY. SO FOR TODAY'S PRESENTATION I WILL BE GIVING YOU A BIT OF BACKGROUND ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING, AND THEN FOCUS A BIT MORE SPECIFICALLY ON THE STUDY THAT MY COLLEAGUE AND I DID ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION. IF THAT'S KIND OF A NEW TERM I WILL EXPLAIN A BIT ABOUT WHAT'S ENTAILED WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION, AND THEN FINALIZE WITH A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO START THE PRESENTATION WITH SOME BACKGROUND ON THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING. THERE IS A SMALL BUT EMERGING SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE THAT HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THE

RELATIONSHIP OF SPENDING IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH OUTCOMES. THERE WAS A NATIONAL STUDY THAT WAS DONE ON PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING OVER TIME. IT LOOKED AT A SAMPLE OF THE PUBLIC, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY OVER MANY, MANY YEARS, AND IT LOOKED AT THE LEVELS OF SPENDING AND OUTCOMES, MORTALITY OUTCOMES, AND IN THAT NATIONAL STUDY IT FOUND THAT A 10% INCREASE IN PER CAPITA SPENDING WAS LINKED TO A 6.8% DECREASE IN MORTALITY, A 3% DECREASE IN HEART DISEASE MORTALITY, AND 1.4% DECREASE IN DIABETES MORTALITY AND A 1% DECREASE IN CANCER MORTALITY.

Dr. Boles: SO MY COLLEAGUE AND I, WHAT WE DID, IS THAT WE EXTRAPOLATED FROM THAT STUDY AND APPLIED THE FINDINGS TO OREGON. AND WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT IF YOU TAKE THAT 10% INCREASE IN PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING IT WOULD BE LINKED TO AS YOU SEE HIGHER 15 FEWER INFANT DEATHS. 16 FEWER DIABETES' DEATHS. 200 FEWER HEART DISEASE DEATHS AND 88 FEWER CANCER DEATHS. WHEN YOU CONSIDER MULTNOMAH COUNTY REPRESENTS ABOUT 20% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, YOU MAY INFER THAT ROUGHLY THE RESULTS WOULD BE ONE FIFTH OF WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS APPLICABLE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER STUDY THAT LOOKED AT THE SPENDING OUTCOME RELATIONSHIP BUT NOT ABOUT TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING BUT ABOUT THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SPENDING, AND THIS WAS DONE IN WASHINGTON STATE. THAT STUDY LOOKED AT SPENDING IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PERCENT OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS, AND IN THAT STUDY IN WASHINGTON STATE, WHAT IT FOUND WAS A SPENDING INCREASE OF \$3.52 PER CAPITA WAS LINKED TO A 1 PERCENTAGE POINT DECREASE IN LOW BIRTH WEIGHT IN THE HIGHEST POVERTY COUNTIES IN WASHINGTON STATE, AND THE HIGHEST POVERTY COUNTIES WERE THE TOP THIRD WITH THE HIGHEST RATES. SO AGAIN WHEN WE EXTRAPOLATE THAT TO OREGON, WHAT WE FOUND IS THAT TO GET THAT 1% DECREASE IN LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, THAT YOU WOULD NEED AN INVESTMENT OF 2.5 MILLION, AND THAT WOULD LEAD TO 96 FEWER LOWER BIRTH WEIGHT BIRTHS A YEAR. BUT YOU WOULD ALSO SAVE NEARLY 5 MILLION IN PRENATAL CARE AND HOSPITAL DELIVERY COSTS.

SO THAT'S A 2-1 RATIO THERE, AND WITHIN THAT 5 MILLION, IT WOULD BE A 3 MILLION SAVINGS IN MEDICAID SPENDING. THIS IS AT THE STATE LEVEL. SO KIND OF THE KEY TAKE-AWAY FROM THESE NATIONAL STUDIES IS THAT THE INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH SAVES LIVES AND INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH SAVES MONEY SO WE HAVE EVIDENCE. MORE SPECIFICALLY I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE STUDY THAT MY COLLEAGUE AND I DID ABOUT THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS, THE PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION, AND THERE IS A URL THAT'S SHOWN HERE ON THE SLIDE IN SMALL TYPE. IT IS THE PUBLISHED REPORT THAT IS ON THE WEBSITE, THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY WEBSITE. THE LINK THAT YOU CAN GET TO, TO THE REPORT. THE

PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION. SO BASICALLY PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION REFERS TO A SPECIFIC SET OF FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES THAT SHOULD BE PRESENT IN EVERY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Boles: THE FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE SHOWN HERE KIND OF IN THESE BIGGER BUCKS, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ACCESS TO CLINICAL PREVENTATIVE SERVICES, AND THE KEY FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD PROVIDE ARE SHOWN HERE. I WON'T READ THROUGH ALL OF THOSE BUT YOU CAN SEE HEALTH EQUITY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AND EPIDEMIOLOGY AND OTHERS, IN THE STUDY THAT MY COLLEAGUE AND I CONDUCTED, IT WAS BASICALLY THE INTENTION WAS FOR IT TO BE A COMPANION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED STATEWIDE ABOUT A YEAR AGO. THAT ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED GAPS IN STATE AND LOCAL FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES, AND THEN IN THAT STUDY THEY QUANTIFIED THOSE. PUT A DOLLAR VALUE TO HOW IT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES IN OREGON, AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL, AND CLOSED THE GAPS AND MOVED MODERNIZATION FORWARD.

SO OUR PROJECT WAS CHARGED WITH ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF MAKING THAT INVESTMENT, AND WHEN I REFERRED TO THE FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES, SO WE HAVE KIND OF REFERRED TO THAT AS FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES KIND OF COMBINED FOR BOTH THOSE THINGS, AND YOU WILL SEE THAT ACRONYM SPHS LATER IN THE PRESENTATION. AND INSTEAD OF GENERATING NEW RESEARCH ON THIS TOPIC AND DOING THE ECONOMIC ESTIMATE, WHAT WE DID WAS TO USE EXISTING PEER-REVIEWED STUDIES THAT HAVE FOUND THESE RELATIONSHIPS AND WE EXTRAPOLATED THEIR RESULTS TO OREGON. THE TOPICS THAT WE CHOSE BECAUSE THERE IS SO MANY THINGS IN PUBLIC HEALTH, THAT CONDITIONS RELATED TO POPULATION HEALTH, THAT WE HAD TO REALLY NARROW OUR FOCUS. SO WE LOOKED AT THE, SPECIFICALLY THE ECONOMIC BURDENS OF CONCERN CONDITIONS TIED MORE CLOSELY TO THE FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES. AND THEN WE WERE ALSO MINDFUL OF THE PRIORITIES FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP, AND AGAIN WE HAD TO LINK IT TO PEER REVIEWED STUDIES THAT WE COULD APPLY TO OREGON.

