

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, March 22, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Meieran was excused at 11:34 a.m.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WE ARE GOING TO GET STARTED. IT IS THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd, AND YOU ARE WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT OUR REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification HD-32-18 Authorizing three position reclassifications within the Health Department
- C.2 Budget Modification HD-33-18 Reclassifies thirteen 1.00 FTE Mental Health Consultants to thirteen 1.00 FTE Pre-Commitment Investigators in the Addiction Services Division of the Health Department.
- C.3 Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant Application to the Portland Water Bureau's Lead Hazard Reduction Program for up to \$225,000
- C.4 Budget Modification DCJ-16-18: Reclassifies a Vacant 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Sr to Program Coordinator in the Juvenile Svcs Div.
- C.5 Budget Modification DCJ 17-18 Reclassifies a Vacant 1.00 FTE Research Evaluation Analyst Sr to Data Analyst in the RAP Unit

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

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.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. I WILL CALL GROUPS OF FOUR. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Broussard: LET'S SEE IF WE CAN START WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] MANY TIMES I RAISED THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MANY PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS, AND HAVING RUN ON NEXT TO ZERO DOLLAR BUDGET, MY RANKING NUMBERS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSIVE. ON THE FLIP SIDE I HAVE ACQUIRED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE ALONG THE WAY. BECAUSE MY RESUME SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, SO PLEASE VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE, VOTE BRUCE BROUSSARD, DISTRICT 2, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. AGAIN I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT STANDING UP FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. YESTERDAY I FILLED OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK, MAY 23, AND IT GOES, REQUESTS OF INJURED AND PISSEDOFF TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING CIVIL CONSPIRACY PLUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND SEVEN SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKS IN LESS THAN SIX YEARS BY THE SAME DOG. I WILL HAND IN THIS PAPER. I AM LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AS I HAVE SAID. WE ARE 500,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM HIP SURGERIES SINCE MY OPERATION OF NOVEMBER 15, OR 16 WAS THE OPERATION, THE 15TH WAS OF NOVEMBER 2010 WAS MY INJURY DATE. PLUS I ALSO HAVE TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD, AND I FAILED TO ADDRESS THAT THERE'S BEEN 75,000 PEOPLE THAT'S PARALYZED SINCE MY INJURIES. ANOTHER 12,000 OR 75,000 MORE PEOPLE ARE WHAT THEY CALL INCOMPLETE SPINAL CORD INJURIES SINCE THAT DATE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2010. SATURDAY, THIS SATURDAY, OR LAST SATURDAY I WAS UNABLE TO TALK TO THAT VETERAN.

I DIDN'T MEET HIM AT THE USUAL LOCATION, THE HOMELESS VETERAN I WAS TALKING ABOUT THAT HAS A SPINAL CORD INJURY, AND HIP SURGERY AS WELL. I HOPE THAT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO FIND SHELTER, OF COURSE, WITH THE BAD WEATHER AND EVERYTHING HE HAD A NUMBER OF VETERAN APPOINTMENTS THAT, AS I SAID, LIKE EIGHT TO TEN THAT I ASSUME THAT THEY HAVE ADDRESSED THE HOUSING SITUATION FOR HIM. HE'S ALSO ELDERLY. MY AGE OR OLDER, IN A WHEELCHAIR, POWERED WHEELCHAIR, NOT JUST A MOBILITY CART I AM TALKING ABOUT A POWERED WHEELCHAIR. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. APRIL 11 I AM ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL, TOO, ABOUT THEM SPENDING MONEY FOR TWO CIRCULARS FOR THE COUNSEL MEETINGS. I FIND THAT KIND OF OBSCENE WHERE THEY ARE SPENDING, PAYING THE MONEY, BRIBING THE NEWSPAPERS TO WRITE UP PHONY ARTICLES SUCH AS THE ONE THAT CITY HALL HAD WRITTEN UP ABOUT ME, IN 2006 SAYING THAT I WAS AN UNINVITED GUEST AFTER I HAD SIGNED UP TO THE MEETINGS.

Mr. Pissedoff: ANYBODY THAT'S HERE ACCORDING TO THE PAPER THAT I HAD PROVIDED FROM THE WILLAMETTE WEEK, WOULD BE AN UNINVITED GUEST IF YOU ARE OPPOSING THE DICTATORSHIP OF A COUNTY AND CITY. THE CITY ACTUALLY OWNS MY HOUSING PROJECT, AND A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WHERE THEY GO PAID FOR SEVEN DOG ATTACKS COLLECTING RENT, AND ME GETTING INJURED, A LEGALLY BLIND PERSON, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER JUSTICE WATCHDOG. AGAIN TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF OREGON. AGAIN I'VE BEEN TO NUMEROUS MEETINGS HERE IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND I DON'T REALLY HEAR THAT ISSUE BROUGHT UP MUCH HERE. I DON'T HEAR THE ISSUE OF UNDERSTANDING JUST HOW MANY FAMILIES IN THE HOMELESS CHILDREN ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. NOW IN 2017 AS YOU KNOW THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORTED THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS STUDENTS IN THE STATE WAS 22,541. AGAIN WHEN WE ARE JUST TALKING ABOUT IN METRO, 7600, IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHERE YOU DID YOUR SPEECH, RENTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEY HAVE A 11.5% RENTAL STUDENTS OR 1,350 YOUTHS WERE HOMELESS LAST YEAR, WHICH I DON'T REMEMBER CHAIR KAFOURY YOU ADDRESSING THAT DURING YOUR SPEECH AT THE SCHOOL.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE DATA PROVIDED. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY DOING AT THIS TIME. SO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN I AM SITTING HERE, WHAT I AM DOING IS I AM TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH THE METRO BOND. THEY ARE ASKING CURRENTLY IN THE RANGE OF 500 MILLION. I AM GOING TO BE ASKING FOR 750 MILLION BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS WE'RE CURRENTLY IN AND THE NUMBERS OF HOMELESS CHILDREN WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND HOW IS IT BEING ADDRESSED AND WHAT IS THE BEST WAY AND THE SOLUTION TO ADDRESS THAT AS YOU ALL KNOW IT'S PERMANENT HOUSING. NOT MORE SHELTERS. NOT PUTTING THEM INTO MOTELS, NOT HAVING THEM SUFFER THE TRAUMA OF LIVING IN A CAR OUTSIDE OR IN A TENT, AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL WHICH THEY NEED TO DO, OBVIOUSLY, SO HOW ARE WE REALLY ADDRESSING THIS WHEN THIS NUMBER IS SO HIGH? I WANT TO HEAR HOW YOU ARE ADDRESSING THIS. I HAVE NEVER HEARD THAT WHILE I SIT IN HERE. I HAVE NEVER HEARD THAT AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND.

NOW IS THERE ANYBODY AT A HIGHER LEVEL SAYING, WE DON'T WANT TO BE SAYING THAT AT THESE MEETINGS TOO MUCH? BECAUSE THIS IS ALARMING TO ME. THIS IS AN ALARMING NUMBER THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. AGAIN. ON THAT BOUND AT METRO IS PART OF THE SOLUTION. THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING THE PEOPLE TO PUSH THAT AMENDMENT ON THE OREGON CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE BOND PROCEEDS TO BE USED WITH THE

PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUILD MORE HOUSING UNIONS AND GET THE HOMELESS CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS, OUT OF THE CARS, OUT OF THE TENTS. FROM BEING DOUBLED UP, OUT OF THE MOTELS. I WANT MORE OF THIS DATA PROVIDED. LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, I AM NOT GOING TO BACK OFF OF THIS ISSUE. I AM GOING TO GET THIS POND PUSHED THROUGH AND I AM GOING TO GET MY 750 MILLION, AND IT'S GOING TO GO TO THE CHILDREN THAT ARE HOMELESS THAT I DON'T THINK ANY OF YOU UP HERE ARE ADDRESSING IN THE MANNER THAT I EXPECT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS. THANK YOU. KEVIN YOU ARE UP.

Mr. Fitts: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM KEVIN FITTS, WITH THE OREGON MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION. I HAD PREPARED A FEW NOTES TO TALK BUT THE VALUE OF PATIENT OR SERVICE RECIPIENT ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY AND HOW THAT'S SO MEANINGFUL, BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME ON THE CLOCK. I DO WANT TO FIRST SAY -- I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR SPONSORING SIX PIERS AND CONSUMER ADVOCATES TO ATTEND OUR PEER CONFERENCE IN SEASIDE, BUT I AM HERE TO ASK YOU IF A TREE FALLS IN THE FOREST AND DOESN'T MAKE A NOISE DOES ANYBODY HEAR IT? IF 500 MED CRATED RECIPIENTS, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS MEET IN SEASIDE AND THERE IS NO PRESS AND NO POLITICOS THERE, DOES IT MAKE A NOISE, A DENT, AFFECT AWARENESS?

SO WHAT I AM HERE TO DO IS, AND I KNOW GIVEN SCHEDULING AND HOW VALUABLE YOUR TIME IS, IT IS PROBABLY LATE NOTICE TO GET YOU COMMISSIONERS TO GO THERE YOURSELF GIVEN SCHEDULING BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS INVITE YOU TO SEND ONE OF YOUR STAFFERS WHO FOCUSES ON MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS AND PEER SUPPORTS TO COME ON APRIL 10 FOR ONE DAY, IT'S \$75, WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE OFFICE AND INVITED SOMEONE FROM WYDEN AND MERKLEY'S OFFICE TO COME. THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY CHIEF WILL BE THERE SO I AM ASKING TO SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE SOME TIME TO ATTEND THAT CONFERENCE. ONCE YOU GET THE AWARENESS OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING, YOU WILL BE RADICALIZED AND REVOLUTIONIZED BY THE PATIENT MOVEMENT AND HEART AND SOUL OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THAT IS MY TESTIMONY, AND I WANT TO SEE IF I COULD USE THE REMAINING PART OF MY TIME TO DO THE LORD'S PRAYER, OR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OR DID WE DO THAT? WE DID THAT ALREADY. OKAY. AND I HAVE TIME LEFT SO INSTEAD OF JUST BEING GOOFY I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO AND YOUR STAFF DO ABOUT TO SUPPORT THE PATIENT MOVEMENT ASK THE VOICE OF THE CONSUMER. IT'S VERY MEANINGFUL. SO, AND WE HAVE 5% OF THE STATE ON MEDICAID APPROXIMATELY. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO, YOU KNOW, WHO ARE LIVING ON MEDICAID AND RECEIVE PUBLIC SERVICES. AM I OUT OF TOWN? I AM OUT OF TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING.

Mr. Maurice: HI. YES, GOOD MORNING. I AM JOSH MAURICE. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND AGAIN, OR FIRST TIME HERE, BUT FOR THE NTH TIME IF WE COUNT THE VARIOUS MEDIA RECOMMEND THE -- WELL, SPECIFICALLY AT THIS POINT THE PARADIGM FRAMEWORK. IT'S ON A WEBSITE CALLED ZHERG, THE ADDRESS IS ZHERG.WIXSITE.COM. IT IS WITH AN X FOR WIX. SO THIS Z3 PARADIGM FRAMEWORK IS COMPRISED OF TWO MAIN POSITIVE PRINCIPLES, AND IT HAS A SYMBOL I WAS, A VISUAL QUEUE FOR EACH OF THESE TWO PRINCIPLES, AND THE FIRST ONE SHOWS AN EYE, LIKE A HUMAN EYE WITH AN INFINITY SIGN IN IT. SO THAT SIMPLY SIGNIFIES TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE REALISTIC AND HUMBLE ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE WE DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING AND THAT WE'RE ALWAYS LEARNING MORE. HAVING THAT AS A FIRST PRINCIPLE IT HELP INOCULATE US AGAINST DOGMATISM, KEEP US OF GETTING TOO STUCK ON FIXED IDEAS, AND THEN THE OTHER MAJOR PRINCIPLE OF THIS FRAMEWORK, IF YOU COULD IMAGINE A HEART WITH AN INFINITY SIGN. IT ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF HOW ARE WE GOING TO CONDUCT OURSELVES IN THIS COMPLEX LIVING WORLD? THE PRINCIPLE IS LET'S LOVE EVERYONE. LET'S VALUE ALL. YEAH. IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT IT'S KIND OF LIKE PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO ALL, IN A SENSE. IF YOU WANT TO DRAW A PARALLEL BUT BY NO MEANS DOES THAT PRINCIPLE RESOLVE EVERY DILEMMA BUT IT'S A POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE STANDARD THAT WE CAN USE TO DEFINE WHAT WE MEAN BY THE GOOD, WHAT WE MEAN BY RIGHT ACTION. THANK YOU. YES, THANK YOU.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. I WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY 22ND DAY OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. IT'S INTERESTING THAT IN THE HISTORY OF MARCH, I DON'T KNOW I HAVE GOTTEN, WE'LL HEAR WHEN WE TALK ABOUT R.7 WHAT YEAR IT BEGAN TO BE OBSERVED BUT THIS YEAR WE'LL BE ADDING INTO THE MARCH HISTORY MARCH FOR OUR LIVES. SATURDAY 24 HOURS FROM NOW WE SHOULD ALL BE IN THE NORTH PART BLOCKS IN THE PARK BLOCKS READY TO MOVE TO BUY NEAR SQUARE SAYING IT'S NEVER ACCEPTABLE TO TWIST THE LAW INTO PERMISSION FOR KIDS TO BE KILLED IN SCHOOL. WITH THE WORK OF THE NRA AND OTHER GROUPS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF OPPOSITION THE WISE KIDS WILL BE FACING. THEY ARE NOT MARCHING TO TAKE PEOPLE'S GUNS AWAY. THEY ARE NOT YOU KNOW, THERE IS NOT A FORMULATED SET OF STEPS YET PARTIALLY BECAUSE THE LEGISLATURES, PROBABLY NOT YOURSELF, BUT MANY THAT MAKE THE LAWS AND RULES ARE ACCUSTOMED IF NOT ADDICTED FOR GETTING FUNDED BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE HYSTERIA AND FEAR.

I DON'T THINK ANYBODY FEELS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A WELL REGULATED MILITIA IF SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE 21 TO BUY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SO, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SECOND RELATED AMENDMENT ISSUES BUT SINCE WE HAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH IS NOT SO BAD, ANYTHING THAT ADDS WITH, AND LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR

ALL, HAS SOME MERIT, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE FAX GOING AROUND ABOUT THAT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AND THE FACT IS THAT IT DID NOT EXIST UNTIL AFTER OUR COUNTRY HAD GONE THROUGH 90 CONSTITUTIONAL YEARS OF SLAVERY. SO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS NOT COOKED UP BY GREAT STATESMEN. IT JUST SORT OF SHOWED UP AT THE END OF THE 1800S, AND IT DID NOT HAVE UNDER GOT IN IT. UNDER GOT AND IN GOD WE TRUST ON OUR MONEY IS SOME STUFF THAT WAS COOKED UP OUT OF FEAR, RED SCARE FEAR OR WHATEVER THOSE MOTIVES WERE, SO I DON'T OBJECT TO ANYBODY SAYING THE WORDS THAT RANG TRUE IF THEY FEEL THAT THE LATEST REVISIONIST 1950S VERSION OF THE PLEDGE IS THE ONE THAT RESONATES WITH THEM, THAT IS WHAT THEY SHOULD SAY BUT WE SHOULD ALSO BE CLEAR THAT SOME OTHER WORDS ARE CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION. THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Board Briefing on 2018 Session of the Oregon Legislature. Presenter: Jeston Black, Director, Office of Government Relations.

