

MINUTES
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 7, 1991 MEETING

Chair Gladys McCoy convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m., with Vice-Chair Rick Bauman, Commissioners Pauline Anderson, Sharron Kelley and Gary Hansen present.

- C-1 In the Matter of the Appointment of Joy C. Al-Sofi to the Multnomah County Planning Commission for a Term to Expire March, 1995
- C-2 Ratification of Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Research Services Agreement Between Multnomah County and the State of Oregon Health Division Providing Additional National Institute on Drug Abuse Grant Funds for Continued Outreach and AIDS Prevention Education to IV Drug Users Research

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, the consent calendar (C-1 through C-2) was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chair McCoy recognized and thanked Joy C. Al-Sofi for her willingness to serve on the Planning Commission.

- R-1 Ratification of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Multnomah and Washington Counties for the Joint Operation of an Office During the 1991 Oregon Legislative Session

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, R-1 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

In response to a question of Commissioner Anderson as to why the County does not seek this kind of cooperative arrangement with Clackamas County, Chair McCoy advised she would check with Fred Neal.

- R-2 Budget Modification NOND #7 Authorizing Adjustments for Cost of Living Changes Authorized July 1, 1990 and for the Purchase of 3 Computer Units and Related Equipment Within the Tax Supervising Commission Budget

In response to a question of Commissioner Anderson, Chair McCoy suggested that if the Board feels items which the Board has no budgetary control over should not come before the Board, they can be placed on the consent calendar or approved by the Chair.

In response to a statement by Commissioner Anderson, Chair McCoy advised she believes this modification reflects a specific request which may not have been part of the original budget.

In response to a statement by Commissioner Kelley, Chair McCoy suggested that she contact Gilbert Gutjahr.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Bauman, R-2 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- R-3 In the Matter of a Request for Board Approval of the 1991-1993 Multnomah County Community Corrections Plan

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Kelley seconded, for approval of R-3.

Robert Jackson, Director of the Department of Community Corrections, related that this is a preliminary plan setting forth an option 1 Community Corrections Plan scenario as opposed to option 2 under which the County is currently operating, and requested that the Department be allowed to return before the Board within 60 days with recommendations as to whether it feels the County should go with option 1 or 2.

In response to a question of Chair McCoy, Mr. Jackson explained the Department is asking for this extension so it may obtain more information prior to making a recommendation.

In response to a question of Commissioner Kelley, Mr. Jackson explained that the Legislature is deliberating issues relating to the State Corrections' budget and that an allocation formulation has been proposed but not yet approved.

Commissioner Hansen advised he is willing to continue the matter for 60 days with the stipulation that today's vote is not interpreted to mean that the Board has set a course for option 1 and is simply waiting to see what the State budget figures look like. Commissioner Hansen explained that a decision whether to go with option 1 or option 2 is a major decision which the Board is simply putting off for 60 days until there is more information.

In response to a question of Chair McCoy, Mr. Jackson suggested that the Board approve the plan contingent upon a final review by the Board within 60 days.

Commissioner Anderson explained that the County has discussed option 1 for a number of years and has gone through all the plans and steps. Commissioner Anderson asked if the present stumbling block is that the allocation from the State is dependent upon measure 5 restrictions or the possibility that the State may not come through with allocations.

Mr. Jackson stated that the issues are whether the Department is capable of integrating services with the State and whether there will be an adequate allocation of the formula money pertaining to probation/parole felony field services. Mr. Jackson added that the proposed formula is being being contested and debated in the Legislature by the Multnomah County delegation because it deviates from the way the resources were allocated in the past and that the Department will be following that issue closely and hopes to report a successful negotiation with the State so the County can move to option 1.

In response to a statment and question of Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Jackson advised that the Department has currently proposed an option 2 budget and that they know within 5% the amount of Community Corrections Act dollars, but the allocation formula for resources to pay salaries and the operation of probation and parole of felony offenders has not yet been finalized by the Department of Corrections.

In response to a question of Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Jackson advised he believes other counties are also waiting to make option decisions.

Vice-Chair Bauman recommended that the Board not foreclose the possibility of the County going to option 3, stating it could be a substantial savings and has to be on the table with Board efforts to balance the County budget. In response to a statement of Commissioner Anderson, Vice-Chair Bauman explained he is not saying that it would be a desirable option, just that it needs to be on the table.

Mr. Jackson reiterated that his Department is within the constraint figures of an option 2 budget now, which includes the known figures for the 1991-93 State allocation and which the Department can live within.

In response to a question of Chair McCoy, Mr. Jackson explained that the Department has already prepared and submitted an option 3 proposal to the Board, advising he recommends that it is not one which is desirable for the Board or County.

Chair McCoy stated that in view of the particular climate, the Board needs to look at everything when the Department comes back in 60 days.

In response to a request from Mr. Jackson asking if the Department could make a recommendation to the Board with respect to the 3 options, Vice-Chair Bauman explained that as the Board gets into budget discussions, the reality is that this has to be on the table along with everything else, because it could be a several million dollar savings.

County Counsel Laurence Kressel suggested language to assist Vice-Chair Bauman with his motion.

Mr. Jackson interjected that he would not want the motion limited to funding as there is the issue of whether the Department can take on 130 to 140 people and still provide appropriate integrated services.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Jackson explained that the the bigger issue is that the Department services are not as integrated as they ought to be as there was a history of problems which are now being addressed. Mr. Jackson stated that the Department is going through a planning process which he hopes will evolve into a Department which truly integrates treatment services with supervision, counseling, mental health services and the whole array, the continuum that the Board has talked about over a number of years.

Mr. Kressel re-read the language of his proposed motion and suggested that the original motion and second be withdrawn.

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Kelley seconded to withdraw the original motion.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Bauman, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, R-1 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for conditional approval of the plan subject to Board review in 60 days of the sufficiency of State funding for Option 1, with the Board reserving the right to amend the plan at that time, including the portions of the plan relating to selecting Option 1.

R-4 In the Matter of a Request for Board Approval of a Recommendation from the Oregon Department of Revenue to Accept the Kimiwa, Inc./Summer Run Apartments Petition to Accept a Late Filed Exemption Application as Timely

Commissioner Kelley moved and Commissioner Bauman seconded, for approval of R-4.

Janice Druian, Director of Assessment and Taxation, explained that the Kimiwa Summer Run Apartments are a non-profit home for the elderly which would have been granted an exemption except they failed to file. Ms. Druian advised that under ORS 307.475 which provides for hardship, including failure to make a timely filing, the Department of Revenue granted an exemption for the year the owners failed to apply and that in granting this exemption, the statute requires that the Assessor authorize it from the County and that the Board approve it.

In response to a question of Vice-Chair Bauman, Ms. Druian advised the owners will still have financial problems even after having about \$26,000 exempted.

R-4 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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By Deborah C. Rogers