SO JUST TO SHOW YOU ANOTHER KIND OF FIGURE RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION, EACH OF THOSE COLORED AREAS REPRESENTS THE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM AREAS OF PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION, AND THE BLACK CIRCLES ARE JUST INDICATIVE HERE, AND I

WILL GIVE YOU A BIT MORE DETAIL IN A MOMENT ABOUT THAT WE COVERED WITHIN ONE OF THOSE FOUR AREAS, AND THE LARGE CENTER, DARK CIRCLE IS INCLUSIVE OF HOUSE EQUITY, WHICH REALLY TOUCHES ALL PROGRAM AREAS. SO NOW I WILL GIVE YOU SOME RESULTS OF THE DISEASE BURDEN OF SOME OF THESE SELECTED POPULATION HEALTH CONDITIONS, AND THEN SHOW HOW THEY COMPARE TO THE RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT IN THOSE AREAS TO CLOSE THE GAP THAT WAS PART OF THAT MODERNIZATION ASSESSMENT REPORT. THE AREAS THAT I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY AND WE FOCUSED ON ARE THE TOBACCO USE, PHYSICAL INACTIVITY, AND FOOD-BORN ILLNESS AND HEALTH INEQUALITY. HERE COMES THE NUMBER SLIDE, HERE'S THE MEAT OF THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS HERE.

Dr. Boles: WITH REGARD TO THE TOBACCO USE, TOBACCO USE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH, AND IT HAS A VERY HIGH ECONOMIC BURDEN. IN OREGON WE ESTIMATED THAT ECONOMIC BURDEN TO BE 2.25 BILLION A YEAR IN HEALTH CARE COSTS, LOST PRODUCTIVITY AND PREMATURE DEATHS. THEY RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT TO CLOSE THE GAP FROM THAT MODERNIZATION ASSESSMENT, SO THE COST TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL TOBACCO PREVENTION WAS IDENTIFIED AT 1.6 MILLION. SO INVESTING IN EVIDENCE-BASED TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND REDUCING THAT ECONOMIC BURDEN BY JUST A TINY FRACTION, 1-16TH OF 1% WOULD COVER THAT, SO YOU WOULD CLOSE THE GAP, WHICH IS THE TINY INVESTMENT BY CONDUCTING EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING AND REDUCING THAT ECONOMIC BURDEN. SO THE GRAPH THERE ILLUSTRATES THE RELATIVE MAGNITUDE OF THE RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT TO THE HUGE ECONOMIC BURDEN. SO I WOULD LIKE TO STOP HERE FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE SOME OF THE SUBSEQUENT SLIDES WILL JUST BRIEFLY BE PRESENTED IN THE SAME WAY, AND ASK IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY CLARITY NEEDED ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN COMMUNICATED ON THE SLIDE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS?

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: THIS IS A GREAT SLIDE. IN THAT 1.6 MILLION, THAT IS STATEWIDE.

Dr. Boles: YES, THAT IS.

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: DID YOU HAVE ANY DISCUSSION? IT'S A LITTLE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF WHAT YOU WERE DOING BUT HOW MUCH YOU WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE TOBACCO TAX TO GENERATE \$1.6 MILLION A YEAR?

Dr. Boles: NOT SPECIFICALLY THAT. GOOD QUESTION.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT.

Dr. Boles: SO MOVING ON THEN WITH TOBACCO PREVENTION, WITH THAT 1.6 MILLION INVESTMENT, THAT WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SMOKERS TO AN ESTIMATED 534 FEWER SMOKERS, AND IT WOULD YIELD A SAVINGS OF 6.5 MILLION IN MEDICAL CARE COSTS OVER THE SMOKER'S LIFETIME. AND WITHIN THAT WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO CALCULATE THE MEDICAID PROPORTION SO THAT IS REALLY TRULY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE STATE, AND SO IT WOULD BE, IF YOU INVESTED IN THAT FOUNDATIONAL TOBACCO PROGRAMMING, YOU WOULD HAVE 202 FEWER MEDICAID SMOKERS WITH THE SAVINGS OF 2.5 MILLION OF MEDICAL COSTS OVER THE SMOKER'S LIFETIME. SO SIMILARLY, WE DID A SIMILAR KIND OF CALCULATION FOR PHYSICAL INACTIVITY BASED ON RELATIONSHIPS AND FINDINGS FROM EXTERNAL STUDIES. IN OREGON THE ESTIMATED HEALTH CARE COST OF THE PHYSICAL INACTIVITY IS 1.3 BILLION, INCLUDED IN, WITHIN THAT IS 360 MILLION FOR MEDICAID, AND THE COST TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT OF THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMMING IS 1.6 MILLION. EVEN THOUGH THAT'S SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS LIFE, THIS IS WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO CALCULATE SO INVESTING IN EVIDENCE-BASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMMING AND REDUCING THAT PHYSICAL INACTIVITY HEALTH CARE COST BY JUST A MERE 1-8 OF 1%, VERY SMALL WOULD COVER THAT AND CLOSE THE GAP.

SIMILARLY WITH THE FOOD-BORN ILLNESSES THE ECONOMIC BURDEN AT \$229 MILLION A YEAR, STATEWIDE, FOR HEALTH CARE COSTINGS, LOST PRODUCTIVITY, PREMATURE DEATHS, THE COST TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAMS RELATED TO SPECIFICALLY FOOD-BOURNE ILLNESS WOULD BE 3.9 MILLION AND REDUCING THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF FOOD-BORN ILLNESS BY 2% WOULD COVER THAT COST. AND FINALLY HIGH THIN CLOUDS INEQUALITY, WE ESTIMATED THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF HEALTH INEQUALITY IN OREGON AT 1.3 BILLION A YEAR IN HEALTH CARE, LOST PRODUCTIVITY, AND PREMATURE MORTALITY. THE COST TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITIES AND IN HEALTH EQUITY AND CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5 MILLION. STATEWIDE AND REDUCING THAT BURDEN OF HEALTH INEQUALITY BY 0.4% WOULD COVER THAT COST. SO IN SUMMARY, THIS SUMMARIZES WHAT I HAVE JUST MENTIONED HERE, THE ECONOMIC BURDEN FOR EACH ONE OF THESE TOPIC AREAS AND KIND OF ILLUSTRATING THE SMALL REDUCTION IN THE BURDEN THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO CLOSE THE GAP FOR A FULLY MODERNIZED PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN THESE KEY AREAS.

IN SUMMARY, THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF POPULATION HEALTH CONDITIONS FAR EXCEEDS THE COST TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE CONDITIONS. INVESTMENT AND EVIDENCE-BASED PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS DOES OFFER THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE THE ECONOMIC BURDEN. SO THAT CONCLUDES KIND OF THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PORTION HERE. WE WEREN'T CERTAIN AT

THE START OF THIS HOW WE WERE TRYING TO MAKE UP A BIT OF TIME, BUT WE DO HAVE A BIT MORE TO PRESENT IF THAT WOULD BE SO.

Chair Kafoury: WE ARE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT THE PUBLIC-BASED INTERVENTIONS ARE SO PLEASE CONTINUE.

