

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, January 16, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

Acting Chair Marissa Madrigal convened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. with Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Vice-Chair Diane McKeel was excused.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-14 Conversion of an IT Development Analyst to Development Analyst Senior.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Shiprack, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming January 18- 20th, 2014 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Weekend in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Kalissa Canyon-Scopes, Interim Dir., ODE; ReGina Guion, Managers of Color (MOC) Member & Dept. of Community Justice (DCJ) Mgr.; and Mark Lewis, MOC Co-Chair & Health Dept. Finance Mgr.

Commissioner Smith moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R.1.

Ms. Canyon-Scopes provided the opening remarks. Ms. Guion and Mr. Lewis spoke about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work as a champion for volunteer services. They urged the citizens and employees of Multnomah County to participate in volunteer service projects sponsored by various agencies in honor of Dr. King's legacy. They responded to Board questions and comments.

Mr. Lewis read the Proclamation into the record.

The Chair and Commissioners thanked the presenters for bringing this before the Board.

Proclamation No. 2014-006 was unanimously adopted.

R.2 PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Revising Fees and Charges for Chapter 27, Community Services of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2013-080. Presenter: Matthew O. Ryan, Asst. County Attorney.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Wendt seconded approval of R.2.

Mr. Ryan explained that House Bill (HB) 2978, which was effective January 1, 2014, made changes to the building, structure and system codes investigation fees. This law requires that all investigation fees shall be either an average or actual additional cost of ensuring that a building, structure or system is in conformance with the code. Under the old fee rate the investigation fee was equal to an actual permit fee. The City of Portland will increase the investigation fees charged for subsurface sewage inspection and permit fees within the Portland Urban Services Boundary effective January 1, 2014. The County needs to update the subsurface sewage inspection and permit fees for the areas of unincorporated Multnomah County covered by the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the City of Portland, to be consistent with the new City rates. The County fee resolution will provide that the new rate is effective retroactive to January 1, 2014. Mr. Ryan responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2014-007 was unanimously adopted.

R.3 PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Revising Fees and Charges for Chapter 29, Building Regulations, of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2013-078. Presenter: Matthew O. Ryan.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.3.

Mr. Ryan stated that R.3 is a similar matter to R.2. HB 2978 requires that all investigation fees shall be either an average or actual additional cost of ensuring that a building, structure or system is in conformance with the code. Under the old fee rate the investigation fee was equal to an actual permit fee. The City of Portland has approved increased investigation fees effective January 1, 2014, under the State of Oregon Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Residential Specialty Codes in accordance with OAR 918-020-0220 and ORS 455.210. The County needs to revise its fee resolution in areas of unincorporated County covered by the agreement with the City, to be consistent with the new City rates. The County fee resolution will provide that the new rate is effective retroactive to January 1, 2014. Mr. Ryan responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2014-008 was unanimously adopted.

R.4 PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Revising Fees for MCC Chapters 11.05, Land Use General Provisions, 11.15 Zoning, 11.45 Land Divisions, 37 Administration and Procedures, 38 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Repealing Resolution No. 2013-079. Presenter: Matthew O. Ryan.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Wendt seconded approval of R.4.

Mr. Ryan stated that R.4 is a similar matter to R.2 and R.3. HB 2978 requires that all investigation fees shall be either an average or actual additional cost of ensuring that a building, structure or system is in conformance with the code. Under the old fee rate the investigation fee was equal to an actual permit fee. The City has approved some land use service fees, and it is necessary for the County to also adopt such increases in order to be in compliance with the full cost recovery required under the IGA. The County fee resolution will provide that the new rate is effective retroactive to January 1, 2014. Mr. Ryan responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2014-009 was unanimously adopted.

R.5 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Veterans Court. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack, District 3. Presenters: Multnomah County Judge Julie Franz, Rod Underhill – Multnomah County District Attorney, Ginger Martin – Assistant Director DCJ, Lane Borg – Metropolitan Public Defender Services Inc, David W. Greaves - Ph.D. Portland VA Medical Center.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.5.

Commissioner Shiprack provided the opening remarks. She said this collaborative effort is modest, but represents a needed first step to help Veterans who put themselves in harm's way for their Country. The presenters spoke about how this MOU creates a Multnomah County Veterans Outreach Project and Probation Violation Docket, as an effort to reduce the rate of incarceration of military veterans, prevent recidivism by directing veterans to services and addressing the criminal risk factors and sources of instability, and provide better access to care for military veterans. Eligible military veterans are those on felony probation for offenses other than Measure 11 and Domestic Violence.

