

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, October 22, 2013**

BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Liesl Wendt, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]

Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD BRIEFING. THIS MORNING, THE FIRST ITEM WE HAVE IS THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR LIESL WENDT, OUR DISTRICT ONE -- YOU WILL BE THE COMMISSIONER, YOU ARE THE INTERIM DESIGNEE FOR THE NEXT 30 SECONDS UNTIL YOU SIGN THE OATH. AND WE HAVE JENNY MADKOUR HERE.

Ms. Madkour: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING. JENNY MADKOUR, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SWEAR IN COMMISSIONER WENDT INTO THE OFFICE OF D1. AS WE KNOW LAST WEEK WE DECLARED A VACANCY IN D1 WHILE FORMER COMMISSIONER KAFOURY DECIDED TO RUN FOR OFFICE AND SO COMMISSIONER WENDT ELECT IS IN THE INTERIM DESIGNEE SPOT AND WILL TAKE OVER THAT POSITION SO TODAY WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'LL COO A FORMAL READING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE AND COMMISSIONER ELECT WENDT WILL SIGN SHE WILL BECOME COMMISSIONER WENDT. SO I'LL READ THE OATH, WE'LL SIGN, AND THEN THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT, OF COURSE. SO MS. WENDT IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAND PLEASE. AND IF YOU RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME. I LIESL WENDT DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM.

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>> THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

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>> THE CHARTER AND THE LAWS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> THE HOME RULE CHARTER AND LAWS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> AND I WILL FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY CONDUCT MYSELF IN THE OFFICE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT ONE.

>> AND I WILL FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY CONDUCT AS COMMISSIONER IN DISTRICT ONE.

>> TO WHICH I AM THE INTERIM DESIGNEE TO THE VERY BEST OF MY ABILITY.

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>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER WENDT. [APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU. I'M HONORED AND EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THIS GROUP OF WOMEN AND LEADERS, I'M HUMBLLED, INSPIRED AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ALONGSIDE OF YOU. WHEN DEBORAH ASKED ME TO BE HER DESIGNEE, IT WAS WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO THE WORK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES, WHETHER IT'S OPERATING THE FAMILY WINTER SHELTER OR SUPPORTING THE LIVEABILITY OF THIS COMMUNITY. THIS IS A BIG JOB AND A BIG RESPONSIBILITY AND I'M BRINGING A FOCUS AND ENERGY TO MATCH FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. I BRING NEARLY 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFITS WITH A FOCUS ON CREATIVE SOLUTIONS AND RESULTS THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS. I TAKE THIS OATH FRESH FROM A CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. I HOPE TO BRING PERSPECTIVE FOR THOSE WHO OFTEN DON'T HAVE A VOICE AND RESPECT FOR CONTINUING THE GREAT WORK UNDERWAY AT THE COUNTY. I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY IF I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THIS JOB WASN'T ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THOSE MOST AT RISK. MY PLEDGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS IN DISTRICT ONE, MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT MAKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RUN IS STRAIGHTFORWARD. I WILL LISTEN, WORK HARD, AND DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO ENSURE THE EXCEPTIONAL WORK OF THE COUNTY CONTINUES. NOW MOSTLY I'VE BEEN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE. , TESTIFYING IN FRONT OF THIS GROUP AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON THIS SIDE OF THE TABLE WITH NEW COLLEAGUES AND TERRIFIC WOMEN. I WILL LOOK TO THIS GROUP FOR

GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP. COMMISSIONER McKEEL, I SUPPORT THE DEDICATION YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO ADVOCATING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, YOUR LEGAL EXPERIENCE FROM THE LEGISLATURE AND YOUR FORMER SUPPORT FOR 201 AND YOUR FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY ARE AREAS THAT I GREATLY APPRECIATE. COMMISSIONER SMITH, I'VE BEEN CHEERING YOU ON FROM SALEM FOR YOUR WORK PRIORITIZING AT RISK YOUTH AND CONNECTING THEM TO SUMMER JOBS. CHAIR MADRIGAL, YOU HAVE BROUGHT GRACE TO YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE. IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN THIS POSITION. I'M LUCKY AND PRIVILEGED TO BE WORKING WITH SUCH AN INSPIRING GROUP OF WOMEN AND LEADERS. WHEN I LOOK AT THE WORK OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IT'S FELT IN NEIGHBORHOODS, IN INFRASTRUCTURE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE. I KNOW THAT WORK DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT HAPPENS BECAUSE OF A DEDICATED AND CARING WORKFORCE. AND I THINK OF MANY EXAMPLES OF HOW THAT HAS IMPACTED MY OWN LIFE, WHETHER IT'S A SKILLED LINE -- LIBRARIAN HELPING ME FIND A NEW NOVEL, THE HEALTH CLINIC IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES TIMELY HELP TO MANY STUDENTS, TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE WHICH I DRIVE OVER REGULARLY, I'M HONORED AND PROUD TO SERVE YOU. I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE MY FAMILY HERE TODAY, MY HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE WHIRLWIND WAS THE -- OF THE PAST WEEK AND HAVE KEPT ME GROUNDED. I'M PRETTY SURE MY SON IS CHEERING ME ON FROM HIS DORM ROOM AT OREGON STATE IF HE'S UP YET. [LAUGHTER] MY EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ALLOW ME TO EMBRACE THIS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY HEAD ON. I'M READY TO GO ON THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU, THIS BOARD, COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS ON THE WORK AHEAD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> Chair Madrigal: WELCOME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Comm. McKeel: WELCOME.

>> A QUICK PICTURE.

>> Chair Madrigal: YOU CAN DO A QUICK PICTURE, THAT'S FINE. [LAUGHTER]

>> Chair Madrigal: OKAY.

>> Comm. McKeel: THAT WAS GREAT. SO NICE TO HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS HERE, ISN'T IT? I WOULD WANT TO SAY WELCOME AND I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH YOU IN THE PAST, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU WERE AT 211, THE MILITARY HOTLINE THAT YOU APPLIED FOR AND GOT THE

GRANT TO HAVE AT 211 AND THAT WORK IS GOING FORWARD VERY WELL AND APPRECIATE THAT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN A DIFFERENT ROLE HERE AS A COLLEAGUE ON THE BOARD. SO WELCOME.

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Comm. Shiprack: GET TO KNOW US. IT'S BEEN SUCH A TIME OF ENDINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THIS BOARD AND I REALLY WELCOME YOU LIESL TO PARTICIPATE WITH US IN OUR ONGOING EXERCISE OF COLLABORATION, COOPERATION, AND GOOD GOVERNMENT. I WANT TO SAY THAT PERSONALLY AND I'M GOING TO SHARE MORE OF THIS WITH ALL OF YOU LATER, I'M REALLY SUFFERING I THINK THROUGH PERSONALLY SOME ENDINGS RIGHT NOW, WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT MY STAFF PERSON KEITH A LITTLE BIT LATER ON BUT HE HAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY. I'M SURE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE AT THE STATE WHO ARE SORRY THAT THEY HAVE TO PART WITH YOU, EVEN TEMPORARILY. BUT REALLY IN THE WHOLE CYCLE OF THINGS, THIS IS SO POSITIVE AND IT ADDS SO MUCH ENERGY TO BE ABLE TO TRAIN UP A NEW COMMISSIONER AND YOU'VE GOT A RUNNING START. SO WELCOME, COMMISSIONER WENDT.

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Comm. Smith: MADAM CHAIR, GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE BOARD. I'VE WATCHED YOU OVER THE YEARS IN YOUR ROLE AS A STAFFER AT THE OREGON FOOD BANK, 211, THE CANCER SOCIETY AND SOME OF THE WORK YOU'VE DONE BEHIND HOMELESSNESS. AND SO FOR ME, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO GET TO KNOW YOU AND LEARN SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU KNOW THAT WE CAN IMPART TO THE FOLKS THAT WE SERVE, THE MOST VULNERABLE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND WELCOME ABOARD.

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Madrigal: YES. LIESL, I WANT TO WELCOME YOU, TOO, AND JUST SAY THAT WE'RE ALL SO EXCITED THAT DEBORAH LEFT US IN SUCH COMPETENT, TALENTED HANDS AND WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE CONSTITUENTS OF DISTRICT ONE VERY PROUD IN YOUR TIME HERE. SO WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU, WE WILL DO.

>> Comm. Wendt: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WARM WELCOME.

>> Chair Madrigal: OKAY. ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR NEW COMMISSIONER. [APPLAUSE] NOW, WE'RE ONTO BUDGET STUFF! YAY.

>> MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, JOANNE FULLER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MULTNOMAH COUNTY. COMMISSIONER WENDT I WOULD ALSO LIKE

TO WELCOME YOU ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYEES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO OUR ORGANIZATION. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU IN YOUR MANY ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO CRAFT A BUDGET AND DO A LOT OF OTHER REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS. SO WE ARE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION TODAY THAT WE WERE HAVING LAST THURSDAY AND AS YOU RECALL LAST THURSDAY, WE WENT OVER THE BACKGROUND OF THE IMPACT OF STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY AND REDUCTIONS AND BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS ON KIND OF THE BIG PICTURE LOOK. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING TO US FROM THE STATE. SO TODAY WE ARE GOING TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS COME AND SHARE WITH YOU THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT OF STATE AND FEDERAL REDUCTIONS, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET REQUESTS FOR MITIGATION OF THOSE IMPACTS. AND AS YOU RECALL, WE SET ASIDE ROUGHLY A MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IN ORDER TO POTENTIALLY ADDRESS THOSE IMPACTS. AND THEN AFTER TODAY'S DISCUSSION, WE HAVE SCHEDULED A SESSION FOR NOVEMBER 7th FOR THE BOARD TO THEN TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE AND KARYNE AT THE END OF TODAY WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT THAT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE ON THE 7th. SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND CALL UP GINGER AND IS THE SHERIFF -- DREW, SO GINGER MARTIN AND DREW BROSH, WHO ARE GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IMPACTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM.

>> I'M GOING TO ORIENT YOU TO THE PACKET A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE GINGER AND I WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. SO YOU'VE GOT TWO LONG SHEETS IN YOUR PACKET. ONE IS THE STATE AND FEDERAL REDUCTIONS AND THEN THE OTHER IS THE MITIGATION STRATEGIES. SO WHAT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO DO IS GO BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THOSE TWO SO WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT EACH DEPARTMENT. FIRST, THEY WILL TALK ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTAL CUTS, AND THEN THEY WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR PROPOSED MITIGATION AND YOU'LL NOTICE THAT DEPARTMENTS AREN'T NECESSARILY TALKING ABOUT -- AREN'T NECESSARILY GOING TO BE BRINGING FORWARD REQUESTS TO COMPLETELY, FULLY FUND THE CUTS THAT THEY TOOK FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE MADE SOME STRATEGIC CHOICES AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL TO DETERMINE WHAT ARE THE AREAS THAT THEY BELIEVE ARE MOST CRITICAL TO GET THIS BRIDGE FUNDING FOR, AND SO THEY'LL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT THINKING TO YOU. SO MADAM CHAIR IF THAT WORKS FOR YOU, I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR MADRIGAL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M GINGER MARTIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE. I'LL BE

GOING THROUGH OUR LIST OF REDUCTIONS FROM THE STATE, STARTING WITH THE COORDINATION PROGRAM.

>> DO YOU WANT TO USE THE PROGRAM NUMBERS?

>> WHICH IS 50036. I SHOULD HAVE WORN MY READING GLASSES. WE EXPERIENCED AN UNEXPECTED ELIMINATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1st SO CURRENTLY, WE DON'T HAVE FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM. THE GRANT FUNDS THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MANAGED FOR THE ENTIRE STATE WERE MOVED INTO THE HOUSE BILL 3194 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDING. OUR PROGRAM IS A MODEL FOR THE WAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE. IT INCLUDES INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ALONG WITH MENTORING, DRUG-FREE HOUSING AND JOB ASSISTANCE. IN AN EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, THEY FOUND A 33% REDUCTION IN ARRESTS COMPARED TO A MATCHED CONTROL GROUP SO WE HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE THAT THIS METHOD OF TREATMENT WITH WRAP-AROUND SERVICES IS AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR OUR POPULATIONS. WE SERVE ABOUT 150 CLIENTS PER YEAR IN THIS PROGRAM. AT THE END OF MY REMARKS, I'LL COVER OUR PROPOSED MITIGATION. THE NEXT SET OF REDUCTIONS ARE 50045, AND THESE AFFECT ADULT PROPERTY CRIMES PROGRAMS. WE OPERATE TWO PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH BALLOT MEASURE 57, WHICH PASSED -- WHICH INCREASED PENALTIES FOR REPEAT PROPERTY OFFENDERS AND INCLUDED SOME FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY TREATMENT. THE REDUCTIONS IN THIS FUNDING OCCURRED BECAUSE OUR PERCENTAGE SHARE OF STATE SUPERVISED FELONS DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN THIS BIENNIUM. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REDUCTION OF \$23,805 TO THE RAIN PROGRAM IS OFFSET BY CARRYOVER WE HAD FROM MEASURE 57 MONEY FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION FUNDING WAS ALSO REDUCED FOR THE START DRUG TREATMENT COURT. THIS REDUCTION AFFECTED ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THIS DRUG COURT, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. DCJ'S SHARE WAS \$28,878. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR TREATMENT CONTRACT, REDUCING CAPACITY BY ABOUT FIVE SLOTS. THE OTHER PARTIES IMPACT HAVE ALSO MANAGED THE CUTS TO CONTINUE TO PROGRAM IN A SLIGHTLY REDUCED WAY. SO THE NEXT SET IS 50034 THROUGH 50056. THESE REDUCTIONS ARE AGAIN BECAUSE THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF OUR FELONY POPULATION DROPPED SLIGHTLY AND SO OUR PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THE STATE FUNDS ALSO DROPPED. THE TOTAL IMPACT IS \$147,270. WE WILL MANAGE THIS FISCAL YEAR BY DELAYING HIRING FOR TWO NEW POSITIONS AND BY IDENTIFYING SOME UNDERSPENDING IN CONTRACTS. THIS REDUCTION -- THESE ARE OBVIOUSLY ONE-TIME SOLUTIONS BUT THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO INCLUDE THIS REDUCTION IN OUR PLANNING AND PRIORITIZING DURING THE NEXT BUDGET

DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SIDE, 50020 THROUGH 50026, WE EXPERIENCED REDUCTIONS DUE TO THE OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY HOLDING BACK 2% OF THE MONEY APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE. WE EXPECT THESE FUNDS TO BE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY SO WE AREN'T MITIGATING THOSE AT THIS POINT. WE ALSO EXPERIENCED A REDUCTION OF \$31,271 DUE TO A DROP IN OUR SHARE OF THE STATE'S JUVENILE POPULATION. WE ANTICIPATE REPLACING THIS FUNDING WITH TITLE 4E FEDERAL FUNDS. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE STATE AND WILL COME FORWARD WITH A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD WHEN THAT REVENUE BEGINS FLOWING. SO MOVING ON THEN TO -- THAT'S THE -- I'M SORRY, THAT LAST ONE THAT I TALKED ABOUT, 50014, THAT'S THE REDUCTION THAT WE PLANNED TO USE TITLE 4E MONEY TO MITIGATE. AND THEN MOVING TO THE SPREADSHEET OF PROPOSED FUNDING AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES, AND THAT IS 50036. WE ARE REQUESTING \$313,000 FROM THE FUNDS THE BOARD SET ASIDE TO DEAL WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REDUCTIONS FOR OUR REENTRY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE THIS TREATMENT PROGRAM UNTIL THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCUSSING THIS PROGRAM IN THE 3194 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT WORK GROUP. WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM USING THOSE FUNDS, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY, IT'S ULTIMATELY UP TO THE BOARD WHAT HAPPENS TO THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDS. THE WORK GROUP ITSELF HAS NOT REACHED A POINT WHEN THEY'RE READY TO MAKE BUDGETARY RECOMMENDATIONS SO WE'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE OUR STATE FUNDING HAS ENDED, THE REINVESTMENT WORK GROUP ISN'T READY YET TO COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSAL AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE ASKING FOR MITIGATION FROM COUNTY GENERAL FUND. I ALSO REALIZE THIS IS ONE TIME MONEY BUT WE DID NOT EXPECT THIS REDUCTION AND THIS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO REPRIORITIZE AND REASSESS HOW WE SPEND THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE WOULD PRIORITIZE THIS MONEY OVER SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS WE HAVE IN PLACE BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A THOUGHTFUL REPRIORITIZATION BECAUSE OF THE SURPRISE THAT WE GOT IN STATE FUNDING. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS, I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. YOU'RE ASKING FOR \$330,000 FOR MITIGATION FOR THE REENTRY PROGRAM, 50036?

>> YES.

>> Comm. Smith: I'M TRYING TO DO THE MATH ON THIS AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MAY BE \$108,000 SHORT.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME FUNDING FOR THE P.O. POSITION SO WE HAD A QUARTER OF A PROBATIONS ARE FUNDED THROUGH THE GRANTS. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO MAKE THAT POSITION WHOLE. RATHER WE'VE IDENTIFIED SOME CARRYOVER FUNDS FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR SO THAT'S NOT IN THOSE FIGURES.