Ms. Tillman: THANK YOU. SO PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION FOCUSES, AS MYDE MENTIONED ENCORE PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT WHAT WE WANTED TO DO WAS JUST TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO FOCUS IN ON HOW WE THINK OF SOME HIGH VALUE AREAS FOR WORK, FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GOING FORWARD. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION THINK ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH WORK THAT WE DO FALLING IN THREE BUCKETS. THOSE ARE ILLUSTRATED HERE, SO THE FIRST BUCKET IS REALLY -- ALLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE IN TERMS OF ASSURANCE SO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSURING THAT IN OUR CLINICAL SETTINGS, THERE IS FUNDAMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORK GOING ON IN TERMS OF THE DISEASE PREVENTION, DISEASE MANAGEMENT. SO AN EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE HELPING PROVIDERS WORK ON TOBACCO CESSATION. THE SECOND PUCKETT IS SORT OF THIS BLEND BETWEEN WHAT HAPPENS IN A CLINICAL SETTING AND HOW THOSE CLINICAL INTERVENTIONS CAN EXTEND INTO THE COMMUNITY, SO AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IS SOME OF THE WORK WE DO AROUND ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH EQUITY.

SO UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE PRIORITIES RELATED TO SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, BUT THE PREVENTION WORK HAPPENS IN COMMUNITY IN THE WORK THAT WE DO PRIMARILY HAPPENS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS AND WITH CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING TIED TO CLINICAL WORK AS WELL. THE THIRD IS WORK IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS SO THAT IS REALLY POPULATION-WIDE, POLICY WORK, PLANNING WORK, AND AN EXAMPLE IS THE WORK YOU INVESTED IN RELATED TO THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH. SO AS THE CDC THINKS ABOUT THOSE THREE BUCKETS, WHAT THEY DID WAS DO SOME RESEARCH ON SIX HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING TOBACCO USE, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATED, ASTHMA, INTENDED PREGNANCIES AND DIABETES, AND THEY IDENTIFIED THESE BECAUSE THEY AFFECT LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE NATIONALLY. THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH HEALTH CARE COSTS. THERE ARE EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT OR CONTROL THESE CONDITIONS IN A SHORT TIME FRAME, SO LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, AND THE EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE HEALTH CARE SECTOR. SO THEY IDENTIFIED 18 INTERVENTIONS, AND THESE ARE JUST A SAMPLE OF SOME OF THE INTERVENTIONS THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO ADDRESS THOSE SIX HIGH-COST, HIGH PREVALENT HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Ms. Tillman: IN THESE, THE SLIDE ILLUSTRATES HOW THOSE CAN FIT BOTH INTO WORK THAT CAN HAPPEN SPECIFICALLY IN CLINICAL SETTINGS OR OUTSIDE OF THE CLINICAL SETTINGS BUT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLINICAL CARE. AND THEN IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY-WIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES, THE CDC IDENTIFIED HIGH FIVE. SO THESE ARE 14 EVIDENCE-BASED COMMUNITY-WIDE POPULATION HEALTH INTERVENTIONS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY SO NOT CLINICAL OR INDIVIDUAL PATIENT ORIENTED BUT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO DEMONSTRATE POSITIVE HEALTH IMPACT IN FIVE YEARS OR LESS, COST EFFECTIVE, OR DEMONSTRATE SAVINGS OVER THE LIFETIME OF THE POPULATION AND REDUCE THE COMMUNITY BURDEN OF MULTIPLE DISEASES, INCLUDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, CHRONIC DISEASE, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. SO BRIEFLY SOME EXAMPLES OF BOTH THE CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY WORK THAT WE IDENTIFIED WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH INCLUDES THE INVESTMENTS YOU MADE IN TERMS OF THE TOBACCO PREVENTION, RELATED TO ALL THE VARIOUS POLICIES, INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT, AND E-CIGARETTES POLICIES, AND TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING. THOSE HAVE BOTH CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL AS POPULATIONABLE HEALTH IMPLICATIONS.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, THE WORK THAT WE DID IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION TO SUPPORT THE SMOKE-FREE PARKS, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF REACH IN EAST PORTLAND, GRESHAM AREA. FOOD SAFETY, SOME OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW AS WE SPOKE RELATED TO INVESTIGATING, AND CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF HEPATITIS A THIS WEEK, AND EARLIER THIS MONTH IN TERMS OF INVESTIGATING AND RESPONDING TO THE E-COLI OUTBREAK IS PART OF WHAT WE ARE DOING RELATED TO FOOD SAFETY, AND THEN WE HAVE YOUR INVESTMENT IN HEALTH EQUITY, WHICH IS ELEVATING THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE WORK THROUGHOUT EVERYTHING THAT WE DO IN PUBLIC HEALTH. SO AS WE CLOSE, THE PIECE THAT WE REALLY WANTED TO ELEVATE TODAY, WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH THE INVESTMENT OF OUR BOARD IN OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORK, WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY OUTWEIGHS THE INVESTMENT.

SO YOU ARE MAKING HUGE INVESTMENTS TO FILL IN WHERE WE DO HAVE CAPACITY IN TERMS OF OUR FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND FUNCTIONS, AND YOU DO IT BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BECAUSE THERE IS STRONG VALUE ALIGNMENT AND APPRECIATE FOR THE WORK WE DO IN PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PIECE THAT WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT TODAY WAS THAT IN ADDITION TO IT BEING THE RIGHT THING TO DO, WE ARE INCREASINGLY HAVING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF THE INVESTMENTS YOU MAKE IN TERMS OF THE COSTS WE AVOID TO THE SAVINGS OF OUR HEALTH CARE PARTNERS AND OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, SO WE APPRECIATE THE TIME TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO YOU

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Stegmann: I APPRECIATE THIS INFORMATION AND SEEING THE STATISTICS AND THE EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW. WE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TELLING US, IS APPRECIATION IS WORTH A FOUND OF CURE, THE PROBLEM IS COMING UP WITH THE MONEY. BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE DETAILED INFORMATION AND I WANTED TO RECOGNIZE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK WITH THE BUSINESS INVOLVED AND THE HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK AS WELL AS THE EMPLOYEES, AND THE CUSTOMERS THAT WERE EXPOSED TO IT AND HOW TO PREVENT THE SPREAD AND HOW TO GET THOSE VACCINATIONS. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT AND LIKE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DETAILS OF LIKE HOW DO YOU SPRING INTO ACTION?