Mr. Black: CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER, I AM JESTON BLACK, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WITH ME IS THE POLICY MANAGER. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. THANKS FOR HAVING US TODAY, OUR GOAL IS TO DO A LITTLE LOOK BACK ON THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND WALK THROUGH THE BILLS THAT IMPACTED THE COUNTY AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. I THINK THAT FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK BACK AT JANUARY AND WHERE WE WERE BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THERE WAS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY ESPECIALLY IN THE BUDGET WORLD OF THE LEGISLATURE, ABOUT MEASURE 101 WAS ON THE TABLE WHICH COULD HAVE CREATED A 1.2 BILLION HOLE IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS DEBATING TAX REFORM, AND THERE WAS A REVENUE FORECAST OUT THERE THAT NO ONE KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. MEASURE 101 PASSED SO THERE WAS NO HOLE CREATED, THE LEGISLATURE WAS ABLE TO DETACH ITSELF FROM THE FEDERAL TAX CUTS, WHICH SAVED THE STATE ABOUT 150 MILLION THIS BY BIENNIUM, AND THE REVENUE CAME OUT POSITIVE FOR THIS BIENNIUM AND VERY UNCERTAIN FOR FUTURE BIENNIUMS.

SO ALL IN ALL THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAD 100 MILLION TO SPEND DURING THE SHORT SESSION. MUCH OF WHICH THEY SAVED, BUT GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE BIENNIUM BUT IT DID ALLEVIATE SOME STRESS. GOING INTO THE SESSION, MOST LEADERSHIP WAS SAYING IF WE HAVE A GIGANTIC HOLE IN OUR BUDGET, ALL OF THE POLICY IDEAS ARE OFF THE TABLE, AND WE WILL SPEND OUR 30 DAYS ONLY LOOKING AT HOW TO FILL THE BUDGET HOLE. SO WE WERE ABLE TO WORK ON GREAT POLICY, AND I WOULD SAY OVERALL WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. I WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO, AND I THINK THAT YOU HAVE THIS HANDOUT, IS THE

2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE COUNTY. WITH THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY BEING, OR I SHOULD NOT SAY THAT, THE TOP TIER PRIORITIES BEING PROTECTING COUNTY SAFETY NET PROGRAMS.

Mr. Black: THIS HAPPENED IN A COUPLE OF WAYS. THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS DHS WAS ABLE TO ABSORB A 12 MILLION UNSPECIFIED CUT THAT THEY WERE GOING INTO THAT WAS LIKELY TO CAUSE SOME REDUCTION IN BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS THROUGH DHS. THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND SOME ADMINISTRATIVE SAVINGS. THEY WERE ABLE TO MOVE MONEY AROUND AND GET A BETTER FEDERAL MATCH ON SOME OF THAT MONEY, SO THEY WERE ABLE TO ABSORB THAT CUT WHICH REALLY HELPED OUT IN THE LONG RUN. WE ASKED THE LURE TO TAKE ACTION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS A JOINT REQUEST BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, LANE COUNTY, AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY, MARION AND A HANDFUL OF OTHER COUNTIES ASKING FOR 5 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS SHELTERING, KIND OF TO DEAL WITH THE UNPRECEDENTED NEED THAT COUNTIES ARE SEEING ACROSS THE STATE IN HOMELESSNESS. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THAT 5 MILLION, OF WHICH MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL RECEIVE 2.3 MILLION SO THAT WILL BE MUCH NEEDED HELP FOR THE FAMILY SHELTER AND OTHER SHELTERING GOING ON, SO WE THANK THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR FOR THAT.

THE SECOND WAS, LET ME FIND THE BILL NUMBER, THE 4007. RHYS IS HERE AS MY LIFELINE. MY PHONE-A-FRIEND IF YOU WILL. HOUSE BILL 4007 WHICH INCREASED THE FEE WHICH WILL PRODUCE AN EXTRA 30 MILLION IN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS MONEY FOR THE STATE NEXT BIENNIUM. IT IS DELIVERED THROUGH THE EHA FUND. THE AGENCY AND OTHERS WILL LOOK AT HOW THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO MAKE SURE IT IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY. THEY HAVE HAD A FORMULA BUT GIVEN THE GENERAL FUND MONEY, IT'S THE TIME TO LOOK AT HOW THAT IS ALLOCATED AND WE ARE EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT CONVERSATION. THE NEXT PRIORITY WAS FUNDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND THIS CAME IN ONE SPECIFIC WAY WHICH WAS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THIS WAS A LATE ASK THAT CAME DURING THE SESSION.

WE JOINED A COALITION ASKING IF AN ADDITIONAL 950,000 TO BE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS OF WHICH THERE ARE 12 IN THE COUNTY SO THIS IS A BIG WIN. THE OTHER WAS A 2 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, AND THEIR FUNDING. THE AGENCY, THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY IS WORKING ON A RATE REVIEW FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES RIGHT NOW. THEY DETERMINED THAT THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF FACILITIES THAT SERVE IN BED RESIDENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE WAS LOW. THEY WERE NOT FINANCIALLY VIABLE TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN, SO THE LEGISLATURE GAVE THEM \$2 MILLION NOW AS THEY CONTINUE TO STUDY HOW TO STANDARDIZE THEIR WAITS FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. THIS WILL BE A LONG-TERM

CONVERSATION BUT ONE WE INSERTED OURSELVES INTO TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH CAPACITY IN THE SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE TO GO. WE SEE THAT AS A HUGE PRIORITY. THE OTHER ONE WAS THE EXPANDING OF THE PSYCHIATRIC ACCESS LINE, KNOWN AS OPALK, A SERVICE FOR PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBING ADOLESCENCE WHO HAVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES, HOW THEY PRESCRIBE THEM MEDICATION OR TREAT.

Mr. Black: IT'S A RESOURCE FOR PHYSICIANS WHO NEED IT. THIS WILL EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ADULTS AS WELL. THEY HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL RECEIVED, AND IT'S ALSO NOT VERY EXPENSIVE SO EXPANDING THE PROGRAM WILL BE OF A HUGE HELP. THE FOURTH ONE IS PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE, AND THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S BILL HOUSE BILL 4145 CLOSING THE BOYFRIEND LOOPHOLE, WE SAW A BUNCH OF ADVOCACY AROUND THIS. OF COURSE THE TIMING OF IT WITH THE SCHOOL SHOOTING IN FLORIDA, YOU KNOW, THIS ONE MOVED FAIRLY QUICKLY KIND OF ONCE, OUTSIDE EVENTS HAPPENED. IT WAS NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY BEFORE THAT BUT I WILL SAY THE GOVERNOR, SHERIFF RHYS AND CHAIR KAFOURY AND OTHERS WHO SHOULDERED IN ON THAT ONE AND HELPED TO GET IT THROUGH, I KNOW THE LEGISLATURE IS LOOKING AT MORE LEGISLATION COMING NEXT TIME AROUND, AROUND GUN VIOLENCE, SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT.

SO THOSE ARE THE TOP FOUR THAT YOU HAD IN YOUR LAST AGENDA, AND I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD CALL OUT A FAIR NUMBER OF BILLS IN ADDITION. THE FIRST WAS HOUSE BILL 4143. THIS IS AN OPIOID BILL THAT CAME OUT OF THE TASK FORCE. WHAT I WANT TO CALL FOR, IT ALLOCATES \$2 MILLION FOR FOUR PILOT PROJECTS AND COUNTIES. ONE OF WHICH IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS A GREAT PILOT PROGRAM. IT IS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO PRESENT IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM OR CRISIS AND GET THEM TO TREATMENT SERVICES. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT SOMEONE COMES IN A CRISIS INTO AN EMERGENCY ROOM AND STABILIZED AND SOMETIMES HELPED INTO TREATMENT BUT NOT ALWAYS. THIS WOULD REALLY HELP THAT PERSON. THERE IS A LOT OF HOPE THIS WILL INCLUDE THE PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS SO SOMEONE WHO APPEARS WILL BE CONNECTED WITH A PEER TO HELP THEM GET INTO TREATMENT SERVICES.

IT ALSO DOES REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM BUT JULY 1 OF 2017, WHICH IS GREAT, THEY ARE USING IT AS A RESOURCE TO INDICATE PHYSICIANS ON THE PRESCRIBING PRACTICES AND MAKE SURE THAT OPIOIDS ARE NOT BEING OVER PRESCRIBED. THE NEXT ONE, 201, THIS IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERRAL TO MAKE SURE DOLLARS LIKE THE PORTLAND HOUSING BOND CAN BE COUPLED WITH PRIVATE INVESTMENT, ACTUALLY, TO SERVE MORE INDIVIDUALS IN LOW INCOME HOUSING AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES, AS WELL, AS YOU MIGHT KNOW THE CONSTITUTION BASICALLY REQUIRES ANY BONDING THAT THE CITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER WOULD DO AROUND HOUSING

TO OWN AND OPERATE. THIS WOULD ALLOW COUNTIES AND CITIES AND OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT TO PARTNER WITH NONPROFITS AND OTHERS TO PROVIDE MORE LOW INCOME HOUSING AND SERVICES, AND THIS IS COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON'S FAVORITE BILL, 4064.

Mr. Black: IT WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO USE SOME OF THE MONEY AND THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR SELLWOOD TO START WORK ON THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE, AND YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THE MEDIA, THIS IS A VITALLY IMPORTANT CONNECTOR BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND THE WORK WILL CONTINUE. THIS WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO START SOME OF THAT WORK. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. WORKING WITH OUR NEWEST REPRESENTATIVE, NEWEST HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE I SHOULD SAY, WE HAVE A NEWER SENATOR. HE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO GO TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO KIND OF BACKFILL THE MONEY BECAUSE OF THE FOREST FIRE IN EAST COUNTY. ALSO TO GIVE THEM SOME ADDITIONAL MONEYS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE, IS ITS ABOUT 150,000 BETWEEN US AND HOOD RIVER COUNTY SO IT'S NOT A GIGANTIC SUM. MUCH NEEDED. SENATE BILL 1541, THE CLEANER AIR OREGON FEE BILL, THIS ONE WAS STEEPED IN A LOT OF CONTROVERSY THROUGHOUT SESSION. THERE WERE THREE BILLS THAT CENTERED AROUND CLEANER AIR OREGON AND THE FEE STRUCTURE.

THE SENATE SIDE WORKED TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE. THE HOUSE WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS LATER. I THINK EVERYBODY IS COMING AWAY WITH -- THERE WAS CONCESSIONS MADE, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY HOPEFULLY DEQ HAS THE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO WORK PROACTIVELY IN THEIR QUALITY SPACE. IT ALSO GIVES DEQ THE ABILITY TO SET UP A PILOT, WHICH WE ARE AS WE HOPEFUL AND PUSHING FOR THAT PILOT TO BE HOUSED, NOT HOUSED BUT LOCATED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO LOOK AT MULTIPLE POINTS, SOURCE POINTS FOR AIR POLLUTION AND AIR QUALITY, SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUED WORK WITH DEQ ON THAT. AND THEN HOUSE BILL 4097 WE WORKED WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTS ON THIS. THIS WOULD ALLOW WITH THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO WORK, TO ALLOW FUNDS TO BE USED FOR COURT FACILITATION SERVICES. IN A WORLD WHEN MOST LEGAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTING WHO ARE REPRESENTING THEMSELVES IN THE COURTS, THE COURT THOUGHT THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE THE BEST USE OF THESE DOLLARS SO THE PEOPLE WOULD GET THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES.

NOW I HAVE THE JOB OF MOVING ONTO BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS THAT WE WERE SUPPORTIVE OF AND THERE WERE A FEW OF THOSE. I WOULD SAY OVERALL WE FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BUT THERE WERE A COUPLE THAT DID NOT MAKE IT. THE FIRST BEING HJR203, WHICH WAS THE HOPE MEASURE. THIS WOULD HAVE GUARANTEED

EVERYBODY THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE. YOU PASSED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THIS. I THINK IT WAS IN EARLY FEBRUARY. IT PASSED THROUGH THE HOUSE BUT DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THE SENATE. I WILL LEAVE IT THERE. THE OTHER WAS HOUSE BILL 4043. THE THOUSAND JOBS BILL THAT COMMISSIONER STEGMANN WORKED WITH REPRESENTATIVE REARDON ON. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS MONEY AVAILABLE THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY AVAILABLE TO FUND EVERYBODY'S ASK, AND AT THE END OF THE DAY THIS WAS ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT GET FUNDED. BUT YOU KNOW I THINK THAT THE EXPANSION OF INCLUDING EAST COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WAS HELPFUL. AT THE END OF THE DAY WE HEARD FROM LEGISLATORS THAT THEY WANTED THEIR COUNTIES TO BE INCLUDED AS WELL SO THIS WAS WHY NOT US IS THE BIGGEST HURDLE IT HAD TO CROSS SO WE WILL WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVE REARDON ON THIS CONCEPT AND OTHERS AND THE LAST ONE IS HOUSE BILL 4003.

Mr. Black: IT WAS A CLEAN DIESEL CONTRACTING BILL. I THINK DIESEL WAS OVERSHADOWED BY A COUPLE OF OTHER BILLS DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WE HOPE TO COME BACK WITH ADVOCATES AND THE LEGISLATORS TO REALLY LOOK AT DIESEL IN, AND THE IMPACTS OF DIESEL PARTICULATES ON THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WE WANT TO BE BOLD AND WORK FORWARD ON THIS TOPIC. SO I WILL STOP THERE. I WILL TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THE FEDERAL WORLD THAT'S OUT THERE. AS MOST OF YOU HAVE SEEN CONGRESS NOW HAS AN OMNIBUS PACKAGE THAT CAME OUT, I THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY. THEY HAVE TO PASS IT BY FRIDAY OR WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE THIRD GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN TWO MONTHS. IF PASSED IT WILL FUND THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30.

THERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS IN THERE, ONE IS AN INCREASED FUNDING FOR CDC. THERE WAS A LOT OF CONCERN COMING OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD SEE SOME SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS. CONGRESS ADDED IN A BILLION DOLLARS MORE IN FUNDING THIS TIME AROUND, SO THAT SHOULD TRICKLE DOWN IN A GOOD WAY. THE OTHER POSITIVES I WILL CALL IT ARE THEY HAVE TRIPIED THE FUNDING FOR TIGER GRANTS, SO AS WE LOOK MOVING FORWARD AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, THERE IS MORE DOLLARS AVAILABLE SO WE WILL BE FOCUSED IN ON THAT IF THIS PASSES. AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL 3 BILLION IN OPIOID CRISIS FUNDING. THIS IS SPREAD ACROSS A NUMBER OF AGENCIES DOING A GRAB BAG FULL OF STUFF SO I WON'T FOCUS IN ON ANY ONE THING. BUT INCREASED FUNDING FOR OPIOIDS. AND THEY DID SOME FIXING AROUND LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS, THE CONCERN, THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SO THIS IS A GOOD THING IN THERE. SO I WILL STOP THERE FOR QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU JESTON AND RHYS AND SHERI. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. YOU HAVE HELPED TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND I APPRECIATE HOW THE MAJORITIES OF OUR PRIORITIES WERE PASSED. IT'S REALLY EXCITING. I ALSO JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION, JUST WORKING WITH OUR STAFF TO JUST CONTINUOUSLY KEEP US APPRISED OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND HOW WE COULD SEE BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU, AND THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR US IN OUR OFFICE. I WANTED TO MENTION A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY ABOUT ON THE POLICY SIDE, ACTUALLY FIRST THE THING THAT I AM NOT HAPPY ABOUT THAT IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT AT ALL BUT HJR203, THE REFERRAL OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT SAYS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND THAT NOT MOVING OUT OF THE SENATE AND WE'LL LEAVE IT THERE. I HOPE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT INSURING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND ACCESS FOR EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE STATE BECAUSE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, MEANINGFUL HEALTH CARE IS AND SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT.

