

**Multnomah County
Board of Commissioners
Board Retreat
January 25, 10 am – 2 pm
World Forestry Center**

Goals:

- Discuss key budget issues and priorities within the context of the 2016-17 financial situation
- Identify the key challenges the next Board will face and advice to help them be effective

Facilitator: Beverly Stein

1. Welcome and review of goals

Chair Kafoury

2. 2016-17 Budget

- a. Background information: Update current financial forecast
- b. Chair's current thinking on budget process and priorities
- c. What was learned from last budget session that can help in the current budget process?
- d. Discussion: What are the issues we will have to grapple with in the upcoming budget discussions and how to address?
 1. Affordable housing and homelessness
 2. Capital requests from non-county entities in view of policy of no money to external organizations
 3. Consider priority based budgeting as way to address political pressure
 4. What to do if don't get the \$100M from the state for the courthouse
 5. Additional priorities: mental health, seniors, re-entry
 6. Animal shelter replacement
 7. Burnside Bridge upgrade

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3. What are the long-term priorities/challenges (next 3-5 years) that need to be addressed?

- a. Major capital commitments have been made that essentially bind future Boards?
- b. How to take advantage of the opportunities of health care reform?
- c. City county consolidation?
- d. Eliminate tax exemptions for other governments?
- e. Affordable housing
- f. NE Health clinic
- g. Animal shelter replacement
- h. Burnside Bridge upgrade as a regional lifeline

4. What advice do you have for the next BCC from your combined many years of experience as Board members?

- a. How to deal with future of being in the red
- b. Importance of relationships
- c. Keep an eye on progress of capital projects

5. What do the new Commissioners need to know to be effective on day one?

- a. Review the stages of the budget process through the calendar year
- b. All the different hats Board members wear (various districts, etc.)
- c. Need to function as a team and build trust