Ms. Tillman: I THINK WHAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, THIS HAS OCCURRED TO ME AS WELL BECAUSE OF THE E-COLI AND THE HEPATITIS A, IS THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM DIRECTOR COME AND MAYBE DO A BRIEFING FOR THE BOARD OR SOME INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION WITH INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONERS ABOUT WHAT ALL IS INVOLVED BECAUSE IT IS REALLY A FUNDAMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION THAT OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM THAT OPERATES WITH IMMUNIZATIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL, BUT THEY ARE READY TO SPRING INTO ACTION WHEN THESE INCIDENTS COME UP, AND THERE IS A HUGE ROLE FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SCIENCE TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHAT IS THE SOURCE AND WHO ARE THE CONTACTS AND WHAT IS THE, WHAT IS THE TYPOLOGY OF THE INFECTION OR THE DISEASE, AND TO BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF TREATMENT AND WORK WITH CLINICIANS TO GET THAT WORK PUT INTO PLACE, SO I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE REALLY BENEFICIAL BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T NECESSARILY SEE PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN IT'S WORKING. WE'RE ALL HEALTHY. IT IS WHEN THERE IS A SITUATION THAT NEEDS A RESPONSE THAT PEOPLE START TO SEE AND WONDER MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO SO I WOULD LOVE FOR AMY, WHO IS A PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TO COME IN AND SPEAK WITH YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR RAPID RESPONSE, AND THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT YOU DO.

Ms. Tillman: AND I WILL SAY THAT BECAUSE OF PAST INVESTMENTS BY THE BOARD, WE WERE ABLE TO REBUILD TO BE ABLE TO HAVE 24-7 RESPONSE CAPABILITY. WE, THROUGH SOME PAST BUDGET CUTS HAD LOST THAT SO WE WERE BACK UP TO THAT, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR INVESTMENT.

Commissioner Meieran: I WAS GOING TO USE THE SAME QUOTE, AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION AND WORTH A POUND OF CURE. THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND THE TEAM'S HARD WORK, AND JUST AS AN E.R. DOCTOR WE SEE THE DOWN, DOWN, DOWNSTREAM CONSEQUENCES OF

FAILURE TO INVEST IN PREVENTION AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE SO THEY DON'T GET TO THE POINT WHERE THEY ARE IN THE E.R. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT WORK. I COULD NOT BE MORE SUPPORTIVE AND APPRECIATE IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR NOT ONLY COMING TODAY AND THIS PRESENTATION BUT THANK YOU FOR MODIFYING IT TO FIT THE TIME CONSTRAINT. AND I THINK YOUR COMMENTS WERE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT WE DO THIS WORK BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN IT, AND IT'S NICE TO FIND OUT THAT THERE IS AN ECONOMIC REASON SO WE'RE NOT JUST DOING IT BECAUSE WE ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH BUT IT PAYS OFF FINANCIALLY AS WELL. THAT DOES PUT BOTH SIDES OF IT TOGETHER SO THANKS.

R.3 Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 2nd through 8th, 2017 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Scott Taylor, DCJ Director; Rod Underhill, District Attorney.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON APPROVAL OF R.3.

Mr. Underhill: GOOD MORNING ALL. CHAIR KAFOURY, MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ROD UNDERHILL, YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT I HAVE ANXIOUSLY BEEN AWAITING THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THIS BOARD, SO I CAN THINK OF NO GREATER OPPORTUNITY, REALLY, THAN AS PREPARE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 2-8 OF 2017 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. AS I BEGIN READING MY REMARKS, I BELIEVE THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THE FEDERAL ICE OFFICIALS TO DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN AND AROUND OUR COURTHOUSES. AT AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER, THE VICTIMS OF CRIME AND WITNESSES HAVE EXPRESSED TO MEMBERS OF MY OFFICE CONCERN AND ANXIETY SURROUNDING THE COLLISION OF OREGON'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT FOR VICTIMS, AND THAT'S ALL VICTIMS. THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ALL VICTIMS TO APPEAR AT A CRITICAL STAGE SUCH AS SENTENCING, FOR EXAMPLE. AND THAT COLLUSION OF THE FEAR THAT THEY'LL BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. I UNDERSTAND THAT FEDERAL LAW PROVIDES THAT THEY DON'T MEET THE DEFINITION OF SAFE SPACES, BUT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH. WE CONTINUE TO ASK THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS BE DISCONTINUED IN AND AROUND OUR COURTHOUSES.

I WANT TO THANK MY OFFICE. MY SUPERVISING MANAGER IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, HE WAS HERE LAST YEAR SO THREE OF YOU HAVEN'T MET HIM, BUT HE'S DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF BEING MY VICTIMS SERVICES MANAGER BUT JOINING US TODAY IS ANNIE WYNNE, ONE OF THE BOOTS ON

THE GROUND PROGRAM SUPERVISORS. ANNIE IS RIGHT HERE WITH HER HAND RAISED SITTING NEXT TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY 14-PERSON VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, NOT COUNTING ANNIE OR PAUL, BUT 14 ADVOCATES. THE OTHER 12 LET US ALL KNOW THAT THEY ARE LITERALLY TOO BUSY, BUT WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ATTENDED BUT CERTAINLY LEND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT. AS I MENTIONED, WE DO HAVE ONE RECENT RETIREMENT. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HIRING ANOTHER MEMBER TO JOIN THE EXCELLENT SERVICES THAT MY OFFICE AND OTHERS IN THIS COMMUNITY PROVIDE TO OUR VICTIMS OF CRIME. WE ALSO HAVE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SERVICES AS IT RELATES TO RESTITUTION, NOT ALREADY MENTIONED AMONGST THE NUMBERS THAT I'VE PROVIDED THAT HELP GIVE EXCELLENT SERVICE TOGETHER WITH LAWYERS AND PROSECUTORS THAT ARE WORKING WITH CRIME VICTIMS ON A DAILY BASIS. A QUICK UPDATE. RELATIVE TO THE PROGRESS OF SAFE KITS. THIS BOARD OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN MY WHAT SOME PEOPLE WOULD CALL OBSESSION TO MAKE RIGHT THE ADDRESSING OF THE BACK LOG OF SAFE KITS, NOT JUST IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT THE STATE OF OREGON.

Mr. Underhill: I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF AND JOINED WITH PARTNERS, THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, THE OREGON STATE POLICE FORENSIC DIVISION, GRESHAM POLICE, OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF AND THEN ALSO, I REACHED OUT TO MARION COUNTY AND LANE COUNTY AND ASKED THEM TO JOIN IN MY WORK AND VISION FOR ELIMINATING THE BACK LOG OF SAFE KITS. YOU'LL RECALL, AT LEAST YOU WILL CHAIR KAFOURY, REMARKED THAT NEARLY 3,000 OF THE STATE'S ESTIMATED ABOUT 5,200 SAFE KITS WERE GOING TO BE ADDRESSED AND TESTED AS A RESULT OF OUR WORK AND I'M HERE TO REPORT THAT WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY. WE HAVE ALREADY SENT AS A COLLECTIVE THREE COUNTY EFFORT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION BEING THE LARGEST, BUT WE'VE ALREADY SENT AS OF MARCH 1ST, 2,243 UNTESTED SAFE KITS. WE'VE STILL GOT ABOUT 375 TO GO, BUT FRANKLY, THAT'S AN UPDATE THAT'S PROBABLY SOME OF THOSE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED. WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO ELIMINATING THE BACK LOG IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE'LL HAVE THAT DONE HERE SHORTLY I SAID SAY, BUT WE ALSO CAN BE PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE TAKEN IT UPON OURSELVES TO ELIMINATE THE BACK LOG IN MARION AND LANE COUNTIES, AS WELL.