SECOND I WANT TO APPRECIATE HOW MUCH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACTORED SO PROMINENTLY INTO OUR OWN PRIORITIES AND AT THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL. YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THE OPIOID STUFF, AND I WAS GLAD TO SEE THE TASK FORCE REALLY TAKING SOME ACTION AND MOVING THERE, ALSO WITH THE PILOT PROJECT, THE 2 MILLION, AND THAT WE ARE ONE OF THOSE COUNTIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED. THAT'S ONE THAT I SEE, YOU KNOW, WORKING, CONTINUING TO WORK IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND HOW SO OFTEN WE DON'T HAVE PLACES TO SEND PEOPLE WHO COME IN A CRISIS TO GO AND TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THAT IS REALLY JUST FANTASTIC, SO I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. ALSO THERE IS SO MUCH ACTIVITY AND CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTHCARE STATEWIDE. THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND CONVERSATION AT THE STATE LEVEL. I AM HOPEFUL WE ARE REACHING A CRITICAL MASS WHERE WE'RE NOT JUST CONTINUING TO TALK AND TALK AND TALK AND HAVE TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES ABOUT THIS ISSUE, BUT THAT WE'RE REALLY STARTING TO TAKE ACTION AND RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS NOT JUST FOR US IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE ADVOCACY THAT YOU HAVE DONE ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT'S HUGE. UNDERSTANDING YOU CAME IN JUST BEFORE THE SESSION. THAT MAKES IT SPECIAL AND THE TEAM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JUST FOLLOWING ALL THOSE BILLS. IT IS A TASK, EVERYTHING CHANGES QUICKLY EVERY DAY, AND I THINK YOU MADE US PROUD, AND WE GOT A NUMBER OF THINGS LIKE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SAID THE OPIOID ISSUE IS HUGE, AND

I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO BENEFIT GREATLY FROM IT SO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

Mr. Black: AND I SHOULD CALL OUT I AM NEW. SO YOU KNOW.

Commissioner Smith: YOU ARE NOT NEW TO THE GAME.

Mr. Black: BUT I HAD TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM RHYS AND SHERI AND THE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATORS EMBEDDED IN ALL THE PROGRAMS AND YOUR STAFF. HAPPY PEOPLE GOT A LOT OF 530 CALLS AND EMAILS SAYING WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AND HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE COUNTY? AND IT REALLY WAS HELPFUL BECAUSE A LOT OF THE STUFF I AM NEW TO. I UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS IN SALEM BUT YOU COULD FIT EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT TRANSPORTATION IN A THIMBLE, SO HAVING RESOURCES TO BACK ME UP AND TO GIVE ME TALKING POINTS AND HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE WAS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL. SO TO ALL THE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATORS WHO HELPED, YOU KNOW, WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: YEAH. THANK YOU FOR DOING A GREAT JOB. IT'S ALWAYS SHORT AND INTENSE BUT HOPEFULLY PRODUCTIVE. AND ESPECIALLY DOING IT SO LONG, WE NEEDED TO CLONE YOU THREE TIMES TO BE IN EVERY MEETING INCLUDING THE EVENING MEETINGS THAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH AND HAVING NOW IN THE SHORT SESSIONS. I HAD A QUESTION, JUST TO CLARIFY, THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BEING PUT FORWARD TO ALLOW PAIRING PUBLIC MONEY WITH NONPROFIT MONEY, THAT'S NOT RETROACTIVE TO THE PORTLAND HOUSING BOND?

Mr. Black: THAT REFERRAL WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND, AND EVERY HOUSING ADVOCATE OUT THERE AND WAS NON-CONTROVERSIAL.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: BETWEEN THE PORTLAND HOUSING BOND AND A MORE REGIONAL LOOK AT HOW WE ARE GOING TO PAY FOR IT, THIS COULD BE A GAME CHANGER SO IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO LOOKING AHEAD, I AGREE THAT WE HAVE A LOT TO DO. SOME OF THE DIESEL AND CLEAN AIR AND PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED MATTERS AND SO IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO PLAN.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR, I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES. JESTON YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB AND A, IN A SHORT TIME AND YOU HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND THANK YOU TO RHYS AND SHERI. I FEEL LIKE THIS IS CHRISTMAS AND WE GOT MOSTLY WHAT WE WANTED SO, BUT THERE WERE A FEW THINGS THAT WE DID NOT GET SO LET ME START THERE. THE PROSPERITY 1,000, THE JOBS BILL FOR EAST COUNTY IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO MY DISTRICT. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE IF YOU DIVIDED WEST MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WEST MULTNOMAH

COUNTY WOULD BE THE SECOND WEALTHIEST, AND EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY WOULD BE THE SECOND POOREST IF YOU DIVIDED THOSE INTO TWO STATES. SAY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH REPRESENTATIVE REARDON ON FIGHTING FOR MORE JOBS FOR FOLKS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I DID HAVE A QUESTION BUT THE FUNDING FOR THE SHELTER AND THE HOUSING, AS WE KNOW WE ARE IN A 2% CONSTRAINT AS WE BEGIN THE BUDGETING PROCESS, OR WE'RE IN IT. AND I AM WONDERING WHAT KIND OF IMPACT IF ANY THAT WILL HAVE ON OUR BUDGET?

Mr. Black: I DON'T KNOW IF I AM THE RIGHT PERSON TO ASK THAT.

Chair Kafoury: I WILL ANSWER. SO THE MONEY WE GOT FROM THE LEGISLATURE WAS REALLY IN RESPONSE TO THE ADVERTISEMENTS THAT WE EXPERIENCED THIS WINTER WITH THE NUMBER OF, DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND FAMILIES SEEKING EMERGENCY SHELTER, SO YOU FEEL IT'S NOT MONEY THAT'S GOING TO HELP US NEXT YEAR BUT MONEY TO FILL THE HOLES WE SPENT OVER THIS WINTER.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU. AND THEN THE LOCAL BONDS FOR HOUSING. WE HAVE PROJECTS IN EAST COUNTY THAT HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL BY HAVING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS SO I AM LIKE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. AND THEN OBVIOUSLY THE GORGE FIRES, IT'S NOT A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY BUT THERE IS SO MANY BUSINESSES AND FOLKS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES, ANY LITTLE BIT THAT WE CAN GET FROM THE LEGISLATURE IS HELPFUL, AND FINALLY I APPRECIATE HOUSE BILL 4133, THE MATERNAL HEALTH STUDY AS WE KNOW. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND WOMEN AND ESPECIALLY YOU KNOW THEY SUFFER FOR MORE HEALTH ISSUES THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND HERE'S TO TWO YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE A LIST HERE FOR OUR SESSION SO WE WILL TALK.

Mr. Black: AND WE ARE STARTING OUR WORK WITH THE COORDINATORS NOW TO START GATHERING THE GREAT IDEAS OUT THERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

R.2 Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 38 Relating to Mandated Revisions to Columbia River Gorge Management Plan Area Guidelines. Presenters: Adam Barber, Senior Planner; and, Michael Cerbone, Planning Director.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2, GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Barber: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING. I AM ADAM BARBER, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SENIOR PLANNER, AND I HAVE WITH ME MICHAEL CERBONE, THE PLANNING DIRECTOR. AND WE ARE HERE TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE COLUMBIA GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA FOR CONTEXT THE BOARD MIGHT RECALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ONE OF SIX COUNTIES THAT IMPLEMENTS LAND USE REGULATIONS IN THE COLUMBIA GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA TO REALIZE THE GUIDELINES IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE MANAGEMENT PLAN. THE SIX COUNTIES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN LAND USE REGULATIONS SO THAT THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN. THE GORGE COMMISSION ADOPTED REVISIONS TO A FEW OF THE GUIDELINES IN 2016. INFORMED MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO ADOPT THESE REVISIONS BY APRIL 16, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY IN FRONT OF YOU. THE AMENDMENTS ARE MINOR. AND THERE ARE TWO THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SUMMARIZE AS THE MAIN POINTS.

THE AMENDMENTS RESULT IN MORE CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION MEASURES THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE ZONES AND THE GORGE, SO MORE CONSISTENCY AS WE REVIEW APPLICATIONS NOT ONLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUT IN THE OTHER COUNTIES AS WELL. AND THEN ALSO THE AMENDMENTS PROVIDE BETTER GUIDANCE TO PLANNERS LIKE MYSELF AS I AM REVIEWING AN APPLICATION ON HOW TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL FOR CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF SMALLER PROJECTS OVER TIME. SO THEY DO WANT RESULT IN A PROHIBITED ADVERSE EFFECT TO THE PROTECTED RESOURCES IN THE GORGE. IT'S REALLY TAKING THE BIGGER PICTURE VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS. LIKE I SAID THESE WE VIEW AS MINOR BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH HOW WE IMPLEMENT THE REGULATIONS. THESE ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERNAL PRACTICES.

WE MAILED DIRECT MAIL INVITATION FOR OUR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON THESE AMENDMENTS TO EVERY LANDOWNER THAT OWNS PROPERTY WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE COLUMBIA GORGE AND WE HELD THAT HEARING FEBRUARY 5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED AND THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT. WE REALLY DID NOT HEAR ANY SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT THIS LANGUAGE. WE HEARD COMMENTS BUT THE MANAGEMENT PLAN CONCEPTUALLY AND PHILOSOPHICALLY AT A HIGHER LEVEL BUT IT WAS A VERY SMOOTH PROCESS. OUR PLANNING COMMISSION IS RECOMMENDING ADOPTION. WE DO -- WE ARE REQUIRED TO ADOPT THIS LANGUAGE, AND WE ARE ADOPTING IT VERBATIM FOR THE MOST PART DROPPING IT INTO THE COUNTY CODE. SO AGAIN WE ARE RECOMMENDING EMERGENCY ADOPTION AND THAT IS THE END OF WHAT I HAVE PREPARED BUT AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK AND ALSO PLEASE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. WE HAVE HAD EXPERTISE AND IF THEY ARE OKAY WITH IT THEN I AM AND I APPRECIATE YOU REPORTING THAT THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THE MINOR TWEAKS SO I APPRECIATE YOU BRING IT FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY.

R.3 Notice of Intent for a Federal Lands Access Program Grant to Improve East Larch Mountain Road. Presenter: Joanna Valencia, Planning & Development Manager

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

Ms. Valencia: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD, I AM JOANNA VALENCIA, YOUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL FOR A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE 4.5 MILES OF LARGE MOUNTAIN ROAD. OUR ASK WILL TO REPAIR PAVEMENT, APPLY AN OVERLAY AND ADD GRAVEL SHOULDERS AND REPLACE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE GUARDRAILS AND STORMWATER. THE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WILL ALSO HELP US FOR LONG-TERM REDUCED MAINTENANCE ON THIS KEY FACILITY THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO FEDERAL LANDS IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS WILL BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOREST SERVICE AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE MY STAFF REPORT AND ASK YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: YES. HOW MANY VISITORS AND VEHICLES UTILIZED THE ROAD?

Ms. Valencia: SO THIS IMPROVEMENT WILL, IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH EAST COUNTY IT, ENDS AT THE LARCH MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD. IT'S AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION TO OTHER TRAILHEADS THAT CONNECT TO THE MOUNT HOOD NATIONAL FOREST.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

R.4 Order Authorizing Public Sale of Tax Foreclosed Property and Execution of Sale Documents. Presenters: Michael Vaughn, DART Director and Mike Sublett, Tax Title Program Coordinator.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Mr. Sublett: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, MIKE SUBLETT, TAX TITLE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I WANT TO SHARE MY REGRETS, MICHAEL VAUGHN, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDING AND TAXATION HAS A WORK OBLIGATION OUTSIDE THE COUNTY THIS MORNING, BUT THIS PROCEEDS UNDER HIS FULL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP. BEFORE YOU IS AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF 10 TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE PROPERTIES ARE VARIED FROM ABANDONED HOUSES, DEVELOPMENT LOTS, AND ALL THE WAY TO A BOAT FLIP. THIS IS PUBLIC SALE AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE AUCTION. TWO THINGS THAT I WANT TO CALL OUT THAT IT IS AN AUCTION TO HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, THE PROPERTY IS SOLD AS IS AND WHERE IS, AND TWO THINGS, AND I WANT TO – I'M SURE THE BOARD KNOWS THIS BUT JUST REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE PROPERTIES IN THIS PORTFOLIO GO TO THE DEDICATED FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. THIS IS NOT A PRO-FORMA CALLOUT.

THIS PROGRAM BENEFITS FROM LITERALLY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EVERY DEPARTMENT SO WHILE WE ARE IN THE DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT AND RECORDING AND TAXATION, DCS, PROPERTIES, WITH A HORSE WITH BAD TEETH TO A BAD BRIDGE TO JUST EVERYONE, THE EFFORTS OF OUR AGING DISABILITIES AND VETERAN SERVICES FOR THE FORMER OCCUPANCY, SO IT GOES ON FOR LITERALLY EVERY DEPARTMENT, SO THAT'S NOT A PRO-FORMA CALLOUT. WE COULD NOT DO OUR WORK BUT FOR THE COORDINATION AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF EVERY DEPARTMENT FROM INTERNET ACCESS AT THE LIBRARY FOR FOLKS TRANSITIONING. SO SHOULD YOU APPROVE THE ORDER THIS MORNING WE WILL SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC SALE. WE HAVE THIS ROOM RESERVED FOR APRIL 23, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT AND I AM AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU MIKE. COULD YOU REVIEW WHAT THE PROCESS IS AND THE OUTREACH IS TO TRY TO CONTACT THE EXISTING OWNERS?

Mr. Sublett: ABSOLUTELY. SO THAT PHASE IS THROUGH TAX COLLECTIONS AND THERE ARE STATUTORY LITIGATION GUARANTEE REPORTS AND EVERYONE WITH A RECORDED INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY IS SENT A CERTIFIED LETTER. THEY GO THROUGH EVERYTHING FROM DMV RECORDS AND ABOVE AND BEYOND THE STATUTORY THRESHOLD FOR CONTACT AND NOTICE. THE

POINT OUR PROGRAM BECOMES INVOLVED, ONCE IT IS IN FORECLOSURE THERE IS A TWO-YEAR REDEMPTION PERIOD SO ONCE THERE IS A JUDGMENT AGAINST IT THERE IS A REDEMPTION PERIOD AND OUR PROGRAM BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7 IS OBLIGATED FOR OUTREACH AT LEAST 30 DAYS OUT BUT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE WE REACHED OUT 90 DAYS OUT. AND THAT'S A FAIRLY LARGE UNIVERSE AT THAT POINT WHERE A LOT OF PROPERTIES WILL REDEEM BUT WE DO IT ON SPECK ANYWAY TO JUST HAVE THE ABSOLUTE BEST, MOST EXHAUSTIVE PRACTICE. AT THAT POINT COMMISSIONER, WE FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE ISOLATED.

