

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

**BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. with Commissioners Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Chair Jeff Cogen and Commissioner Loretta Smith were excused.

Also attending were Jenny M. Morf, Acting County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

**B.1 Board Briefing on the East Metro Connections Plan. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenter: Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick and Metro Staff.**

Ms. Craddick explained that the East Metro Connection Plan (EMCP) is an 18-month project that seeks to allocate limited transportation dollars that ensure regional investments, support local land use, community and economic development, and the environment. EMCP is evaluating Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village and Multnomah County, with goals of supporting connectivity, enhanced livability and safety, and transportation analysis that makes the best use of the existing system and develops solutions for all transportation modes.

The project's steering committee and technical advisory committee have reviewed existing and anticipated future conditions related to transportation, economic and community development and the environment and natural resources in order to form a working problem statement.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for the update.

**B.2 Informational Board Briefing on the FY 2013 General Fund (GF) Five-Year Forecast. Presenter: Mike Jaspin, Economist.**

Mr. Jaspin explained that the economy continues to assume a sluggish recovery with anemic to modest growth that will be protracted and uneven. He summarized the GF 5-year forecast as follows: the FY12 GF revenues \$1.13M or 0.3% lower than in the adopted budget; the FY13 operating GF deficit is \$1.9M or 0.5% of expenditures; the FY13 to FY17 deficit ranges from \$1.1M to 3.9M per year or \$12.3M in total. The FY13 one-time-only resources equal \$12.4M; the FY12 GF contingency has an unallocated balance of \$4M; and major risks to the economy and revenue are generally outside of our control.

Mr. Jaspin described forecast risks, issues and influences to be a weaker economy and a continued house price decline; inflation, including Consumer Price Index impacts on labor

costs; Federal fiscal policies; European sovereign debt issues; oil prices and Middle East unrest; and state budget and service re-designs; library local option expiration; and local and State labor costs.

He responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked him for his briefing.

**B.3 Informational Board Briefing on Library Funding. Sponsors: Commissioner Shiprack, D-3 & Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Mike Jaspin, Economist; Katie Lane, Chair, Library Advisory Board; Brian Wilson, Chair, Charter Review Committee; & Merris Sumrall, Chief Executive Officer, Library Foundation.**

Commissioner Shiprack provided the introduction. Ms. Oehlke spoke about the recent successes and recognitions the library received. Mr. Jaspin spoke about the Real Market Value taxes, Average Assessed Value taxes. In FY11 to FY12, the Library Local Option compression increased from 21.55% to 32.58% and compression loss increases in Multnomah County rose from \$10.8M to \$16.9M.

Ms. Oehlke spoke about the potential service scenarios should a library funding measure fail in May 2012. All three scenarios represent a loss of roughly 300 FTE; reduce outreach services by 60%; and proportionate reductions to all support and administrative programs. She spoke about the specific impacts of each proposal.

Ms. Lane, Ms. Sumrall, and Mr. Wilson provided their insight regarding library funding.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by:  
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