THE REST OF THE STATE SHOULD BE NEXT IF WE WORK, BUT THAT WILL BE 60% OF THE STATE'S BACK LOG. THAT'S A QUICK UPDATE ON THAT, BUT ALSO, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH, A COLLECTIVE "WE" AND I'LL COMMENT ON THAT IN A MINUTE WITH CODE FOR AMERICA. MY OFFICE IS EXTREMELY EXCITED TO PARTNER -- I'M SITTING NEXT TO SCOTT TAYLOR, SOME OF OUR KEY PARTNERS IN THIS WORK TOGETHER WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND, OF COURSE, CODE FOR AMERICA AS WE ENDEAVOR ON A GROUND-BREAKING NEW ERA OF EXCELLENT SERVICE TO CRIME VICTIMS

HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE BEYOND. WE ARE DEVELOPING A UNIQUE INTERNET, WEB-BASED OR DIGITAL SERVICES PLATFORM THAT WILL ALLOW CRIME VICTIMS TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN UNIQUE TO THEM PORTAL INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS WE PROVIDE SERVICES, BETTER SERVICES TO PRIME VICTIMS, BOTH TO INFORM THEM ON THEIR TIMELINE SO THEY CAN DO THIS FROM IN PREMISE EITHER THEIR WORK SITE IF THEIR WORK ALLOWS THEM TO DO THAT OR MORE IMPORTANTLY AT HOME WHEN THEY'VE GOT TIME TO GET AN UPDATE RELATIVE TO WHAT'S GOING ON, RELATIVE TO THEIR CASE, BUT ALSO TO COMMUNICATE WITH US, US IN VICTIMS SERVICES, TO HELP THEM PROVIDE ANSWERS AND ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS. ONCE COMPLETED, THIS WORK, ONCE COMPLETED AND WE'RE WELL INTO THAT AND I KNOW THAT SCOTT AND DENISE ARE GOING TO COMMENT FURTHER, IT PROMISES TO BE THE NEW ERA OF 21ST CENTURY VICTIMS SERVICES.

Mr. Underhill: IT PROMISES ALSO TO BE WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY. NOW, THE KERNEL OF THIS IDEA WAS STOLEN, IF YOU WILL, PROSECUTORS SHOULDN'T USE THAT PHRASE, TOO, OFTEN, BUT I THINK WE DID, AT LEAST A KERNEL OF THE IDEA WHEN THE THREE OF US AND OTHERS VENTURED OVER TO MINNESOTA AND EXPLORED THEIR EXCELLENT SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND WE GET THE KERNEL OF THEIR IDEA AND WE HAVE MAGNIFIED IT WITH THE VISION TOWARDS A MUCH BETTER SYSTEM WHICH WILL ALLOW MY OFFICE TO WORK WITH CRIME VICTIMS AND THEN HAND IT OFF TO SCOTT AND HIS TEAM AS IT RELATES TO SOMEONE THAT'S ON SUPERVISION FOR PROBATION OR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IF THEY ARE OFF TO PRISON AND THEN LATER PAROLED IN A CONTINUUM OF THIS PORTAL THAT WORKS WITH THE CRIME VICTIM FOR A BETTER SERVICE. SO LET ME TURN IT OVER TO MR. TAYLOR AND MS. PENA FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND BACK TO ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR THE READING OF THE PROCLAMATION IF THAT'S HOW WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED.

Mr. Taylor: THANK YOU, SCOTT TAYLOR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND JOINING ME --

Ms. Pena: DENISE PENA, THE MANAGER OF THE VICTIMS CRIME SERVICES UNIT HERE AT DCJ.

Mr. Taylor: WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PROCLAMATION YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO. IT SIGNALS SOMETHING WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT. DENISE AND HER CREW WORKING WITH DCJ REALLY FOCUS ON THIS AND SIMILAR TO ROD'S STAFF, DENISE AND HER FOLKS HAVE REALLY MADE AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE, OUR AWARENESS OF THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS AND ENGAGE WHAT WE CALL OURSELVES THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND A GREAT PORTION OF THAT JUSTICE PIECE IS RESPONDING TO VICTIMS IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY. WE'VE BEEN WORKING

ON THAT, BUILDING THAT ORGANIZATION. WE'VE BEEN TRAINING BOTH OUR ADULT AND JUVENILE STAFF ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS, RESTITUTION COLLECTION, AND PRIMARILY VICTIM RESPONSE AND HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE GET BACK TO THE VICTIMS AND WORK WITH THE VICTIMS THAT CONTACT US.

Mr. Taylor: WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PORTAL AND WHERE IT MIGHT GO AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE ADDED ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. A NUMBER OF OUR VICTIMS WISH TO ACTUALLY HAVE A FACILITATED DIALOGUE WITH THE PERPETRATOR. IT TAKES TIME, IT'S A VERY LONG PROCESS. WE HAVE NOW BEGUN TO ENGAGE IN THAT PROCESS ALSO. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE 8,000 PEOPLE WE MANAGE EVERY DAY, A LARGE PORTION HAVE VICTIMS AND THAT'S WHAT DENISE AND HER STAFF SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WORKING ON. AS ROD TALKED ABOUT, THE NIC, THE WHOLE PORTAL, WE STARTED WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS, WE WENT TO A VICTIMS PANEL OF EXPERTS IN D.C. WHO THEN SENT US TO MINNESOTA AND WE HAVE BUILT THAT AND I THINK ROD'S STAFF AND DENISE AND HER STAFF, WE WOULD ALL ACKNOWLEDGE IN WORKING WITH OUR CODE FOR AMERICA FELLOWS HAVE BEEN THE ACTUAL CREATORS AND DESIGNERS AND SO WHEN WE GET TO THE PRACTICE RUN NEXT WEEK WITH THE VICTIM PANEL, SEE IF THE FIRST STAGES OF THIS THING ARE WORKING.

DENISE AND HER TEAM HAVE ACTUALLY DONE MOST OF THE WORK SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO DO THE PROCLAMATION. IT MEANS A LOT TO US AND IT'S PART OF THE CENTER OF WHAT WE DO AND I KNOW I RECRUITED DENISE THIS MORNING AND TOLD HER I KNEW SHE WANTED TO COME DOWN AND TALK. SHE REALLY DOES NOT LIKE THESE OPPORTUNITIES, BUT I ASKED HER TO SAY A WORD OR TWO SO...

Ms. Pena: GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU. MOST OF US DON'T HAVE TO THINK OUR WORRY ABOUT VICTIMS' ISSUES OR EXPERIENCE, UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO BE IN THIS LINE OF WORK OR UNLESS IT HAPPENS TO YOU OR SOMEBODY THAT YOU LOVE.

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD FOR ALL OUR FANS IN TV LAND.