Mr. Sublett: WE WILL GO THROUGH CITY RECORDS AND COMB AND SEE AND WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL GETTING IN CONTACT WITH THE OWNERS OF RECORD IN THOSE CASES. AND THAT'S ALSO THAT EARLY OUTREACH HELPS US WITH OUR FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE EFFORTS WHICH ARE NOT A PART OF THE TITLE A LARGE PART OF OUR EFFORTS, SO THE SHORT ANSWER IS COLLECTIONS, TAX COLLECTIONS IS RESPONSIBLE DURING THAT REDEMPTION PERIOD, THEY GO THROUGH THE STATUTORY NOTICE OBLIGATION, CERTIFIED MAIL AND ETC. THEY GO A STEP FURTHER, THROUGH DMV AND COURT RECORDS TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO CHECK, THAT'S THEIR CHARGE, AND WE OVERLAY IN THOSE LAST 90 DAYS SO IN THE END OF THE REDEMPTION PERIOD OUR PROGRAM STEPS UP AND STARTS KNOCKING ON DOORS. AND I WAS PRETTY EXHAUSTIVE AND ABOVE THE STATUTORY MINIMUM.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THAT, SO DO YOU FIND THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO -- IS IT AN ISSUE OF LOCATING THESE INDIVIDUALS? OR IS IT JUST AN ISSUE THAT THEY CAN'T PAY THOSE TAXES? OR BOTH?

Mr. Sublett: THERE IS NOT A PARADIGM. THERE IS NOT. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES AT ALL AND SOMETIMES NOT FRIENDLY, IN A FRIENDLY MANNER, AND THERE ARE FOLKS -- THE PROPERTY IS SO DIMINISHED, SO CONDEMNABLE, NOT HABITABLE, SO THAT'S OFTEN THE CASE SO THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PARADIGM BUT AGAIN IF IT'S AN ISSUE OF THE TAXES, WE WORK WITH THE OREGON HOUSING STABILIZATION INITIATIVE. AND THERE IS A HOST OF FUNDS AVAILABLE, AND OUR AGING AND DISABILITY VETERANS SERVICE STAFF WILL WORK VERY HARD TO SEE, ARE THERE FULLY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR THEM? IT IS OCCASIONALLY JUST A BRIDGE TOO FAR. SOMEONE IS LIVING IN A -- POSSIBLY HAS A PROPERTY THAT'S OVER AND ABOVE, BUT I CAN'T THINK -- I DON'T KNOW. I CAN'T SPEAK OTHER THAN SORT OF THE GENERAL STORIES ARE VARIED. THERE IS 400, ROUGHLY 400,000 REAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO THERE IS 10 BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING. THIS IS THE TAIL OF THE TAIL, IT IS EXTRAORDINARY AT THIS POINT. AND THERE IS -- YOU KNOW, AS SUCH IT'S JUST ON EACH ONE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. TEN PROPERTIES THAT YOU HAVE HOW MANY HAVE RESIDENTS IN THEM RIGHT NOW?

Mr. Sublett: RIGHT NOW EVERYONE IS SCHEDULED TO BE MOVED OUT. WE HAVE ONE FINAL WHO WE'VE BEEN ASSISTING. WE ASSIST PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING OUT WITH BOXES, WITH EVERY MANNER OF HELP AND AS OF THIS MORNING THEY SHOULD BE VACANT AND WE'RE GOING TO CHECK ON THAT.

Commissioner Smith: WHEN WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH THEM, HAVE WE IDENTIFIED ANY RESOURCES TO HELP THEM GO TO ANOTHER PLACE? MY FEAR IS WE HAVE MADE FOLKS MOVE AND THEY ARE HOMELESS.

Mr. Sublett: I WELCOME THE QUESTION. THAT'S OUR OUTREACH EFFORT IN THE 90 DAYS PRIOR IS TO NOT MAKE PEOPLE MOVE BUT TO TRANSITION PEOPLE SO IN EVERY CASE IF THEY ARE ACCEPTING OF HELP WE CANNOT COMPEL FOLKS IF THEY WON'T ANSWER OR WORK WITH OUR AGING DISABILITIES AND VETERAN SERVICE STAFF PEOPLE. THEN WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE SO THERE IS AGAIN THIS INCREDIBLE OUTREACH. IT'S NOT A MATTER OF MAKING PEOPLE MOVE ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES YOU KNOW.

Commissioner Smith: THEY ARE LOSING FOR NON-PAYMENT SO WE ARE MAKING THE MOVE, AND THE ISSUE IS, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THESE FOLKS WHO MAY BE SENIORS AND WHO FRANKLY MAY HAVE SOME MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, AND SO THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT THE HELP IN THE FORM THAT WE ARE GIVING IT TO THEM AND WE NEED TO DO EXTRA TO MAKE SURE THEY TRANSITION IN A WAY THAT WE DON'T MAKE THEM MORE VULNERABLE THAN THEY ARE.

Mr. Sublett: THAT'S THE CASE AND THE DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN WHEN WE PRESENTED CASES. WE HAVE HAD THE INSTRUCTION FROM THE CHAIR, TO CONTINUE WORKING AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING IS EXHAUSTED EVEN WITH SOMEONE NONRESPONSIVE. I AM NOT TRAINED IN THE FIELD AND WE HAVE WONDERFUL, THE BEST EXPERTS WHO WORK ON THESE CASES AND INDIVIDUALS AND.

Commissioner Smith: YES, I JUST WANT A CHECK LIST, WE DID THIS SO WE CAN GO DOWN THE LINE AND SEE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE PUT IN A SITUATION WHERE WE SEE THEM ON THE PROJECT PAGE OF THE NEWSPAPER BECAUSE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS REMOVED THEM OR BECAUSE THEY LOST THEIR HOME AND NOW THEY ARE IN A WORSE POSITION AND WE ARE A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT, SO IT'S A LITTLE DANCE THAT I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO DO TO MAKE SURE IN THAT EVERYBODY IS BEING, YOU KNOW, TREATED IN A MANNER WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP ON THEIR TAXES.

Mr. Sublett: ABSOLUTELY COMMISSIONER. IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO STATE THAT. THAT'S AN OVERLAY IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO. IT MAKES NO SENSE ON THE ONE HAND TO DO SOMETHING WITH ON THE ONE HAND THAT UNDOES ON THE OTHER. THAT'S WHY THROUGH THE COLLECTIONS PROCESS, TO COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S QUESTION, MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOES OVER AND ABOVE. THAT'S WHY IN THE REDEMPTION PROCESS AS WE ARE COULD DOING OUTREACH, SOMETIMES SO IN THE PUBLIC SALE THERE ARE TEN PROPERTIES HERE, AND WHEN WE START OUTREACH THERE MIGHT BE NEARLY 10 TIMES THAT MANY. WE'RE GOING OUT ON SPECK, YOU KNOW, JUST NOT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE FOLKS THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT AND I KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION, AND THE COMMUNITY SHARES A DEEP CONCERN ABOUT. AND WE'RE KNOCKING ON DOORS.

SO JUST FOR EXAMPLE FROM LAST FALL THROUGH THE REDEMPTION PROCESS I CAN THINK OF AN EXAMPLE OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF HOME VALUE FOR SENIORS SAVED THROUGH FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE SO THAT'S THE CASE, ONE SENIOR AS AN ANECDOTE, ONE SENIOR WHO FELL INTO THE CATEGORY THAT COMMISSIONER JUST, WE ALWAYS TRY TO RESPECT PEOPLE'S PRIVACY BUT THERE IS NO REASON TO BRING IT UP. BUT WHERE DCHS ACTUALLY WENT TO THEIR CREDIT UNION OUT OF STATE AND FACILITATED THE FORGOTTEN ACCOUNT, THE TAX PAYMENT, AND KEPT THIS SENIOR IN HER HOME. SO SHE CALLS ME TO THIS DAY FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT NAVIGATING COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUT I AM DELIGHTED AND DELIGHTED TO TAKE THOSE REFERRALS. BUT TO THE GREATER POINT, IT IS PART OF OUR ETHOS AND OUR MISSION, AND SO OVER AND ABOVE JUST TAX FORECLOSURE, I KNOW THAT SOUNDS HARSH BUT IT IS FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE CONNECTION, AND IT'S TRANSITIONAL HELP. IT HAS ALL OF THOSE UNDERPINNINGS.

Commissioner Smith: YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD. WE HAVE A FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND SO I AM THINKING IF WE HAVE A FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHY CAN'T WE USE THE OTHER DOLLARS TO HELP SOME OF THESE FOLKS NOT TO BE ON THE STREETS.

Mr. Sublett: ON THESE ABANDONED PROPERTIES, THE VACANT LOTS, AS EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS PROGRAM, 5 MILLION SINCE 2016 HAS GONE TO THE DEDICATED FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. IN LITERALLY 80ERS APPROXIMATE OF THESE PROPERTIES THEY ARE PROVIDING HOUSING FOR NO ONE. THEY ARE ABANDONED LOTS, AND THE BEFORE AND AFTERS ARE REMARKABLE. WHILE IT MAY BE MARKET HOUSING, SOMETIMES SIX UNIONS, THERE WAS ONE ABANDONED HOUSE. I CAN THINK OF ANALOG ON THE TAX ROLLS, YOU KNOW, ZOMBIE HOUSE OFF THE BLOCK, AND NET PROCEEDS GOING TO THE HOUSING FUND FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH.

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENS. I THINK THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT LEAPS TO MY MIND JUST AS A PERSON WHEN I HEAR FORECLOSING ON THESE PROPERTIES, AND WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THEM AND WHAT ABOUT THE SENIORS OR THE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR WHATEVER IT IS? AT SOME POINT SOMEONE BOUGHT THESE PROPERTIES AND RESIDENTS YOU TAKING THAT, AND SINK WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS ADDRESSED EACH OF THOSE CONCERNS VERY DEEPLY, BOTH AND YOU TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY EVEN TO GO INTO MUCH MORE DEPTH WITH MY OFFICE AND TO HELP EXPLAIN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO THAT I RECOGNIZE WHAT YOU ARE REPORTING IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AND THAT YOU HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN THAT REGARD IN TERMS OF INSURING THAT PEOPLE HAVE A SAFE LANDING THAT WE CAN AVOID THE FORECLOSURE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND THEN UNDER THE SURFACE ALL OF THE FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND TRANSITIONS WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY GET WHAT THEY NEED AND, AND THAT WE ARE USING OUR RESOURCES THE MOST EFFECTIVELY. I THINK THAT YOU JUST DO GREAT WORK, AND REALLY APPRECIATE THOSE EFFORTS.

Mr. Sublett: THIS IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG OF ALL THE COUNTY STAFF THAT REALLY MAKE THIS POSSIBLE BUT THANK YOU. I SHARE THAT AS WELL.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WANTED TO ADD MY THANKS. THE SENSITIVITY IMPORTANCE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT, BUT AS WELL AS LIKE, THROUGH WHAT THE COUNTY GIVES TO THIS, BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT AND SAD THING WHEN PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOME, AND ALL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO TRYING TO PREVENT THAT AND TRYING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. IT'S THE ETHOS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AT THE COUNTY, SO I APPRECIATE THAT YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO DO THAT. WHEN IT COMES BEFORE US AS A BOARD, IT'S SOMETHING WE'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT AS WELL, SO I APPRECIATE TIME YOU'RE TAKING TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, BECAUSE IT HELPS US WITH HAVING TO MAKE THIS VOTE. SO THANK YOU.

Mr. Sublett: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Lightning: AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A VISION ZERO IN FORECLOSURES. THE STATEMENT THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH BROUGHT UP ON A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT, I THOUGHT WAS JUST RIGHT ON THE MARK. AS A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT, DO WE HAVE OTHER OPTIONS TO FORECLOSE ON THEIR PROPERTIES? ESPECIALLY IF WE START TALKING ABOUT SENIOR CITIZENS OR PEOPLE WITH ANY TYPE OF MENTAL ILLNESS ISSUES, AND ARE THEY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH? THAT PUTS THEM AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF NOT FORECLOSING ON THEM. AND HAVING AN UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU AS THE GOVERNMENT ARE TO DEAL WITH THEM

IN A REASONABLE AND FAIR MANNER AND COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR PROPERTIES. KEEP THEM FROM LOSING THEIR EQUITY. KEEP THEM FROM BEING REMOVED AT A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN FOR YEARS AND SCHOOLS THEY WENT TO AND CHILDREN AROUND THAT THEY HAVE SEEN AND THEIR KIDS AND RUN AROUND WITH IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

Mr. Lightning: THEY ARE THE FABRIC OF THESE COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE THE FABRIC OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. AND YOU ARE COMING IN AS A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT AND SAYING NO, IT'S ALL GOING TO END NOW. GET OUT OF THE PROPERTY. WE'LL HAVE TO TRANSITION INTO SOMETHING. BUT LEAVE THE PROPERTY AND GET OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. GOOD. THAT'S THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN. THOSE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS. THAT'S THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN. YOU DON'T REMOVE THEM. YOU COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS. I WAS AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND WHERE THEY FORECLOSED THREE PROPERTIES. THEY WALKED INTO THIS PERSON'S HOUSE, A CODE ENFORCEMENT, WALKED BACK OUT AFTER THEY DO THAT CLIP BOARD ANALYSIS. MAILED THEM A BILL AND GUESS WHAT IT IS FOR WALKING IN AND OUT ON CODE VIOLATIONS. \$96,000, ONE WALK-THROUGH. NOW IF ANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM WERE TO GET THAT, AND IT DIDN'T STOP THERE. THEY CAME BACK WITH A NUISANCE VIOLATION. \$15,000. THEN THEY CAME AGAIN WITH ANOTHER CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION. 12,000.

THEY RAN THIS PERSON UP TO \$148,000. AND THEIR RESPONSE WAS, DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH. DIFFICULT PEOPLE. THIS IS CALLED SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING I AM ANTI-FORECLOSURE, AND I AM ANTI-TAKING PROPERTIES AWAY FROM PEOPLE THAT HAVE PROPERTY RIGHTS TO STAY IN THEIR PROPERTIES. I AM ANTI-TAKING THEIR EQUITY AWAY FROM THEM. I AM ANTI-REMOVING THEM FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WHAT I AM SEEING TODAY I AM SAYING VOTE NO AND MAKE A STAND FOR HUMANITY OF THESE PEOPLE AND QUIT BEING GREEDY VULTURES GOING FOR THE DOLLAR AT THE END OF THE DAY LIKE YOU ARE BANKERS, AND AGAIN THIS IS NOT REFERRING COMMISSIONER SMITH, LIKE YOU ARE BANKERS IN YOUR WALL STREET VULTURES. YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY WHEN YOU SAY YES WHICH YOU WILL BECAUSE YOU WANT THE MONEY. GREED! KEEP THEM IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAKE THEM HOMELESS. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

Mr. Broussard: I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, AND I JUST HAPPEN TO BE RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONERS AND LORETTA SMITH'S SEAT IS, DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. AND I WORK IN THAT AREA, HOUSING, BACK WHEN I HAD TRACK HOUSING. AND THAT WAS A MAJOR ISSUE. I, TOO, WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND ESPECIALLY SENIORS, AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY SAID, THE PROPERTIES UP FOR SALE, THINK ABOUT IT. YOU CAN'T FIND THE PROPERTY IN THAT AREA NOW. EVERYTHING HAS GONE UP. WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BE AT THE AUCTION? DEVELOPERS.

INVESTORS. NOT CARING FOR SENIORS, I THINK YOU NEED TO DO A STOP RIGHT NOW AS FAR AS THE SENIORS ARE CONCERNED. PUT THAT ASIDE AND USE THE THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO WITH THE SENIORS.

Mr. Broussard: WE JUST WENT THROUGH THAT ISSUE BUT THE PROGRAM, AS YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT IT IS, IMAGINE IF YOU WERE ABLE TO TAKE THE SENIOR CITIZEN OUT THERE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THIS AND THAT, LET THAT PARTICULAR GROUP, IF YOU WILL, DO THE REHAB ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY. WHY NOT? KEEP THAT PERSON IN THEIR HOME. KEEP THE FAMILY IN THEIR HOME. I DON'T THINK THAT ANY PROPERTY WHERE A FAMILY PERSON OR SENIOR OR WHATEVER SHOULD BE HELD FOR AUCTION. COME UP WITH A CREATIVE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY STAY IN THERE. I RECENTLY WENT BACK TO TEXAS SIX YEARS AGO, MY MOTHER, AND SHE WAS LIVING THERE AT HOME.