>> Comm. Smith: SO HAVE WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THAT? THE NEW POSITION OF MONEY, DID WE VOTE ON THAT?

>> IT'S MONEY THAT'S ALREADY IN OUR BUDGET IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

>> WHERE'S JOYCE?

>> Comm. Smith: EVERY TIME YOU GET NEW MONEY, YOU HAVE TO COME BEFORE US AND WE HAVE TO SAY YES, YOU CAN ACCEPT IT OR NOT.

>> SO THIS IS -- SO THE MONEY THAT GINGER'S TALKING ABOUT IS MONEY THAT WERE STATE FUNDS THAT WERE CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR AND ASSUMED TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR AND SO WITH THE -- WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING IS THAT THEY USE THOSE FUNDS TO FUND THE PROBATION OFFICER, THE PART OF THE PROBATION OFFICER POSITION THAT WAS BEING FUNDED BY THE GRANT THAT WAS CUT.

>> Comm. Smith: SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT FISCAL YEAR '15 IS THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO USE LEFTOVER MONEY.

>> YES SO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUNDS THAT DCJ HAS, THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE THOSE OVER INTO THIS YEAR.

>> Comm. Smith: OKAY.

>> THEY'RE NOT GENERAL FUNDS.

>> THEY'RE NOT GENERAL FUNDS. THEY'RE STATE FUNDS THAT ARE RESTRICTED.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S WHAT I NEED TO FIND OUT. I'M STILL NOT CLEAR -- SO THE \$108,000 THAT'S MISSING FROM THIS \$416,000, DOES THAT EQUAL THE 555?

>> THE OTHER REDUCTION THAT WE MADE TO COME UP WITH THE 313 WAS WE LOOKED AT THE ACTUAL CLIENT POPULATIONS IN THE PROGRAM AS AN

AVERAGE AND REDUCED OUR SERVICE CONTRACT TO BETTER MATCH THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS IN THE PROGRAM.

>> Comm. Smith: THE PROBLEM THAT I'M HAVING WITH THIS IS HOUSE BILL 3194, WE'RE EXPECTED TO GET 3.165 AND THAT'S THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY GET FOR THIS PROGRAM, SO WHY ARE YOU NOT USING THOSE DOLLARS FIRST?

>> SO --

>> I CAN --

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, COMMISSIONER SMITH, IT'S UP TO THE BOARD ULTIMATELY HOW THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THE WORK GROUP THAT'S BEEN MEETING TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO INVEST THEM HAS NOT REACHED A POINT WHERE THEY'RE COMING FORWARD TO YOU WITH DOLLARS.

>> Comm. Smith: SO WHEN WILL THE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT OUT TO LIPSIC?

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, I THINK ABBEY MAY BE ABLE TO -- THE DIRECTOR OF LIPSIC MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR YOU.

>> Comm. Smith: BECAUSE MY FIRST THOUGHT IS BASICALLY TO KEEP THIS REQUEST ON HOLD UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO USE THOSE DOLLARS BECAUSE WHAT THAT'S -- THAT'S WHAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR AND SO FOR US TO GIVE YOU GENERAL FUND DOLLARS AT THAT RATE, \$330,000, WE ONLY HAVE A MILLION, TO TAKE THAT WHEN YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO GET THE MONEY FROM THE STATE, FROM THE BILL, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, I THINK THAT THE REASON THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S MAKING THE REQUEST IS BECAUSE THE PROGRAM IS OPERATING TODAY AND THEY WANT TO TRY TO BE ABLE TO PLAN FOR WHAT RATE THE PROGRAM'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO OFFER. YOUR THINKING MAKES COMPLETE SENSE TO ME IN TERMS OF THE FACT THAT THOSE FUNDS FROM 3194 ARE ABSOLUTELY INTENDED TO SERVE THESE KINDS OF POPULATIONS AND PROVIDE THIS KIND OF SERVICE. THEY ARE TARGETED AT A PARTICULAR POPULATION OF CLIENTS AND THIS PROGRAM MAY NOT SERVE -- THE MATCHUP, THERE'S DEFINITELY AN OVERLAP IN THE POPULATIONS BUT THERE MAY NOT BE A COMPLETE MATCH.

>> Comm. Smith: OKAY.