Pena: AGAIN, DENISE PENA. WHAT I WAS SAYING WAS THAT IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND IN THE COURTROOM, VICTIMS ARE THE ONLY ONE THAT ACTUALLY DIDN'T MAKE A CHOICE TO BE THERE OR TO BE A PART OF IT. OUR EFFORTS TO TRY TO IMPROVE A VICTIM'S EXPERIENCE IN OUR SYSTEM HAS BEEN A VERY LONG AND SLOW MOVING PROGRESS AT TIMES. SINCE 2014 WHEN WE STARTED WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS, THAT ASSISTED WITH US IN DOING A MAPPING OF OREGON VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE POST-SENTENCING PHASE. WE HAVE WHAT WE CALL THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY FIVE PARTNERS, DCJ, THE D.A., AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE BOARD OF PAROLE, AND THE NATIONAL

CRIME LAW INSTITUTE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE VERY CLOSELY AND DILIGENTLY. IT EVEN INVOLVED ALL OF US GOING TO MINNESOTA IN FEBRUARY I MIGHT ADD TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SITE THAT MINNESOTA CURRENTLY EMPLOYS. WE KEPT ASKING WHAT WILL OUR NEXT STEPS BE.

Ms. Pena: THEN WE MET CODE FOR AMERICA. LAST YEAR, WE WERE SELECTED, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE PARTNERS, WERE SELECTED TO TAKE ON THIS VICTIM PORTAL IDEA. THEY ARE TAKING OUR VISION AND I WOULD EVEN SAY THEY ARE IMPROVING OUR VISION AND ACTUALLY BRINGING IT TO LIFE. WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE TOM AND PAM, THE TWO FELLOWS THAT HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT AS A PART OF THIS. THEIR LEVEL OF COMPASSION FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR DESIRE ON THEIR PART TO IMPROVE A VICTIM'S EXPERIENCE IS REALLY INSPIRING AND ESPECIALLY COMING FROM FOLKS THAT WORK IN THE TECH WORLD AND DON'T HAVE A PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR EXPOSURE TO VICTIMS' ISSUES OR EVEN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THIS WEEK AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS? DO WE HAVE OTHER FOLKS? JUST THE THREE OF YOU?

Mr. Underhill: WELL JUST FOR A MOMENT TO CALL OUT SUSAN WALTERS IS HERE, SUSAN HAS HELPED US RELATIVE TO THIS PROJECT. I KNOW THIS PROJECT HAS HEARD FROM SUSAN IN THE PAST AND JUST A RECOGNITION AGAIN OF HER CONTINUED HARD WORK IN HELPING US TO GET THIS RIGHT ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS.

Ms. Newell: GOOD MORNING, YOU WEREN'T HERE WHEN I TESTIFIED. NANCY NEWELL. SO I'M BACK BECAUSE I WANT CLARIFICATION AND IS THIS WEEK COVERING VICTIMS OF OFFICIALS, WHETHER THEY BE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES OR POLICE, DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE STORIES ABOUT THAT? THE FEDERAL JUDGE AGREES THAT THE MENTALLY ILL IN THIS CITY HAVE NOT BEEN TREATED PROPERLY BY THE POLICE, AND I THINK TO NOT INCLUDE THAT IS REALLY A DISRUPTION OF THE FEDERAL PROCESS SO THAT IT WORKS BETTER TO HANDLE THESE SITUATIONS A LOT MORE APPROPRIATELY AND LEGALLY AND PREVENT A LOT OF LAWSUITS. I'M CURIOUS IF YOUR WEEK INCLUDES SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SUFFERED THAT AND THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN DRAMATICALLY CHANGED RESULT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Walsh: AGAIN, FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WHEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS SPEAKING, ONE OF THE THOUGHTS THAT WENT THROUGH MY MIND IS THIS IS

SPECTACULAR, THIS RESOLUTION. AND WE ENDORSE IT. SO LET ME BE VERY CLEAR ON THAT. BUT THE THOUGHT OCCURRED TO ME HOW MANY OTHER VICTIMS ARE THERE? WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO COME OUT WITH HUGE BAIL AND THEY CAN'T MAKE IT, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING. ARE THEY VICTIMS? IF THE CHARGES ARE DROPPED LATER? IF THEY SPENT 30 DAYS IN JAIL, 60 DAYS IN JAIL AND THEN THE CHARGES ARE DROPPED? ARE THEY VICTIMS? I THINK SO. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN JAIL MANY TIMES. AND THE CHARGES WERE ALWAYS DROPPED, OR I WON IN COURT. I'VE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING. AM I A VICTIM? THE LAST CASE THAT WE HAD AND I TALKED TO THE D.A. ABOUT THIS, THE WIFE OF THE PERSON THAT WAS ARRESTED HAD TO PUT UP \$25,000 BAIL. SHE USED HER CREDIT CARD. \$1,700 INTEREST. SHE'S NOT GOING TO GET THAT BACK.

Mr. Walsh: YOU CAN DROP THE CHARGES AND HE CAN BE FOUND NOT GUILTY, SHE'S NOT GOING TO GET THAT BACK. IS SHE A VICTIM? THERE'S A WHOLE SECTION OF OUR SOCIETY THAT WE FORGET. I GREW UP IN BROOKLYN AND I WAS A VICTIM. MOST OF MY FRIENDS WERE VICTIMS OF CRIMES. SO I KNOW THE OTHER SIDE. BUT THERE'S A WHOLE POPULATION THAT WE DON'T RECOGNIZE AND I'M ASKING YOU TO THINK ABOUT THEM. THINK ABOUT THE INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT WENT THROUGH OUR SYSTEM AND HAD TO PUT OUT BAIL THAT'S ASTRONOMICAL, THEY HAD TO USE CREDIT CARDS, AND THEN THE CHARGES ARE DROPPED DOWN THE LINE. SOMEONE OUGHT TO ANSWER FOR THAT. BECAUSE THEY'RE VICTIMS. YOU STOLE THEIR MONEY. YOU REALLY DID. YOU MADE THEIR LIFE MISERABLE, BUT THEN YOU DROPPED THE CHARGES. WHY ISN'T THERE MORE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY ARREST PEOPLE AND THE D.A. WHEN THEY CHARGE?

I ASKED THAT QUESTION ON THE PHONE TO YOUR OFFICE. AND YOUR OFFICE SAID THIS TO ME: WE HAVE DIFFERENT STANDARDS. ONE IS PROBABLE CAUSE AND THE OTHER ONE IS CAN WE GET A CONVICTION? WHICH MAKES SENSE. THE PERSON ON THE PHONE WAS VERY HONEST. BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING MISSING HERE. IF I WAS THE D.A., I WOULD SAY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DO NOT ARREST ANYBODY, UNLESS YOU CAN CONVICT THEM. LET THEM BE ARRESTED IF THEY COMMIT A CRIME AND NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE PISSED OFF AT THEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG. D.A. UNDERHILL I DO APPRECIATE YOU PUSHING FORWARD ON THAT LEAD PROGRAM. I THINK THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT TO REALLY HELPING THE PEOPLE NOT HAVE TO GO TO JAIL BUT GIVEN OTHER OPTIONS TO GO INTO TREATMENT. SO I DO COMMEND YOU ON YOUR EFFORT ON THAT. NOW, SPEAKING ON PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS

SHOT AND KILLED, I'M ASKING YOU TO BEGIN TO PROCEED FORWARD ON HAVING BODY CAMS ON EVERY PORTLAND POLICE OFFICER IN THIS CITY. YOU KNOW FROM YOUR RESEARCH THAT IT REDUCES TRUE VIOLENCE AGAINST PEOPLE IN THE CITIES. WE NEED TO HAVE THAT AS A DETERRENT.