I WENT BACK TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE WANTED TO STAY IN HER HOME WHETHER SHE PASSED, AND SHE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I WENT THERE TO MAKE SURE THAT I TOOK CARE OF IT, AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER, IS LET'S KEEP THOSE SENIORS THERE, LET'S LET THE PLANNERS THAT WE HAVE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY KNOW THAT HEY LOOK HERE. MAKE SURE WHEN YOU PLAN ON THE PROPERTY TAKE CONSIDERATION OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THOSE HOMES. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND IN FACT, THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN THAT TALKED BUT THE NUMBER OF KIDS IN THE STREET, HOMELESS ASPECT OF IT. WHY ARE THEY OUT THERE? THEY HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES. PLEASE LET'S TAKE THAT PROPERTY OFF OF THE DOCKET. IF YOU CAN DO THAT, WHAT DO YOU THINK MIKE. CAN YOU DO HAVE?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. MIKE CAN YOU TELL US, ARE THERE ANY SENIORS IN THE 20% OF THE HOMES THAT YOU SAID --

Mr. Sublett: IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, WELL, NOT IMPOSSIBLE. TO BE EXHAUSTIVE IN DESCRIBING ALL OF THE EFFORTS BUT LET ME ADD TWO PIECES VERY QUICKLY. THE STATE OF OREGON HAS VERY PROACTIVE SENIOR DEFERRALS AND DISABLED CITIZEN DEFERRALS SO A SENIOR CITIZEN, AND THAT'S PART OF THE WORK THE DCHS STAFF WORKERS DO IN GOING OUT TO THESE PROPERTIES IS ENROLLING SENIOR CITIZENS.

Commissioner Smith: SOME DON'T HAVE THE LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS. WHAT I AM TRYING TO BE CLEAR OF SO THE PUBLIC IS CLEAR, SO ARE THERE SENIORS IN ANY OF THESE PROPERTIES? ANYBODY IN THESE PROPERTIES --

Mr. Sublett: NO. THERE IS A PERSON SCHEDULED TO MOVE OUT YESTERDAY WHO I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH AGAIN SUPPORTING THEIR POSITION, COOPERATIVE AND VOLUNTARY. AND EVERYTHING FROM MOVING BOXES.

Commissioner Smith: ARE THEY A SENIOR?

Mr. Sublett: NO.

Commissioner Smith: HOW OLD ARE THEY?

Mr. Sublett: MY AGE. I DON'T MEAN THAT GLIBLY BUT I THINK THAT'S LITERALLY TRUE. AND WE'RE NOT GOING ANY FURTHER.

Commissioner Smith: I CAN GET AARP CARDS. BUT WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY, MADAM CHAIR, HERE IS THERE SOMEONE THAT COULD STAY IN THEIR HOME FOR A MINIMAL PIECE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PULL OUT SO THAT THEY ARE NOT IN A MORE VULNERABLE POSITION? THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT FOR RE-ASSURE PEOPLE AGAIN THAT THIS IS THE WORST, ONE OF THE WORST THINGS THAT WE DO, AND MIKE IS THE BEST PERSON TO DO THIS JOB. WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE WE DID NOT HAVE THESE STANDARDS IN PLACE. THE COUNTY JUST CAME IN AND DID THE PROCESS THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE PORTLAND DOES, AND SINCE THEN -- IT STRUCK ME AT THE TIME AS REALLY INHUMANE, AND CONTRARY TO OUR MISSION WHICH IS TO HELP PEOPLE AND BE THE SAFETY NET. SO WE INSTITUTED MANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES WITH PEOPLE. MANY TIMES AS COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MENTIONED, PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN INHUMANE SITUATIONS. THEY HAVE JUST BEEN CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF SOCIETY.

SO BY THE CONNECTION WE HAVE, AND WE SEND SOMEONE TRAINED PROFESSIONALS FROM ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS OUT TO TALK WITH PEOPLE WE HELP THEM RECONNECT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND HELP THEM GET THE MEDICATION THAT THEY NEED. WE ARE NOT PUTTING PEOPLE OUT ON THE STREETS. THAT IS NOT OUR JOB. THAT IS NOT OUR GOAL. IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO WHAT WE DO IN EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF OUR BUSINESS HERE. MOST OF THESE PROPERTIES ARE ABANDONED. MOST OF THESE ARE NOT THE PEOPLE -- IF THERE IS SOMEONE LIVING THERE NOT THE PERSON WHO OWNS IT SO WE TAKE EVERY CARE AND CONCERN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES WITH COMPASSION AND IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE THING THAT SOME PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HOUSE. BY THE TIME WE SEE THEM IT'S VERY MUCH A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

Commissioner Smith: SO WHAT I HEARD WHEN MARC JOLIN CAME BEFORE US WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE JOINT OFFICE, IT COULD BE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 8,000 AND 10,000 THAT IT TAKES FOR US TO FIND SOMEONE WHO IS HOMELESS, A PLACE TO STAY. SO I AM TRYING TO LOOK AT THE RETURN OF OUR INVESTMENT.

Chair Kafoury: WE LOOK AT ALL OF THAT. WE WOULD NOT, FOR THE SAKE OF 8,000 TO 10,000, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE, WHEN MIKE SAYS THAT THERE IS 100 HOUSES, AND THAT WE HAVE COME DOWN TO THE 10, THE OTHER 90 WERE, YOU KNOW, FOR THAT.

Commissioner Smith: I AM TALKING BUT THE ONE FOR TODAY, ON THE DOCKET TODAY. IS THERE A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE COULD TAKE TO HELP KEEP SOMEONE IN THEIR HOME BECAUSE IF WE HAVE TO PLACE THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY I THINK THAT IT'S JUST APPLES TO APPLES.

Mr. Sublett: SO THE PROPERTY NUMBER ONE VACANT, TWO VACANT, THREE VACANT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN JUST SAY NO.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO ADD THAT QUESTION IN TERMS OF WHAT IT IS THAT WE CAN DO.

Mr. Sublett: SPEAKING GENERALLY AND NOT VIOLATING, YOU KNOW, GOING INTO SOMEONE'S PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Commissioner Smith: THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Mr. Sublett: SO, AND JUST WITHOUT THE COMPLETE RECORDS ON PARTICULAR CASES LET ME SPEAK GENERALLY ABOUT THE LIST, WHICH, OR THE PROCESS, WHICH IS THERE IS LITTLE EQUITY THAT PEOPLE OFTEN HAVE LEFT BY THE TIME THAT IT COMES TO TAX FORECLOSURES, OFTEN THE CASE, SO WHEN THE COLLECTIONS -- AND THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT TO MAKE A DECISION ON, THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THEIR PROCESS HAS DISCRETION IN IT. THE TAX FORECLOSURE PROCESS IS STATUTORY.

Commissioner Smith: THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. IS THERE A WAY TO USE OUR RESOURCES THAT WE PUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ON TOP OF THE EXISTING SERVICES TO BE ABLE TO HELP SOMEONE TO STAY IN THEIR PROPERTY? WE HAVE WEATHERIZATION DOLLARS THAT WE GET FROM THE FEDS TO HELP THEM TO PUT THEIR HOMES UP TO CODE. ARE THERE, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO WITH THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE INSTEAD OF MAKING THIS PERSON LEAVE AND STAYING IN THEIR HOME OR JUST PUSH BACK FOR JUST A SECOND AND PULL OUT THOSE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE PEOPLE IN THEM UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOME OTHER RESOURCES? GUESS WHAT, IF ALL WE'RE GOING TO DO IS PUT THEM INTO THE HOME FOR EVERYONE AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND 12 TO 15,000, I WOULD RATHER SPEND THAT AND KEEPING THEM IN THEIR HOME.

Mr. Sublett: SPECIFIC TO THESE TEN THE ANSWER IS NO. SPEAKING GENERALLY WE LEVERAGE AND KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES EVERY CYCLE BY LEVERAGING THE EXPERTISE OF OUR AGING DISABILITIES AND VETERANS' STAFF PEOPLE WHO -- AND WE GO OUT EARLY AND I DETERMINE A PROPERTY. MY FIRST CHARGE UNDER THE FIRST CHARGE IS TO DETERMINE IS THE PROPERTY OCCUPIED? THAT'S OUR FIRST FILTER.

Commissioner Smith: THE LAND IS THE MOST VALUABLE THING. I KNOW SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES ARE BELOW CODE BUT THE LAND IS THE MOST VALUABLE THING FOR MANY FOLKS.

Mr. Sublett: UNDERSTOOD. BUT, SO WE'RE AGNOSTIC AS FAR AS THE VALUE. WE GO TO SEE ARE THERE PEOPLE HERE BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM, PEOPLE FIRST, AND THEN THE PETS AND ONLY THEN THE PROPERTY. THIS PROGRAM IS BUT THE PEOPLE FIRST.

Commissioner Smith: THAT'S HOW I FEEL AND THAT'S WHY I AM SAYING IF THERE IS SOME SORT OF WAY TO KEEP THEM, EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE GONE AND THEY GOT A LOAN ALL THE WAY UP TO THE TOP OF ITS VALUE, ONCE THAT IS FORECLOSED ON THAT PROPERTY IS STILL VALUABLE. I AM SAYING IT'S STILL VALUABLE AND WE MAY OR MAY NOT GET THE VALUE OUT OF IT WHEN WE GO TO AUCTION IT AND IT WILL GO TO A DEVELOPER WHO IS PROBABLY GOING TO BUILD MARK RACE HOUSING. THAT'S WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT.

Mr. Sublett: FOR THE 80% UNOCCUPIED, ON THE ONE CASE THERE IS A PROPERTY THAT HASN'T BEEN OCCUPIED FOR AT LEAST 17 YEARS IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND, AT LEAST 17 YEARS.

Commissioner Smith: WE HAVE FAILED TO GO AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT PROPERTY FOR 17 YEARS?

Mr. Sublett: WELL AS THE COUNTY WE DON'T HAVE STANDING, THE CITY CERTAINLY HAS ISSUED AND DONE THEIR PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO THE VACATION ORDERS AND ETC. WE DON'T HAVE STANDING MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES NOT EXCEPT FOR THE TAXES AND ONLY WHEN THEY ARE NOT PAID. SO THE FACT THAT IT WASN'T OCCUPIED OR PROVIDING HOUSING FOR ANYONE, I GOT A CALL YESTERDAY ONCE WE TAKE THE TITLE WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF THAT VACANT PROPERTY AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE THE STEWARDS OF A ZOMBIE HOUSE. WE ARE JOHNNY ON THE SPOT. JANIE ON THE SPOT. WE WORK IT VERY HARD IN ORDER TO BE GOOD STEWARDS. SO FORGIVE ME IF I ADDRESS IT. GOING FORWARD I CAN SPEAK TO THIS ORDER BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE ANSWER WOULD BE NO. GOING FORWARD WE CAN REDOUBLE AND REFOCUS AND PUT THROUGH ANOTHER FINER FILTER OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: WE DO A THOROUGH JOB.

Commissioner Smith: WE DO BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE CAN DO BETTER.

Mr. Broussard: CAN I GET MY MINUTE BACK? I HAVE GOT TO GET MY MINUTE BACK. FIRST OFF --

Board Clerk: YOU HAVE 14 SECONDS.

Mr. Broussard: I HAVE TO PREPARE MYSELF.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN FINISH YOUR SENTENCE AND WE NEED TO MOVE ON.

Mr. Broussard: I RECOGNIZE THAT BUT I AM THINKING ABOUT THAT SENIOR. THE OTHER THING FROM A COUNTY STANDPOINT DEVELOPERS AND INVESTORS ARE DOING A LOT OF YOUR WORK. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT FOUND THAT PROPERTY. YOU NEED TO PUT THAT THING OUT JUST IN THE OPEN MARKET. WE CAN PROBABLY GET TEN TIMES AS MUCH. YOU HAVE A LISTING OF THE PEOPLE AT THE AUCTION MIKE?

Mr. Sublett: WE DON'T REGISTER.

Mr. Broussard: SHOULDN'T WE HAVE A REQUIREMENT?

Chair Kafoury: WE DON'T CONVERSATIONS. MIKE IS HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. YES.

Mr. Broussard: CAN WE CHANGE THINGS THEN?

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL TALK TO YOU LATER. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

Commissioner Meieran: LET'S VOTE.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE ORDER IS ADOPTED.

R.5 Appointment and Reappointments of Members to Merit System Civil Service Council. Presenters: Steve Herron and James Opoka.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM.

Chair Kafoury: SECOND? GREAT. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL TO POSTPONE R.5. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE MOTION TO POSTPONE IS APPROVED.

R.6 Board Briefing on the Multco Align Program, the Enterprise Resource Planning System. Presenters; Jacob Farkas, IT Project Manager and Marissa Madrigal, COO and/or Travis Graves, CHRO.

Chair Kafoury: THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. WHAT'S HAPPENING! MULTCO ALIGN! [LAUGHTER]

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THE ANTICIPATION IS BUILDING.

Ms. Madrigal: OKAY. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM MARISSA MADRIGAL, YOUR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, AND I AM HERE TODAY WITH A TEAM NOT JUST THE FOLKS PRESENTING, BUT IN THE AUDIENCE WE HAVE A HUGE NUMBER OF OUR PROJECT TEAM FROM MULTCO ALIGN REPRESENTED.

TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE GIVING A PROGRAM RECAP OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE NOW, DESCRIBE AGAIN FOR YOU IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN AND YOU WOULD BE FORGIVEN, WHAT DOES AN ERP LOOK LIKE? GO THROUGH SOME OF OUR MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, REVIEW OUR CURRENT STATUS. WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS PROJECT. AND REALLY START TO LEVERAGE AND BUILD ON A LEARNING CULTURE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO WE'RE GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU KIND OF WHAT OUR CHALLENGES ARE AND WHAT OUR CURRENT THINKING IS AND THEN REVIEW THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT THAT WE'RE DOING. THIS ISN'T JUST A TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM THAT WE FLIP ON AND SAY GO.

IT IS AN ADJUSTMENT TO EVERY SINGLE BUSINESS PROCESS IN THE COUNTY IN FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, PURCHASING, YOU NAME IT, THE BACK END STUFF IS CHANGING AND HOPEFULLY WILL IMPROVE. WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT. SHARE WITH YOU WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ASSIST IN THIS CHANGE MANAGEMENT AND THEN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. SO JUST QUICKLY, WHAT IS AN ERP? ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PROGRAM. FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IT IS FOUR MAJOR COMPONENTS. TWO NEW SOFTWARE SYSTEMS THAT WE'RE ADDING AND EXPANDING TWO CURRENT SYSTEMS. SO THIS IS YOUR GOOGLE SUITE. YOU HAVE GMAIL, YOU HAVE CALENDAR, YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS. IT'S ONE THING, BUT DIFFERENT COMPONENTS. WE HAVE WORK DAY, WHICH WILL REPLACE SAP, TRIRIGA, WHICH IS OUR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, AND EXPANDING FUNCTIONALITY AND REALLY IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCE, NOT JUST FOR US INTERNALLY BUT FOR OUR VENDORS, AS WELL.

