

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 10, 2011**

BUDGET WORK SESSION # 2

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 1:36 p.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Diane McKeel, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present.

BWS.2.A FY 2012 Budget Work Sessions on Public Safety Departments – Sheriff’s Office. Presenters: Sheriff Dan Staton; Chief Deputy Drew Brosh; Chief Deputy Michael Shults; Julie Cieloha, Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC).

Sheriff Staton provided the introductions. Ms. Cieloha spoke on behalf of CBAC and provided recommendations, concerns and praise. CBAC recommends adding back a number of cost effective and/or necessary program offers, such as Gresham Temporary Hold, Turn Self In Program, Gang Enforcement Deputy, and Child Abuse Detective. They also recommend not cutting all the vacant positions, as this could lead to costing MCSO more in overtime pay. Ms. Cieloha suggested that it would be prudent to establish an overall County wage freeze to hold costs down.

Chief Deputy Brosh spoke about the core public safety services MSCO provides. Chief Deputy Shults spoke about recent MCSO accomplishments. These included the Corrections Grand Jury noting improvements in several jail management areas; MCSO River Patrol receiving the Oregon Bureau of State Lands Award; MCSO receiving a Sustainability Award for composting and reducing waste in jails; and several other recognitions.

Chief Deputy Brosh stated that the total FY12 MCSO budget is \$116,283,135. He explained that their first priority is to maintain core services, including the jail beds, booking, court security, street/river patrol, county-wide investigations, civil process, and search and rescue. Cuts were mainly focused on materials and supplies. Vacant positions were eliminated where the reductions wouldn’t create overtime spending; management was restructured and reduced and the span of control increased; management responsibilities were broadened to middle managers to support succession planning; and support positions were reduced where affect on workload was tolerable. MSCO added three new positions that they believe will enhance their services and reduce costs. He explained that the budget represents a \$1.6 million reduction to what they need to maintain services at their current level. There is a net reduction of 14.5 FTE from FY11, most of which are in management and support positions.

Chief Deputy Brosh spoke about funding considerations, such as the Work Release/Jail Reentry System and Joint Terrorism Task Force. He then spoke of State impacts to MCSO FY12 funding and other challenges they will need to address.

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

BWS.2.B FY 2012 Budget Work Sessions on Public Safety Departments – District Attorney’s (DA) Office. Presenters: District Attorney Michael Schrunk; Scott Marcy, DA Business Services Manager; Robert Pung, CBAC Chair.

Mr. Pung spoke on behalf of CBAC and expressed concern that recent budget cuts have significantly impacted the DA office’s capacity to prosecute quality of life crimes and low level non-person felonies, which adversely affects livability, business and general public safety. He requested that the Board consider backfilling the funding for the Financial Elder Abuse position. He spoke about emerging challenges and the importance of stabilizing County funding.

Mr. Schrunk said the mission of the DA office is to provide the citizens of Multnomah County with fair, timely, and cost-effective justice services. He spoke about services his office provides and their guiding principles. He listed the FY11 case accomplishments and overall achievements. They will reduce staffing by 15.0 FTE in FY12 and make additional cuts to meet general fund constraints. The FY12 DA budget is \$24,547,011.

Mr. Schrunk spoke about Federal and State impacts. He noted that the ARRA grant funds that have, for the past two years, funded four Deputy DA positions, are exhausted as of July. They will look for other grants that may be available, but for now funding is tight. He discussed policy issues and challenges, such as restitution collection; Commercially Sexually Exploited Children; Elder Abuse; Gang Enforcement and gun violence; improving business/residential livability by targeting open air drug activity; and the Regional Justice Network.

Messrs. Schrunk and Marcy responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

The Commissioners asked questions requiring follow-up by the departments after the meeting. The following inquiries were made:

Commissioner Smith asked what part of Program Offer 15015 will deal with Elder and Domestic Violence abuse. She requested to be provided with detailed information, including FTE and dollar amount.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
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