Mr. Lightning: WE NEED TO HAVE THAT IN PLACE FOR INVESTIGATIONS. WE NEED TO HAVE THAT AT THIS TIME AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES ON THIS TO GET THIS IN PLACE, SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF WHY IT SHOULD BE IN PLACE AND BEGIN MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE ADEQUATE FUNDING. AGAIN, I COMMEND YOU ON THE LEAD PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK HERE IN THE FUTURE AND COMMEND YOU ON THE BODY CAMS ON ALL THE PORTLAND POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THIS CITY TO REDUCE AGAIN CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE OUT IN THE CITY AND USE IT AS A DETERRENT AND DATA PROVES IT'S A GREAT DETERRENT AND IT WORKS AND IT IS EFFECTIVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Mr. Underhill: [READ PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD]

Chair Kafoury: GREAT THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? NO WELL I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. ALWAYS APPRECIATE SEEING MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF. I KNOW YOU GUYS DO GREAT WORK, WE DON'T OFTEN GET TO SEE YOU HERE FOR THANK YOU FOR COMING. I WANT TO THANK SUSAN FOR COMING, AS WELL. I'VE HEARD YOUR PERSONAL STORY MANY TIMES AND I AM ALWAYS MOVED BY IT AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE CONTINUING TO TELL YOUR STORY SO THAT OTHERS WILL LEARN AND BENEFIT. AND D.A. UNDERHILL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT OF JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH MEANS AND THE MESSAGE THAT YOU'VE SENT LOUD AND CLEAR ALONG WITH THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT WE BELIEVE COURTHOUSES SHOULD BE OFF-LIMITS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE CONGRESSWOMAN BONAMICI TAKING A LEAD ON TAKING OUR CONCERNS TO HEART AND INTRODUCING LEGISLATION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO MAKE THAT A REALITY. NOT VERY CONFIDENT THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE ALL STANDING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE THAT STAND. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

R.4 Budget Modification DCHS-10-17 Increasing the Federal/State Appropriation in DCHS by \$3,045,105. Presenters: Rose Bak, Mohammad Bader, Lee Girard and Rob Kodiriy – DCHS Division Management.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE IN WAITING, BUT IT'S WORTH IT FOR \$3 MILLION. [LAUGHTER]

Ms. Wendt: ABSOLUTELY. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, THIS IS A HAPPY BUDGET MODIFICATION. SO WE'RE HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK YOUR BUDGET AUTHORITY TO TAKE IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM STATE SOURCES, TRUE-UPS. WE TEND TO DO THIS IN THE FALL AND THE SPRING AND ONE IS A CONTRACT THAT LEE WILL TALK ABOUT FOR MEDICARE CARE TRANSITION SO WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS AS WE'VE MADE THE ROUNDS. WE'VE GOT THIS DOWN TO LESS THAN 15 MINUTES.

Ms. Bak: GOOD MORNING, ROSE BAK, CODIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES. ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION ARE TWO OF OUR LARGEST ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS. BOTH OF THOSE ARE FUNDED BY A VARIETY OF STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES AND COME TO US THROUGH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. WHEN WE DO OUR BUDGET EACH SPRING WE DON'T KNOW A CERTAIN AMOUNT THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET FOR OUR PROGRAM YEAR BECAUSE THEY ARE ON A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1ST SO WE ALWAYS DO AN ESTIMATE BASED ON THE BEST INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE AND WE DO A TRUE-UP IN THE FALL, AND THEN AGAIN IN THE SPRING.

WHAT HAPPENS THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM YEAR ON ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION IS THE STATE HOLDS SOME FUNDS IN RESERVES FOR EMERGENCIES AND TRAINING PURPOSES AND THEY ALSO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WILL TAKE MONEY BACK FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT USING ALL THEIR FUNDS AND WHENEVER THEY ASK US IF ANYBODY WANTS ADDITIONAL MONEY WE ALWAYS SAY YES SO WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL SMALL POTS OF MONEY THAT HAVE ADDED UP TO A LARGER POT OF MONEY OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AND THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION WILL ALLOW US TO ACCEPT THOSE FUNDS AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS WITH LOW INCOMES THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE PROGRAM YEAR. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR ROSE? GREAT. LEE, YOU'RE UP.

Ms. Girard: GOOD MORNING, I'M LEE GIRARD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE AGING, DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION AND I'M HERE REQUESTING YOUR APPROVAL TO ADD FUNDS THROUGH A NEW CONTRACT

THAT WE HAVE WITH PROVIDENCE HEALTH AND SERVICES TO PROVIDE METRO CARE TRANSITIONS PROGRAM SERVICES. THIS PROVIDES TRANSITION SUPPORT AND IT WILL BE FOR APPROXIMATELY 74 PARTICIPANTS PER MONTH WHO WILL BE DISCHARGING FROM HOSPITALS BACK TO HOME. THIS IS A SERVICE THAT REDUCES UNNECESSARY HOSPITAL READMISSIONS BY HELPING PATIENTS WHO ARE DISCHARGING HOME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THE KEY RED FLAGS RELATED TO THEIR ACUTE HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT GOT THEM IN THE HOSPITAL IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND REALLY ALSO DO A GOOD JOB OF CONNECTING THEM IN WITH AN ARRAY OF SERVICES IN OUR LARGER NETWORK. PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH TWO COACHES DURING THIS TIME THAT THEY'RE WORKING WITH US. THERE'S SOMEONE THAT WORKS IN THE HOSPITAL TO IDENTIFY AND REACH OUT TO THEM AND MAKE THAT CONNECTION, WHICH WE HAVE FOUND IS A REALLY VITAL PART OF THE PROGRAM.

Mr. Girard: OTHERWISE, PEOPLE TEND TO NOT REALLY WANT TO ANSWER THE PHONE AND RESPOND TO US LATER AND WE HAVE A COMMUNITY BASED COACH THAT REALLY WORKS WITH THEM AFTER ALL THE STRESS AND THE TRAUMA OF THE DISCHARGE. IT'S A VERY CONFUSING TIME FOR THEM. THEY'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF INFORMATION AND THAT COACH COMES OUT AND WORKS WITH THEM IN THE HOME TO REALLY EMPOWER THEM AND HELP THEM TO REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THAT KIND OF OVERLOAD OF INFORMATION THAT THEY GOT AS THEY WERE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL. IT'S BEEN A VERY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. IT REALLY CAME OUT OF A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM THAT WE HAD. IT WAS A PILOT, A NATIONAL PILOT. IT WAS A MEDICARE FUNDED PROJECT AND IT ENDED IN FY16, BUT BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS WE DEVELOPED WITH THE HOSPITALS, WE WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY CONDUCT A PILOT WITH PROVIDENCE.