JUST A REMINDER OF WHY WE'RE DOING THIS PROJECT. OUR CURRENT SYSTEM IS FROM 1999. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN OUR CELL PHONE ANALOGY. WE'RE STILL THERE. THE LONGER WE WAIT TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION, THE

LARGER THE GAP IS BETWEEN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE AND WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND WHAT OTHER COMPANIES IN GOVERNMENTS ARE USING AND IT REALLY PUTS US AT A DISADVANTAGE IF WE WAIT SO WE WENT THROUGH A THOROUGH ASSESSMENT IN 2015. WE'VE BEEN VERY PLANFUL AND CAREFUL IN HOW WE'VE PROCEEDED. WE EXPECT THAT WE'LL HAVE MASSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR RESILIENCY AND SECURITY. RIGHT NOW IF THERE WERE A MAJOR EVENT AND ALL THAT WE HAD WAS THE INTERNET, WE WOULD ONLY HAVE TODAY OUR GMAIL SUITE STILL STANDING FROM AN ENTERPRISE PERSPECTIVE. ONCE WORK DAY IS IMPLEMENTED WE'LL NOT ONLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE, BUT WE'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OUR BILLS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PAY OUR EMPLOYEES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROCESS VARIOUS TRANSACTIONS AND THAT IS A HUGE LEAP FORWARD FOR THE COUNTY FROM A RESILIENCY STANDPOINT.

Ms. Madrigal: WE EXPECT THIS SYSTEM TO BE A LOT MORE EFFICIENT AND MOBILE SO YOU'LL HAVE IT ON YOUR CELL PHONE. YOU'LL GET A LITTLE NOTIFICATION WHEN ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SUPERVISE IS REQUESTING VACATION TIME OR APPROVAL OF SOMETHING SO VERY, VERY DIFFERENT THAN FILLING OUT PAPER TIMESHEETS AND THEN HAVING STAFF TO DATA ENTER THEM, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE NOW. IN THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, BUT WHILE WE ARE ADDING A BUNCH OF FUNCTIONALITY, WORK DAY IN PARTICULAR IS LESS MATURE IN SOME AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN FINANCE AND AS WE'LL TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT LATER, THAT'S NOT A SHOW-STOPPER FOR US, BUT IT DOES MEAN WE'RE ADJUSTING SOME OF OUR PLANS TO DO MORE WORK-AROUNDS AND ENABLE OUR TEAMS, WHICH ARE SUPERUSERS OF OUR FINANCE SOFTWARE, THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DO THEIR WORK.

I WON'T GO THROUGH THESE LINE BY LINE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND IF YOU'RE REALLY FEELING NERDY ABOUT IT, WE TAPED OUR KICKOFF EVENT BACK IN SEPTEMBER AND I HAVE TO SAY IF YOU WANT A LITTLE VIEW INTO THE DIVERSITY AND THE BRILLIANCE AND THE EXCELLENCE OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, THAT IS THE VIDEO TO WATCH. EACH PART OF THE PROJECT TEAM CAME UP AND TALKED ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE EXCITED ABOUT, WHAT THE CHALLENGES WERE AND IT GAVE A REALLY GREAT OVERVIEW OF THE A. TEAM THAT WE HAVE ON THIS PROJECT. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO KICK IT OVER TO TRACEY AND JACOB.

Mr. Farkas: I AM THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS EFFORT. WE WANTED TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF A LOOK AT WHAT THE ERP IS ACTUALLY LIKE. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SCREEN SHOT OF SOMETHING THAT WENT LIVE LAST WEEK. THIS IS TOTAL SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT WHICH WAS RELEASED BY OUR OWN PROCUREMENT GROUP. THIS IS NOW THE ABILITY FOR SUPPLIERS OR VENDORS TO REGISTER WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTRONICALLY. BEFORE, WE DIDN'T HAVE A WAY TO DO THIS AND

THEY CAN MAINTAIN THEIR INFORMATION ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE COUNTY.

Mr. Farkas: ADDITIONALLY, THEY CAN ADD SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS COMMODITY CODES, AND THEN ANY TIME THERE'S A SOURCING EVENT FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT INCLUDES THOSE CODES, THOSE VENDORS WOULD BE NOTIFIED. AND THEN COMING UP SOON WITHIN TOTAL SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT AS PART OF THE GO LIVE IS THE ABILITY TO SUBMIT BIDS OR PROPOSALS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY SO IF THE COUNTY PUSHES OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR SOME OTHER TYPE OF SOURCING EVENT THOSE VENDORS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND HAVE AN ABILITY TO SHOW THEIR INTENT TO BID, AND THEN ACTUALLY UPLOAD THEIR PROPOSAL AND INFORMATION. AND THEN WE HAVE A LITTLE VIDEO HERE JUST TO GIVE YOU A PEEK AT WORK DAY.

[VIDEO PLAYS] HI, AND WELCOME TO YOU LEARN PRESENTS AND A SNEAK PEEK AT FINDING CONTACTS IN WORK DAY. I'M IN MY HOME PAGE. IF YOU AREN'T SURE, YOU CAN GO TO THE TOP LEFT-HAND CORNER OF YOUR SCREEN AND CLICK. THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE HOME PAGE AND IT WILL SAY "WELCOME." IN THE TOP LEFT-HAND CORNER IS A SEARCH WINDOW. FROM HERE YOU CAN TYPE IN THE CONTACT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. AND HIT ENTER. WHEN YOU DO THAT, A VARIETY OF INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CLICKING ON THE PERSON'S NAME OR ON THE DOTS BESIDE THEM. HOW MUCH INFORMATION YOU GET TO SEE ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL IS DEPENDENT ON YOUR SECURITY ROLE. IN THIS CASE, ANNE IS A COLLEAGUE OF MINE ON MY TEAM SO THERE'S MORE INFORMATION THAT I CAN SEE BECAUSE I'M HER MANAGER. YOU CAN CLICK ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME TO SEE THEIR LOCATION OF WORK, WHO THEY REPORT TO, AND IN MANY CASES YOU CAN SEE THE JOB PROFILE AND OTHER DETAILED INFORMATION. AGAIN, INFORMATION IS LIMITED BASED ON YOUR SECURITY ROLE. AND THAT'S A QUICK PEEK AT FINDING AN INDIVIDUAL AND A CONTACT IN WORK DAY. [VIDEO ENDS]

Mr. Farkas: OKAY. SO JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK SNEAK PEEKS AT SOME OF THE FUNCTIONALITY THAT WILL BE COMING OUT IN A LITTLE BIT. THIS IS A LOOK AT OUR CURRENT TIMELINE FOR THE MULTCO ALIGN EFFORT. I COULD TALK AT LENGTH ABOUT ALL THE WORK THAT HAPPENED IN EACH OF THESE DIFFERENT PHASES BUT PRE-WORK REALLY BEGAN ABOUT A YEAR AGO IN MARCH WHERE WE STARTED TO DO AN INVENTORY AND COLLECTION OF ALL OF THE STUFF THAT WE WANTED TO GET DONE WITHIN THIS EFFORT. WE TOOK ALL OF THAT INFORMATION AND WENT INTO THE PLANNING PHASE, WHERE WE REALLY SCHEDULED OUT AND PUT INTO DIFFERENT AREAS THAT WE WANTED TO GET DONE IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE HAD SET FORTH. FROM THE PLANNING PHASE WE JUMP INTO ARCHITECT AND THAT'S WHERE WE REALLY DID THE DESIGN WORK. SO TOOK THE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE

FIGURED OUT AND STARTED TO DESIGN WHAT THE SYSTEMS WOULD LOOK LIKE.

Mr. Farkas: IN PROTOTYPE WE TOOK THOSE DESIGNS AND STARTED TO CONFIGURE AND DEVELOP ALL OF IT SO WITHIN EACH OF THE SYSTEMS, AS WE UNDERSTOOD THE REQUIREMENTS, BUILDING IT OUT. AND THAT TAKES US TO THE TEST PHASE WHERE WE ARE NOW AND YOU'LL NOTE THAT WE'RE IN A SPOT WHERE WE EVALUATE THE TIMELINE. TESTING IS EXACTLY WHERE THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, NOW THAT IT'S BEEN DESIGNED AND BUILT AND WE PUT IT THROUGH SEVERAL TESTS, WE START TO UNDERSTAND IF WE MISSED ANYTHING OR IF THERE MIGHT BE A GAP AND WHAT WE MIGHT NEED TO DO TO FILL THAT GAP. AND THAT IS WHERE WE ARE. I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SAY THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, OUR CHANGE TEAM, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY DEVELOPING DIFFERENT MATERIALS FOR TRAINING OR REACHING OUT TO THE VARIOUS GROUPS TO PREPARE THIS ORGANIZATION FOR CHANGE.

THIS ALL LOOKS VERY TECHNICAL, BUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN THE BACKGROUND TO PREPARE THE ORGANIZATION. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL SLIDES ON MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT QUITE A FEW THAT WE'VE REACHED TO DATE. THE FIRST ONE NOTED UP THERE IS CHANGE IMPACTS AND A CHANGE IMPACT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO TODAY THAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT IN THE FUTURE. THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PLAN FOR THOSE SO WE DO SOME ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND IF IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A FORMAL TRAINING OR JUST A HANDOUT THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE ADJUST TO THAT CHANGE SO A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT WOULD BE SUBMITTING A WORK ORDER IN OUR NEW APPLICATION. RIGHT NOW, AN INDIVIDUAL CAN CALL THE DISPATCH AND HAVE SOMETHING DONE FOR FACILITIES. IN THE FUTURE, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO JUMP ONLINE, SUBMIT THAT WORK ORDER AND IT WILL FLOW SEAMLESSLY INTO THE APPLICATION.

SO WE'LL DO SOMETHING TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THAT. ANOTHER THING TO NOTE THERE ARE THE BUSINESS PROCESS CONFIGURATIONS. 228 OF THEM. A BUSINESS PROCESS IS REALLY JUST SOMETHING THAT IS BEING DONE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. SO A REALLY GOOD EXAMPLE IS SOMEBODY SUBMITTING TIME OR THEIR TIME ENTRY. WE PUT LOTS OF WORK INTO THIS, BEING VERY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT HOW TO DO THAT AND THE GREAT THING ABOUT WORK DAY IS THAT ALL OF THE RULES AROUND IT ARE BUILT IN. SO MYSELF AND THE ROLE I PLAY WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO VARIOUS TIME CODES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SOMEBODY ELSE AND ALL OF THAT IS ON THE BACK END AND I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT IF I'M DOING IT CORRECTLY. AND THEN THE REALLY LAST THING THAT I WANTED TO NOTE WAS THE HOURS WORKED TO DATE. THE 70,000 HOURS THAT YOU SEE UP THERE AND AS MARISSA KIND OF STATED, SEVERAL OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE IN THE ROOM TODAY SO I WOULDN'T MIND IF WE

COULD JUST HAVE THEM STAND UP SO YOU CAN GET A PEEK AT THE NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT. [APPLAUSE]

Ms. Madrigal: AND THERE'S MORE THAN THAT. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Farkas: YEAH. AND I THINK THAT GOES TO HIGHLIGHT WHAT MARISSA SAID THAT THIS IS NOT JUST AN I.T. PROJECT, WHERE THERE'S 10 I.T. FOLKS IN A ROOM PUSHING SOMETHING OUT. THIS IS A BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE AND WE HAVE INCLUDED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SUCCESSFUL. AND I AM NOW GOING TO PASS IT OVER TO ANDREW, THE PROJECT MANAGER.

Mr. Clark: MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. I'M ANDREW CLARK, I AM THE PROJECT MANAGER. COUNTERPART TO JACOB. I WANTED TO JUST HIGHLIGHT A FEW THINGS ABOUT OUR CURRENT STATUS. THE FIRST IS WE'VE HAD A TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL AND ON-SCHEDULE PROJECT UP UNTIL THIS POINT. JACOB MENTIONED THE NATURAL POINT AS WE MOVE INTO TESTING IS TO LOOK AT AND EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF OUR TIMELINING AND GO LIVE DATE. SO YOU CAN SEE THE STOPLIGHT UP ABOVE UNDER THE PROGRAM STATUS TREND IN THE DASHBOARD -- WE'VE RECOGNIZED SOME RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIMELINE. PRIMARILY IT'S BEEN AROUND EXECUTING TESTING. THE NEWNESS OF THE SYSTEM AND THE AMOUNT OF CHANGE AT THE ORGANIZATION AND THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY OPERATING THE SYSTEM HAVE TO LEARN AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. IT'S A VERY COMMON THING WE SEE ON PROJECTS AT THIS POINT. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ORGANIZATION READINESS.

I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT JUST EXAMPLES OF RISKS AND ISSUES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE TALK ABOUT AT A LEADERSHIP LEVEL AS WELL AS AT A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT LEVEL AMONGST THE WORKSTREAM TEAMS, BUT EXAMPLES OF RISKS THAT WE WORK THROUGH ARE RESOURCE AVAILABILITY, EXPERTS HAVING COMPETING PRIORITIES, POTENTIAL ACTIVITY DELAYS, CONTRACT ISSUES WITH VENDORS, AND SO ON. WE WORK THROUGH THOSE AND TRACEY WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT PROCESS IS HERE IN A MINUTE. SOME ISSUE EXAMPLES ARE SIGNIFICANT PROCESS OR PRODUCT GAPS THAT WE HAVE TO RESOLVE AND CLOSE OR SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OR CONCERNS AROUND THE SCHEDULE. JACOB MENTIONED THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT THE PROJECT HAS HAD FROM BOTH COUNTY AND OUR RESOURCES. WE'VE HAD A HUGE TEAM AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE HAD THEIR HANDS IN DESIGNING THE SYSTEM AND GIVING FEEDBACK, WHICH HAS BEEN GREAT. YOU CAN SEE IN THE DASHBOARD IN THE MIDDLE HERE, THERE'S A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO GET INVOLVED.

WE HAVE UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER EVENTS, WHETHER IT BE AN H.R. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, COMMUNICATIONS BEING SENT TO THE COUNTY, OR

CHANGE MANAGEMENT LIAISON MEETINGS AS WE KIND OF BUILD UP THAT SUPPORT NETWORK. THERE'S COUNTLESS THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS PROJECT. IT'S BEEN VERY REWARDING UP UNTIL THIS POINT. YOU CAN SEE ON THE SIDE HERE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING. IT'S EXCITING, IT'S A LOT OF WORK. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING YOU AND PARTNERING WITH YOU THROUGH THE REST OF THIS. SO NOW FOR BUDGET AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS RELATED TO RISK MANAGEMENT I'LL HAND IT OVER TO TRACEY.

Ms. Massey: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M A SENIOR MANAGER IN OUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS AND MY ROLE ON THIS PROJECT IS TO OVERSEE THE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE SO I'M GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BUDGET STATUS, WHICH IS GREEN AND GOOD NEWS. THE COLUMN ON THE LEFT SHOWS OUR OVERALL BUDGET FOR THIS PROGRAM AT \$42.8 MILLION. TO DATE WE'VE SPENT JUST OVER 12 AND THEN THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT SHOWS OUR CURRENT FORECAST OF WHERE WE EXPECT TO COME IN GIVEN WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW. THAT'S ABOUT \$34.6 MILLION. TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF HOW THE PROGRAM BUDGET BREAKS OUT, IT'S PRETTY MUCH SEVERAL BIG CHUNKS. ONE BEING COUNTY COSTS, THAT'S ABOUT 30%. OUR SYSTEMS INTEGRATE OR IS 37% OF THAT.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE SOFTWARE LICENSING THAT WE'RE USING RIGHT NOW AS WE DESIGN AND TEST THE SYSTEMS IS ABOUT 5%. AND THEN FACILITIES COSTS, WE HAVE THE SPACE WHERE MOST OF THE PROGRAM SIT AND OTHER EXPENSES ARE ABOUT 5% AND THEN THE BALANCE IS CONTINGENCY AND CONTINGENCY ON ANY PROJECT AND ESPECIALLY IN THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THINGS COME UP AND WE WANT TO BE PREPARED AND SO RIGHT NOW, WE ARE COMPLETELY IN THE GREEN. ALL RIGHT. AS ANDREW MENTIONED, MANAGING RISKS AND ISSUES IS A KEY ELEMENT OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT. WE DON'T WANT TO HIDE FROM RISKS; WE WANT TO IDENTIFY THEM AND COME UP WITH MITIGATING STRATEGIES SO THAT WE ARE PREPARED.