The presenters explained that this Project was developed through a collaborative effort of the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, the Multnomah County Circuit Court, the Veterans Administration, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Criminal Defense Bar (through the involvement of the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Public Defender), and the Multnomah County Trial Court Administrator. Each of these entities will be responsible for carrying out the mission, goals and objectives of the Project through actions identified in the MOU. Responsibilities outlined in the MOU include that: the Sheriff's office will identify veterans at the time of booking; the DA's office will identify cases in which defendants are veterans and consider the services available to Veterans when engaging in plea discussions/negotiations and making sentence recommendations; Defense Attorneys will discuss services available through the Veterans Administration; DCJ will provide specialized probation/parole officers in each field and in each specialty caseload with expertise about Veterans; and, the Courts will designate a Circuit Court Judge who is knowledgeable about Veterans' specific needs.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

The MOU was unanimously approved.

R.6 Ratification of Tentative Agreement between Multnomah County and Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Presenter: Steve Herron, Labor Relations Director & District Attorney Rod Underhill.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Wendt seconded approval of R.5.

Messrs. Herron and Underhill explained that the labor agreement between the County and the Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys Association expired on June 30, 2013. They discussed highlights of the new 2013-2017 collective bargaining agreement and responded to Board questions and comments.

The Agreement was unanimously ratified.

R.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-07 - Requesting \$278,910 General Fund Contingency Transfer to the District Attorney's Office for the FY 2014 Cost of the Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys Association (MCPAA) Collective Bargaining Agreement. Presenter: Steve Herron.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.7.

Mr. Herron explained that the County and the Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys Association negotiated a Tentative Agreement for settlement of successor labor contract bargaining, which includes a cost of living increase to bargaining unit members in excess of what was budgeted for FY 2014. If approved, this BudMod will transfer \$278,910 from the General Fund Contingency to the District Attorney's Office to cover this unbudgeted cost. He responded to Board questions and comments.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

BudMod DCM-07 was unanimously approved.

R.8 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming January 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Vice-Chair McKeel, District 4. Presenters: Tara Bowen-Biggs, District 4 Policy and Constituent Relations Liaison; Celeste Janssen, Executive Director, Oregon Mentors; Darrin Marks, Business Education Compact; and Laura Randall, nConnect.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Wendt seconded approval of R.8.

Chair Madrigal read Vice-Chair McKeel's remarks on her behalf. The presenters spoke about the goals of National Mentoring Month, which include: raising awareness of mentoring; recruiting individuals to mentor; and recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring. Mentoring is a proactive intervention that builds positive relationships between a youth and adult, which can occur in the community, at schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, and at home. They discussed their personal experiences with mentoring and various mentoring opportunities in the community.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation and good work in the community.

Chair Madrigal read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2014-010 was unanimously adopted.

R.9 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for \$750,000 per year to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Healthy Start Initiative. Presenter: Marc Harris, Health Serv. Dev. Admin., and Rachel Banks, Program Dir.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.9.

Mr. Harris and Ms. Banks stated that MCHD wants to submit an application for \$750,000 per year for five years to the Health Resources and Services Administration Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health funding opportunity. The purpose of this grant program is to improve perinatal health outcomes and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in perinatal health outcomes by using community-based approaches to service delivery, and to facilitate access to comprehensive health and social services for women, infants, and their families. The project area will be all of Multnomah County, where the 2007-2009 African American infant mortality rate was 10.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. No matching dollars are required.

Mr. Harris and Ms. Banks responded to Board questions and comments.

The NOI was unanimously approved.

R.10 BUDGET MODIFICATION HD-14-10 - Request to Appropriate \$59,161 in Grant Revenue from the State of Oregon WIC Program. Presenter: David Brown, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Mgr.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.10.

Mr. Brown explained that the County WIC Program's Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Services was allocated \$59,161 in one-time only funds from the State of Oregon WIC Program, which needed to be spent by September 30, 2013. The purpose of this funding is to increase breastfeeding duration and exclusivity rates by providing basic breastfeeding information, encouragement, and appropriate referral primarily during non-traditional work hours at specific intervals to pregnant and breastfeeding women who are participants through a Peer Counselor from the local community. Approval of this budget modification will increase the Health Department's Federal/State FY 2014 budget by \$59,161. Since the funds are one-time-only, expenditures in subsequent fiscal years would need to be funded within the department's budget.

Mr. Brown responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod HD-14-10 was unanimously approved.

R.11 PROCLAMATION Declaring January 2014 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Sarah Ohlsen, DCJ, CSEC Coordinator and Invited Guests.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner Wendt seconded approval of R.11.

Chair Madrigal read Vice-Chair McKeel's remarks on her behalf and discussed the significance of this Proclamation and the work that has been accomplished in the past year. Human trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery. It comprises the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Traffickers generate billions of dollars in annual profits at the expense of victimizing millions of people. The commercial sexual exploitation of children in Multnomah County victimizes children in our community, with at least 469 cases identified in a recent study. She spoke of the impact of services provided, and the benefit of strong partnerships between the County, service providers and law enforcement to develop a survivor network.

The presenters spoke about the work being done to better support victims and punish those responsible. The presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

The Board thanked Vice-Chair McKeel and the presenters and acknowledged their efforts and accomplishments.

Chair Madrigal read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2014-011 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

Submitted by:
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