IT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE. THE EVIDENCE WAS REALLY FIRM AND STRONG AND PROVIDENCE WAS SO IMPRESSED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT TO ACTUALLY WORK IN THREE OF THEIR HOSPITALS TO START WITH SO WE'LL BE WORKING IN PROVIDENCE PORTLAND, PROVIDENCE MILWAUKIE AND ST. VINCENT'S AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY AND WE'LL BE PUTTING APPROXIMATELY 50% OF THE FUNDING WILL GO TOWARDS OUR STAFF HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THAT WILL BE DIRECTLY FOR COACHES AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE FUNDING WILL PROBABLY BE PASSED THROUGH TO CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO IN THEIR DIRECT COMMUNITIES. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...

Mr. Bader: MOHAMMAD BADER WITH THE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR PERMISSION TO SPEND \$680,000. IT'S BASED ON AN INCREASE IN OUR BILLABLES. WE HAVE RECEIVED JUST RECENTLY FROM THE STATE THE

MATCH APPLICATION APPROVAL, JUST VERY RECENTLY. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR IT RIGHT NOW. WE'RE ASKING TO HIRE SEVERAL TEMPORARY POSITIONS. THIS WILL BE A ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDING. THE PURPOSE OF IT IS TO HELP US IN A COUPLE OF AREAS, ONE IN TERMS OF WE'RE AUTOMATING OUR ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM SO WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF MACHINES TO HELP US SCAN A LOT OF OUR SYSTEM TO ALLOW CASE MANAGERS TO ACCESS CASE NOTES WHILE THEY'RE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY.

Mr. Bader: AS YOU'RE AWARE WE HAVE AN OFFICE ALSO IN GRESHAM AND THAT CREATED A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM OF HAVING JUST ONE CENTRAL PAPER RECORD. SO WE HOPE TO BE DONE BY THE END OF JUNE WITH THIS PROJECT. THE OTHER PIECE, WE'LL HAVE SEVERAL CASE MANAGERS WORKING TO HELP DEAL WITH THE INCREASED WORK LOAD. A WEEK OR TWO AGO, YOU HEARD ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AND JOB SEARCH SO THERE'S AN INCREASE IN JOB COACHING, JOB TRAINING AND REACHING OUT FOR PROVIDERS IN THAT AREA. THE OTHER AREAS HAVE TO DO WITH MONITORING FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY. THESE CASE MANAGERS CURRENTLY DO THAT, BUT THIS WILL BE AN ADDED RESOURCE FOR THEM TO HELP DEAL WITH THE ADDED WORK LOAD THAT WE RECEIVED. SO THAT'S ABOUT IT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. YOU WERE VERY THOROUGH. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER] ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.5 Ratification of AFSCME JCSS Collective Bargaining Agreement. Presenter: Steve Herron, Labor Relations Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Mr. Herron: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONER. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS STEVE HERRON. I'M THE LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW THE COUNTY HAS FIVE SEVERAL PUBLIC SAFETY LABOR UNION UNITS AND THE OUTCOME, THE PROCESS FOR SETTLEMENT WITH THOSE UNITS IS THAT AFTER TABLE NEGOTIATIONS AND MEDIATION THE PARTIES GO TO AN INTEREST ARBITRATION. UNFORTUNATELY WITH THE JCSS BARGAINING, THE PARTIES DID NOT REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENT SHORT OF GOING TO INTEREST ARBITRATION AND SO WE DID THAT, THE COUNTY PREVAILED IN THE INTEREST ARBITRATION AND THE INTEREST ARBITRATOR SELECTED OUR LAST BEST OFFER. SO THIS IS THE TIME THAT WE BRING TO YOU THAT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT DERIVED FROM THE INTEREST ARBITRATION DECISION FOR RATIFICATION. AND SPENDING AUTHORITY.

A COUPLE OF FEATURES OF THE CONTRACT ARE DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRIOR BARGAINING, THE UNIT ORGANIZED INTO THE UNIT ON-CALL EMPLOYEES. SO WE HAD ON-CALL AND REGULAR EMPLOYEES NOW IN A UNIT THAT WAS HISTORICALLY JUST REGULAR EMPLOYEES. THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS, OF COURSE, NEEDED TO BE REVISED TO ADDRESS AND ACCOMMODATE THAT NEW CATEGORY OF FOLKS AND THERE WAS A FAIR AMOUNT OF HEAVY LIFTING IN THAT. SO A NUMBER OF FEATURES THAT ARE SET OUT IN THE APR, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ON-CALL BASE WAGES IS TIED TO STEP ONE OF THE REGULAR PAY SCALE, THAT THERE'S DIFFERENTIAL IN LIEU OF BENEFITS FOR ON CALL, THAT THERE'S PAID SICK LEAVE ACCRUAL AND SO ON, WAS REALLY THE BULK OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATION IN THIS BARGAINING.

Mr. Herron: RELATIVE TO FINANCES, THIS CONTRACT WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE END PORTION OF YEAR TWO. SO THERE WILL BE RETROACTIVE APPLICATIONS OF 2.1 FOR 2015, 1.0 FOR 2016 AND THEN THIS COMING JULY 1, THERE WILL BE A 2.2 COLA PROSPECTIVELY. THE BUDGET OFFICE FINANCE ANALYSIS IS A PART OF THE APR. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR STEVE? GREAT WORK. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, NOW, WE HAVE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

Vice-Chair Vega Pederson: I WANTED TO SPEAK TO SOMETHING THAT YOU HAD REFERRED TO EARLIER WHICH WAS THE FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT CONGRESSWOMAN BONAMICI WAS PUTTING FORWARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LOT OF HER COLLEAGUES INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN BLUMENAUER FOR TAKING THE LETTER THAT WE PROPOSED AND ASKING FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE SAFE SPACES FOR ICE INVOLVEMENT AND I WAS REALLY PLEASED TO BE PART OF THE ROUND-TABLE THAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK ON THE DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT THAT AND THE NEED FOR THAT KIND OF SLAYING AND LEGISLATION AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE SENATORS SIGNING ON TO LEGISLATION THAT'S GOING FORWARD IN THE SENATE WITH SIMILAR PROVISIONS TALKING ABOUT HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. SO I REALLY AM PROUD OF THE DELEGATION THAT WE HAVE AND

STANDING TOGETHER TO PUT FORWARD SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: ANYTHING ELSE? EXCELLENT. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND THANK YOU FOR WATCHING IN TV LAND. WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
[GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:34 a.m.

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