AS A PROGRAM TEAM, WE'RE USING THEIR METHODOLOGY IN A RAID LOG. THOSE RISKS ARE EVALUATED, THEY'RE SCORED BASED ON THE IMPACT TO THE ORGANIZATION AND THE PROBABILITY OF IT HAPPENING AND THOSE WITH HIGH SCORES, WE PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO, BUT THE RISKS ARE REVIEWED WEEKLY AT A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE MEETING, THEN WITH OUR EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE. ANDREW MENTIONED A COUPLE OF RISKS, SO I WON'T DO THAT, BUT WHAT I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT IS OUR TOP RISK THAT I THINK PRETTY MUCH EVERYBODY HAS MENTIONED AND THAT IS OUR BIGGEST RISK IS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A SUCCESSFUL GO-LIVE. AND SUCCESS IS MEASURED NOT JUST -- DID WE HIT THE DATE THAT WE PLANNED, BUT ARE ALL OF THE SYSTEMS CONFIGURED AND TESTED FULLY? ARE OUR OPERATIONAL

PROCEDURES DEVELOPED, DOCUMENTED, SOCIALIZED? HAS EVERYBODY BEEN TRAINED? AND ALSO WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTY? OTHER PRIORITY EVENTS AND WILL STAFF BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON THIS GO-LIVE?

Ms. Massey: SO AS JACOB SAID RIGHT NOW WE ARE EVALUATING THE OVERALL SCHEDULE. THIS IS THE NATURAL TIME, THE TRANSITION FROM PROTOTYPE TO TESTING. AS WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS TIME, WE'VE IDENTIFIED A COUPLE OF AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN FINANCE, THAT ARE MORE COMPLEX AND WE'RE DEVELOPING THE PROCESSES AND WORK-AROUNDS THAT WILL ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. OUR OVERALL MITIGATING STRATEGY TO HELP ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A SUCCESSFUL GO-LIVE, WE HAVE PUT A TEAM TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THE BALANCE OF WORK THAT'S LEFT BETWEEN -- IN THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT AND GO-LIVE. WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED AND HOW MUCH TIME IS NEEDED. AND OUR PROGRAM MANAGER OFFICE IS PUTTING TOGETHER SOME PLANS TO SEE WHAT SOME OPTIONS MIGHT BE ABOUT ADJUSTING THE GO-LIVE. WE ARE LEANING TOWARDS A PHASED IN APPROACH RATHER THAN A BIG BANG THAT'S KIND OF COMMON IN I.T. AND WE EXPECT THE ANALYSIS OF THAT EFFORT TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS OF APRIL AND WE'LL HAVE THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL EVALUATE THE OPTIONS AND COME UP WITH ANY REVISED SCHEDULE IF NEEDED. WE WILL SHARE THAT WITH THE BOARD AS APPROPRIATE. NOW ON TO TRAVIS.

Mr. Graves: GOOD MORNING, TRAVIS GRAVES, YOUR CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER. THANK YOU, CHAIR AND BOARD FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK HERE. I GET THE PLEASURE OF BEING THE EXECUTIVE SPONSOR FOR TWO PARTS OF OUR PROJECT, BOTH THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT TEAM AND I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT AND THE HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TEAM. AS PART OF ANY MAJOR PART OR SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO A PROJECT IS CHANGE MANAGEMENT. IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE BRINGING ALONG OUR ORGANIZATION AND THEY HAVE BROUGHT US SOME VERY GOOD TOOLS TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS THIS. WHILE THIS LOOKS LIKE A COMPLICATED GRAPH, I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT SIMPLE FOR YOU. THE HOPE IS THAT WE AS AN ORGANIZATION MOVE ALONG THE CHANGE READINESS CURVE FROM BEING UNAWARE AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WE'RE MOVING TO A NEW SYSTEM ALL THE WAY TO ADOPTION AND OWNERSHIP.

WHAT WE DO IS TAKE PULSE POINTS AND SURVEYS WHERE WE LOOK AT THOSE IN THE FUNCTIONAL TEAMS, THOSE IN OUR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS, AND ASK A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND THIS IS THE CHART THAT PLOTS THAT ALONG THE COURSE. SO AS THEY MENTIONED, WE'RE IN THE TESTING PHASE AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS WE'RE TAKING THE FOUR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS THAT USED TO BE SEPARATE OR THEY'RE BRAND-NEW

AND WE'RE ACTUALLY PUTTING THEM ALL TOGETHER AND SEEING DO THEY ACTUALLY WORK?

Mr. Graves: ONE OF THE KEY PIECES OF TESTING THAT'S COMING UP IS THE PAYROLL COMPARE TESTING, AND I THINK THIS IS CUFF ONE OF THOSE ITEMS THAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP WORKING TOWARDS FIXING IT, BUT WHAT YOU DO IS YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWO PERIODS OF PAYROLL, RUNNING IT THROUGH OUR WORK SYSTEM AND SAYING DO YOU GET THE SAME RESULTS? WE'RE TESTING ALL THE DIFFERENT CONVERSIONS OF DATA, DATA INTEGRATION. WE MENTIONED THE WORK FLOWS, THINGS LIKE HOW IS THE PROCESS WORKING TO GET PEOPLE HIRED? IS IT GOING TO THE RIGHT MANAGERS? IS H.R. IN THE RIGHT PART OF THE PROCESS TO APPROVE THAT? WHEN YOU GET AN INVOICE, ARE YOU ABLE TO PAY IT AND IS IT GOING TO THE RIGHT PLACE AND IS IT POSTING TO THE RIGHT ACCOUNT? THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW. AND NOW, I GET TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO MARISSA.

Ms. Madrigal: SO REALLY WE ARE AT THE PART OF THE PRESENTATION WHERE IF YOU ANY QUESTIONS, WE WOULD LOVE TO ANSWER THEM. BUT ALSO, I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE WHILE THIS IS A NEWER PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY, A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE, AND TEAM, WE'RE NOT THE FIRST ORGANIZATION TO GO THROUGH THIS KIND OF TRANSFORMATION, THANKFULLY, AND THEY'VE WORKED WITH A LOT OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS BEFORE SO WE'RE IN GREAT HANDS. YOUR PATIENCE AND SUPPORT AND WORKING WITH US TO IDENTIFY RISKS, COMMUNICATE THINGS THAT YOU'RE HEARING, SUPPORTING THESE AMAZING, EXCELLENT, BRILLIANT PEOPLE BEHIND US AND, YOU KNOW, JUST PROVIDING THAT ENCOURAGEMENT AND CHEERLEADING.

THESE GUYS ARE WORKING IN MANY CASES OVERTIME AND LONG NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS TO MAKE THE DEADLINES AND WHILE WE'RE BACK FILLING MANY OF THEIR POSITIONS, WE KNOW HOW THAT GOES, THAT YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO LET GO COMPLETELY OF WHAT YOU WERE DOING BEFORE SO YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE WOULD BE WONDERFUL AND THEN JUST COMMUNICATION. IF YOU'RE HEARING THINGS, THIS IS OUR PROJECT AND WE'RE TRYING TO BE TRANSPARENT AND COMMUNICATIVE ABOUT THE RISKS AND THE POSSIBILITIES AND THE CHALLENGES. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR THINGS THAT YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT, LET US KNOW AND WE'LL JUST KEEP THE COMMUNICATION OPEN.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT THANK YOU.

Ms. Madrigal: HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SURE WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE UPDATE. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. JUST ONE SMALL QUESTION. ON SLIDE 12, IT TALKS ABOUT THE BUDGET UPDATE, AND THEN THERE'S AN APPROVE FOR CONTINGENCY AMOUNT, AND THEN A CONTINGENCY BALANCE. COULD YOU JUST TALK ABOUT WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN THOSE TWO?

Mr. Farkas: I THINK IT'S FROM THE PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THE SLIDES. THE SLIDES HAVE BEEN UPDATED.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ALL RIGHT.

Ms. Massey: I CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION SO IF WE GO BACK TO JUST THE SLIDE THAT WE HAVE HERE. SO THERE WAS A BUDGETED CONTINGENCY AMOUNT, AND THEN AN AMOUNT THAT WE PLANNED TO SPEND BASED ON SOME DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AROUND PURCHASING ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WE NEEDED SO WE PLANNED TO SPEND SOME OF THAT CONTINGENCY, SO THERE'S LESS BALANCE LEFT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: OKAY ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY, AS A BUSINESS OWNER, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY AND OFTEN UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S HUGELY DISRUPTIVE TO DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES, BUT EQUALLY IF NOT MORE IMPORTANT, IT GIVES YOU THAT COMPETITIVE EDGE THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE IF YOU'RE GOING TO SURVIVE AT LEAST IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS AND WE'RE NOT SO MUCH DIFFERENT OTHER THAN WE HAVE A MISSION TO REALLY HELP AND SERVE PEOPLE, WHICH ACTUALLY MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND THE EXPERTISE IN THE ROOM AND THE BUY-IN FROM THE ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT GOING FORWARD. SO I KNOW IT'S A HUGE LIST, I KNOW IT'S DISRUPTIVE, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S WELL WORTH IT AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR STAFF AND DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF SACRIFICE NOW FOR A MUCH LARGER GAIN. SO I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE UPDATE.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU GUYS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND THE UPDATE AND THANKS EVERYBODY HERE FOR ALL THE WORK ON THIS. IT IS CHANGING, THE DAY-TO-DAY, THAT'S WHOLE POINT OF DOING THIS ERP SYSTEM IS IT CHANGES THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF THE SOFTWARE THAT WE'RE USING FOR ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS. AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A BALANCE AND A TRADE-OFF WHEN YOU GO TO A CLOUD BASED SOFTWARE SYSTEM VERSUS AN INSTALLED SOFTWARE SYSTEM. THE PLUSES ARE THERE'S MORE UP-TO-DATE SOFTWARE ALL THE TIME. YOU'VE GOT THE REDUNDANCY AND THE MOBILITY OF THE SYSTEM, BUT

THEN YOU LOSE THAT CUSTOMIZATION THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO DO WITH AN INSTALLED SYSTEM, WHICH IS, ALLOWS IT TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE FOR YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS, BUT THEN ALSO ISOLATES IT IN TERMS OF HOW IT'S ABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH OTHER SYSTEMS. SO IT'S DEFINITELY A TRADE-OFF. BUT I'M CURIOUS IN TERMS OF THE RFP THAT WAS PUT OUT BEFORE I WAS ON THE BOARD, WAS THE LACK OF ROBUSTNESS IN THE FINANCE AREA, WAS THAT SOMETHING THAT WAS IDENTIFIED AS WORKDAY WAS BEING CONSIDERED?

Ms. Madrigal: YES.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO IT WAS A KNOWN RISK GOING INTO THIS. OKAY. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, AND LOOKING AT, YOU KNOW, THE CHANGE FROM A GO-LIVE DATE, LOOKING AT A CHANGE IN THE ROLL-OUT OF THE GO-LIVE DATE. I'M JUST CURIOUS. WELL, I GUESS I WOULD SAY THAT IT'S GOOD RIGHT, YOU WANT IT TO WORK, AT A POINT TO WORK WELL, BUT THERE'S THE CHANCE OF LOSING SOME OF THE MOMENTUM AND ALSO FAMILIARITY THAT YOU DID ALL THIS TRAINING, I SEE YOU'RE VERY WELL AWARE OF THAT SO I JUST AM INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT IF THAT IS THE DECISION TO DO A POSTPONED GO-LIVE DATE, A ROLLING GO-LIVE DATE.

Ms. Madrigal: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE EVALUATING IS WHAT CAN GO LIVE ON OUR ORIGINAL DATE? ARE THERE COMPONENTS THAT CAN GO FORWARD? AND THERE'S SOME RISK IN DOING A SPLIT IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ARCHITECT IT THAT WAY AND NOW, I'M USING YOUR LANGUAGE. BUT THERE ARE SOME PIECES THAT WENT LIVE THIS WEEK WITH OUR VENDOR MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SO WE'RE HOPING TO KEEP THAT MOMENTUM GOING AND I THINK THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT TEAM AND ALL THE TRAININGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, PEOPLE ARE STILL GOING TO FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LOT TO DO AND REALLY, THE TRAINING PIECE IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT AND IF WE PUSH FOR A JULY 1, DO WE HAVE THE TIME TO PRODUCE THE WORK-AROUNDS. AT THE SAME TIME THE JULY 1 IS AT THE END OF OUR FISCAL YEAR AND WE'LL BE CLOSING OUT FY 18.

Mr. Graves: THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD IS I JUST -- WERE YOU LISTENING IN TO OUR LAST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING? [LAUGHS] WE LITERALLY HAD THAT EXACT SAME CONVERSATION, WORRYING ABOUT IF WE POSTPONE TOO LONG, WE COULD LOSE MOMENTUM. IF IT'S TOO SHORT, WE COULD NOT GIVE OURSELVES ENOUGH TIME SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS WE'RE WEIGHING, I AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THAT MOMENTUM, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO A GOOD JOB AND MAKE SURE THE ORGANIZATION IS READY FOR IT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THIS IS WHAT I DID IN MY PAST LIFE SO I LOOKED AT SLIDE 11 THE DASHBOARD SLIDE AND I WAS LIKE I LOVE THIS. THIS MAKES

MY HEART HAPPY TO SEE THIS. IT WAS GREAT. WELL, I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK AND OBVIOUSLY, IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF IT JUST LET US KNOW.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Commissioner Meieran: I APPRECIATE THE QUESTIONS OF MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS. THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT I ALSO HAD HAD. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ANSWERS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY IMPRESSED ME ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE APPROACHED THIS IS THE INTENTIONALITY AND THIS IS A PROGRAM I LEARNED ABOUT AS I WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR THIS OFFICE, AND THEN, OF COURSE, HEARD MUCH MORE ABOUT AND IN PARTICULAR THINK THAT IT'S GREAT THAT THE PROCESS THAT YOU HAVE DONE HAS BEEN SO SELF-AWARE AND HAS ALLOWED FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE WHERE THERE MIGHT BE RISKS AND ISSUES AND INTENTIONALLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MITIGATE THOSE AND I ALSO, WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN EXPERIENCES WITH SYSTEMS LIKE THIS SO I, AS A PHYSICIAN, WORKED IN A GIANT BUREAUCRACY WHERE THEY IMPLEMENTED A NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD.

I WAS IN THE TRANSITION FROM LIKE PAPER TO ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS AND SAW HOW POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE THAT TYPE OF PROCESS CAN BE AND REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND OF COMMUNICATION ABOUT IT AND TRANSPARENCY AND INVOLVING PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY SO THAT IT IS REALLY A STREAMLINED -- I FEEL AS IT COULD BE AND BALANCING THOSE FACTORS AS COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MENTIONED BETWEEN THE MOMENTUM AND DOING IT RIGHT. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO DO IT RIGHT AND SO THANK YOU TO YOU ALL AND THE TREMENDOUS TEAM THAT IS HERE TODAY AND THE EVEN LARGER TEAM THAT IS NOT HERE TODAY FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON THIS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT?

Commissioner Smith: NOPE.

Chair Kafoury: I REALLY WANT TO JUMP ON THIS BANDWAGON AND SAY THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF STAFF WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND THE STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO GET US TO THIS POINT, BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AND ALL THE STAFF AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR THE BIG TRANSITION THAT'S COMING. AND I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE TIMES WHERE PEOPLE ARE FRUSTRATED AND HAVE QUESTIONS, BUT I KNOW THAT EVERYONE'S REALLY EXCITED ABOUT MAKING THIS CHANGE, GET HER DONE, BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT BRIEFING WHEN WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING LIVE.

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Chair Kafoury: AND COULD WE STILL HAVE ANOTHER ITEM SO IF PEOPLE COULD KEEP THEIR CONVERSATIONS DOWN UNTIL YOU GET THROUGH THE DOORS? THANK YOU SO MUCH. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7.

Commissioner Smith: TODAY, I HAVE THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF BRINGING FORTH THIS PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. THIS YEAR'S THEME NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED COULDN'T BE MORE APPROPRIATE. AS A REMINDER ON FEBRUARY 7TH OF LAST YEAR, SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN WAS GIVING A FLOOR SPEECH WHEN SHE WAS INTERRUPTED BY MITCH MCCONNELL. USING AN ARCANE SENATE RULE, HE CUT HER OFF HER SPEECH. SHE WAS CRITICIZING THE NOMINEE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS, BUT IT WAS MCCONNELL'S DEFENSE OF HIS ACT THAT GARNERED SO MUCH ATTENTION. HE SAID SENATOR WARREN WAS GIVING A LENGTHY SPEECH. SHE HAD APPEARED TO VIOLATE THE RULE. SHE WAS WARNED. SHE WAS GIVEN EXPLANATION. NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED. THAT DEFENSE HIT THE CORE OF WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION. IT GAVE A PUBLIC VOICE TO THE WAY WE, AS WOMEN, ARE OFTEN SPOKEN OVER, IGNORED, PUSHED ASIDE, AND JUST SAID "NO."

SO TODAY, I WANTED TO TAKE SOME TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE WOMEN RIGHT HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO PERSIST. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HISTORY AS WOMEN AT BOTH AN ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL AND AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE ARE DOING OUR PART. AFTER THESE PRESENTATIONS, I AM GOING TO ISSUE YOU A CHALLENGE AND SO TODAY, I AM BRINGING TOGETHER TWO SEEMINGLY DIFFERENT GROUPS TO PRESENT. THERE ARE MANY HISTORICAL STORIES OF WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE STANDING ALONE, BUT WOMEN ARE ABLE TO BAND TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE PHENOMENAL CHANGE AND FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS HERE IN PORTLAND, THEY ARE AN ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL WOMEN THAT SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION, CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT.

I ALSO WANT TO WELCOME TO THE TABLE OUR FRIENDS FROM THE DIVERT PROGRAM. THE TEAM AT DIVERT PROVIDES SOME INSIGHT INTO THE IMPACT THIS PROGRAM IS HAVING ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN WHO ARE DOMESTICALLY ABUSED, WHO NOT ONLY PERSIST, OFTEN AGAINST THE GREATEST ODDS,

BUT ARE RESILIENT BEYOND MEASURE. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR PRESENTERS TODAY. WE HAVE HERE MS. CARLA PENN HOPSON, REGIONAL SPOKESPERSON. ISAURA ASCENCO, PROGRAM SUPERVISOR. AND ALLISON WILSON, DIVERT COORDINATOR. HI, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. GO AHEAD.

Ms. Penn Hopson: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS CARLA PENN HOPSON AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR CURRENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT WHO SENDS GREETINGS AND REGRETS THAT SHE IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION, THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. I CURRENTLY SERVE ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM OF OUR REGIONAL AREA AND PROUDLY REPRESENT OUR LOCAL CHAPTER AT THIS MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION. ON NOVEMBER THE 9TH, 1957, [READING NAMES] WERE OFFICIALLY INSTALLED INTO THE LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP CHANGE. SHE WAS THE ORGANIZER AND FIRST PRESIDENT. MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY INCLUDED SUPPORTING URBAN LEAGUE'S COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. WE SPONSORED A SALUTE TO YOUTH ACTIVITY FUNDRAISER THROUGH EBONY FASHION FAIR, HOSTED WINE TASTINGS, PARTNERED WITH NAACP, URBAN LEAGUE, SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION, THEY WERE MAJOR PARTNERS AS WELL AS WE WERE RECIPIENTS OF PROCEEDS THAT WERE RAISED BY THESE NONPROFITS.

ON NOVEMBER 9, 2017, WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. THERE ARE FIVE FACETS THAT THE CHAPTER GUIDES ARE PROGRAMMING, AND THESE FACETS ENABLE US TO PROVIDE IMPACTFUL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. IT'S CALLED THE ARTS. WE ORGANIZE MULTICULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL, CELEBRATIONS OF THE ARTS, BLUES JAZZ CONCERTS, ETC., SERVICES TO YOUTH. WE PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP, STUDENT MENTORING, EXPLORING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, STEM, ROBOTS, DEBUTANTE COALITION BALLS, ETC., NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES. WE WORK WITH PROJECT LEAD, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE, WOMEN'S EQUITY DAY CELEBRATION AND PARADE, WALK-A-THONS, LIBRARY ENHANCEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, LEGISLATIVE ACTION, CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND SEX TRAFFICKING, INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES, UNICEF VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL IN A BOX, CONTRIBUTIONS TO RONDA, UNITED NATIONS, SOUTH AFRICA PEN PALS, HAITI, BLANKETS TO AFRICA, HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVES, DONATES TO THE AFRICA ORPHANAGE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WE'RE REALLY BUSY. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AFRICAN-AMERICAN AIDS AWARENESS ACTION, MENTAL HEALTH AND ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, PRESERVING AGING AND MEMORY, BLOOD DRIVES AND DONOR SABBATH. IT'S A LOT.

WE ARE HONORED THAT THE PORTLAND CHAPTER OF THE LINKS INCORPORATED WAS SELECTED TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR ITS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE HISTORY AND THE CULTURE AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Ascenco: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR INVITING US TO PRESENT ON OUR PROGRAM. MY NAME IS ISAURA ASCENCO, I'M A PROGRAM SUPERVISOR.

Ms. Wilson: AND I'M ALLISON WILSON, THE CURRENT DIVERT COORDINATOR.

Ms. Ascenco: I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE DO HAVE SOME OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS IN THE ROOM AND OUR PARTNER AND CAPTAIN FROM THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU. WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR PROGRAMMING WITHIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES THAT WORKS DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE HELP THEM FIND SAFETY AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE WORK WITH THEM TO HOLD ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CHOICES.

AS WE ALL KNOW, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL AFFECT ONE IN FOUR WOMEN IN THEIR LIFETIME AND ONE OUT OF SEVEN MEN. ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE THREE WOMEN KILLED EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES BY A FORMER OR CURRENT INTIMATE PARTNER. AS PART OF OUR CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT, WE HAVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENHANCED RESPONSE TEAM, WHICH COLOCATES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU TO ADDRESS CASES THAT SHOW SIGNS OF BEING HIGH LETHALITY OR HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE REASSAULT. THIS TEAM ENGAGES SURVIVORS IN PLANNING FOR SAFETY AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE. OUR TEAM HAS SEEN SUCCESS IN ENGAGING SURVIVORS WITH OUR PROGRAM BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION WITH PROGRAMS LIKE THE LINKS, SEI, UNICA, RAFAEL HEALTH AND BOA HOME FREE.

Ms. Wilson: WE KNOW THAT THROUGHOUT WOMEN'S HISTORY, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN GROUNDED IN GRASSROOTS EFFORTS, CHAMPIONED BY WOMEN IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER IN PRIVATE HOMES AND OTHER COMMUNITY SPACES TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN SEEKING SAFETY AND FINDING COMMUNITY TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. IT IS BECAUSE OF THESE GRASSROOTS EFFORTS THAT WE SAW A NEED TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING OUTSIDE OF OUR DIVERT PROGRAM TO MAKE SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO SURVIVORS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE CURRENTLY STATIONED WITH THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT OF THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU TO WORK CASES SIDE BY SIDE WITH OFFICERS PROVIDING ADVOCACY AND TO SUPPORT AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVESTIGATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES.

Ms. Wilson: FURTHER WE HAVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE ADVOCATES WHO WORK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT, RESPONDING ON SCENE WITH PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU OFFICERS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHO ARE RESPONDING TO ACTIVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES IN OUR COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT SURVIVORS ARE MORE LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN SERVICES, CREATE STRONG SAFETY PLANS AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS WHEN THEY ARE OFFERED BILINGUAL, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND SURVIVOR-CENTERED SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CRISIS. OUR ADVOCATES WORK TO ADDRESS SAFETY AND EMERGENT NEEDS FOR BOTH OUR SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN, WHICH OFTEN TAKES PLACE IN HOTELS, HOSPITAL ROOMS, COURTS AND SHELTER SETTINGS. LEAVING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION IS THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME FOR SURVIVORS AND IS WHEN THE MAJORITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES HAPPEN. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE, WE HAVE A STRONG COMMUNITY RESPONSE, ELEVATE UNDERSTANDING AND LIFT SURVIVOR VOICES.

Ms. Ascenco: AT A LOCAL LEVEL OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO REACH MORE SURVIVORS AT THEIR GREATEST POINT OF NEED. WE BELIEVE THAT ANYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN ADVOCATE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS BY BELIEVING IN THEM WHEN THEY COME FORWARD, CONNECTING THEM TO RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY. A CALL TO SAFETY IS ONE OF OUR LOCAL 24-HOUR CRISIS LINES THAT ANYONE CAN CALL FOR EITHER SERVICES TO TALK TO AN ADVOCATE WITH CONCERNS THEY HAVE ABOUT THEMSELVES, A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR COMMUNITY MEMBER. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COMMUNITY CONNECTION WITH THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MOVEMENT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS SEEKING SAFETY. THERE ARE MATERIALS AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS OR LOCAL RESOURCES. THANK YOU, AGAIN, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT AND FOR INVITING US HERE, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE TODAY. I'VE BEEN A LONG-TIME MEMBER -- THAT'S ONE OF OUR MAIN CHARGES IS PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CERTAINLY EVERY CITY, EVERY AREA IS NOT IMMUNE. AND WE'VE SEEN MORE THAN OUR SHARE OF MURDERS AND ABUSES IN EAST COUNTY AND THE MORE THAT WE CAN PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON THE ABUSES AND PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN INTO

SAFETY, THE BETTER AND SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU FOR COMING AND TYING IT TOGETHER, WHAT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THIS IS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD FOR THE PROCLAMATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT MONTH AND THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT FACETS AND WAYS TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE, BUT THIS IS SUCH A CRITICAL ONE BECAUSE WE KNOW IT IMPACTS SO MANY WOMEN AND IT'S INTEGRAL TO THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING AT THE COUNTY SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. IT WAS REALLY HARD TRYING TO THINK ABOUT WHAT SPECIFICALLY TO TALK ABOUT AS IT RELATES TO WOMEN BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH HISTORY, BUT I THINK AS WE KIND OF NAILED IT DOWN TO TALK ABOUT WOMEN AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND HOW THEY'RE BEING VERY HELPFUL AND HOW YOU ALL ARE SO INTERCONNECTED AND VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE WORK THAT THEY DO AND THINK THAT THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT. HAD IT'S IMPORTANT TO US AND I DON'T THINK IT'S LOST ON YOU ALL THAT WE'RE AN ALL-WOMEN COUNTY COMMISSION, AND IT'S GREAT, AND IT'S NICE BECAUSE IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO LINK OUR HANDS TOGETHER ON OUR VALUES AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US AS A COMMUNITY, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE, AND IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE FEEL LIKE WE BELONG AND HAVE A PLACE TO GO TO BASICALLY MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER THAN IT WAS BEFORE WE GOT THERE AND SO I GO BACKWARDS AND I THINK ABOUT IF THIS PROGRAM WAS NOT AVAILABLE, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY?

I THINK YOU WOULD SEE A LOT MORE VIOLENCE IN THE NEWSPAPERS, YOU WOULD SEE A LOT MORE WOMEN WHO ARE STILL HIDING IN THE SHADOWS OF THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO TO HELP THEM MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR LIVES SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND ON A MUCH MORE PERSONAL LEVEL, I ASK THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE HERE TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN LIVES, WHAT CHALLENGES LIE BEFORE YOU AND ARE YOU DOING EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE AS A WOMAN AND TO HELP A WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE, BECAUSE IT'S ONLY THROUGH US THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP EACH OTHER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NOT SURE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO READ, BUT I THINK IT'S MS. HOPSON.

[MS. PENN HOPSON READ PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WELL, I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU COMING TODAY, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND YOUR STAFF FOR WORKING SO HARD ON THIS PROCLAMATION AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT ALL

THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE LINKS ARE INVOLVED IN AND I MUST SAY WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED THAT A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED IN SO MANY INCREDIBLY, INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES. WHILE THIS IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH OUR BOARD, EVERY DAY IS WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ONLY RESPECTING AND ADMIRING THE WOMEN WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US, BUT WE'RE FORGING NEW TRAILS FOR THE WOMEN WHO WILL COME AFTER US.

Chair Kafoury: IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE MOST ABOUT COMING TO WORK EVERY DAY IS SEEING THE DIVERSITY AND THE QUALITY, THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE WOMEN THAT I GET TO WORK WITH, BOTH COMMISSIONERS, THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, THE STAFF, MY OWN FABULOUS STAFF. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR TAKING A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE A WOMAN WHO'S MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE. THERE ARE SO MANY. WE COULD BE HERE ALL DAY. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US ALL. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING. AND NOW, WE GET TO VOTE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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 THE TIME ON OUR AGENDA FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I JUST WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO CALLIE LOVE WHO HELPED TO PUT THIS PROCLAMATION THAT WE DID TOGETHER. SHE HAD TO LEAVE BUT PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, IT GAVE HER A LOT OF JOY AND SHE DID A GREAT JOB. THANKS, CALLIE!

Chair Kafoury: THANKS, CALLIE. ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANYTHING? FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND RETAINED SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPROVING ON OUR H.R. PRACTICES. OUR FIRM IS LED -- THE PRINCIPAL AND CEO. JOHN POWELL, SENIOR CONSULTANT IS ALSO PART OF THIS TEAM, AS WELL AS SOMEBODY WHOSE NAME WILL BE VERY FAMILIAR TO MANY OF YOU -- WORKED HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS AND A SENIOR CONSULTANT. SO WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO BEGIN THIS WORK. WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERYONE SIMILAR TO OUR ERP PROGRAM, WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERYONE TO BE INVOLVED, PAY ATTENTION, AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO AHEAD OF US SO I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT AND THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF YOU TO MEET WITH THEM, TALK TO THEM, GET TO KNOW THEM AND HELP SHAPE THE DIRECTION THAT WE'RE HEADED.

Chair Kafoury: SECOND THING I WANT TO ANNOUNCE IS THAT OUR OWN MARISSA MADRIGAL, SHE'S BEEN IN A MASTER'S PROGRAM, AND HER THESIS, HER DISSERTATION THAT SHE TURNED IN WAS ONE OF FOUR FINALISTS OUT OF ALL THE DISSERTATIONS TO BE TURNED IN, THE MOST FABULOUS ONES EVER. WHY ARE WE NOT SURPRISED? CONGRATULATIONS, MARISSA. [APPLAUSE] AND THAT'S IT. SO SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:56 a.m.

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