>> SO COMMISSIONER THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LIPSIC, TO

SPEAK TO THE TIMELINE ABOUT WHEN THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL COME FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WILL BE MEETING TWO TIMES A MONTH BUT ARE HOPING WITH THE HIRING OF A PROJECT MANAGER WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE SOME OF OUR DECISION MAKING AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO LIPSIC ALONG A LITTLE FASTER. MY HOPE IS BY THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SOME MORE FIRM UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE ACTUAL WORK REQUEST IS GOING TO BE, HOW MUCH THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS GOING TO RECOMMEND TO OFFSET THE REENTRY PROGRAM COSTS.

>> Comm. Smith: DO WE HAVE THE MONEY RIGHT NOW?

>> I WAS TOLD A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT IS WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS. THAT'S GOOD. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ALL -- YOU'VE BEEN MEETING ON THIS FOR OVER A YEAR, YOU KNEW THIS WAS COMING, I'M SURE WHY IT'S TAKEN SO LONG TO HAVE A DECISION ON THIS, I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

>> I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SPEAK WITH YOU FURTHER INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH YOUR STAFF IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE CAME TO THIS.

>> Comm. Smith: WHERE I'M COMING FROM IS I DON'T WANT TO ACT ON THIS PARTICULAR ONE BECAUSE WE HAVE THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY OF POSSIBILITIES THAT WE CAN USE AND, YOU KNOW, UNLESS YOU ALL ARE PLANNING TO GIVE US OUR MONEY BACK, I HAVE TO PROTECT THE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS INSTEAD OF JUST, YOU KNOW, SIGNING OFF ON SOMETHING THAT WE ALREADY HAVE MONEY FOR.

>> MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD ALSO MAKE JUST A STATEMENT THAT I HOPE CLARIFIES A LITTLE BIT FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH'S QUESTIONS, ONE OF THE DYNAMICS IN THE ALLOCATION OF THE 3194 MONEY, MY UNDERSTANDING, IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE WAS HAVING SIMILAR HEARTBURN TO WHAT YOU'RE SUFFERING, COMMISSIONER, AND LOOKED TO THEIR OWN CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO FIND SOME MONEY AND THE WAY THEY FOUND THE MONEY INVOLVED REMOVING MONEY THAT HAD BEEN AN EXPECTATION IN OUR ALLOCATION TO BUDGET TO INCLUDING THEIR ONGOING REENTRY PROGRAM WHICH GINGER'S BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT, HAS BEEN REALLY EFFECTIVE AND LIKE THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM THAT REDUCES RECIDIVISM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, OF COURSE NOT BEING ONES TO SEND THANK YOU, CARDS, THE LEGISLATURE SENT INSTEAD A CUT THAT CAME OUT OF MONEY THAT WE HAD ANTICIPATED FOR THIS ONGOING PROGRAM. SO THIS IS THAT TRAPEZE ACT WHERE THE REAL PROGRAM THAT NEEDS TO BE ONGOING

WITH THE CURRENT NUMBER OF RETURNEES IS ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW TO BE MADE WHOLE. WHAT WE'RE EXPECTING IN THE FUTURE WITH THE \$3,194 THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED IS AN ENHANCED POPULATION OF RETURNEES AND IN ORDER TO COVER THAT EXPENSE, THE STATE PULLED A LITTLE MONEY OUT OF OUR POCKETS AND IS OFFERING TO PUT IT IN THAT POCKET BUT THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL.

>> Comm. Smith: BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND THE DOLLARS SO I CAN'T ASSUME THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A NEW POPULATION. I CAN ASSUME THAT THEY CAN USE THIS POPULATION FOR THOSE DOLLARS. SO UNTIL WE GET SOMETHING FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE, I CAN'T ASSUME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO USE THE MONEY ON A DIFFERENT POPULATION. AND WHEN WE DID OUR BUDGET THIS FISCAL YEAR FOR '14, I WAS NOT AWARE THAT WE WERE SETTING ASIDE MONEY SPECIFICALLY FOR DCJ AND REENTRY. I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST FOR ALL PROGRAMS, SO IF THERE WAS A SENSE THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO COME BACK AND GET SOME MONEY, IT WASN'T TOLD TO ME.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE. I THINK WHAT WE'RE HEARING IS THAT THIS CUT WAS A SURPRISE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SET ASIDE FOR THE STATE AND FEDERAL CUTS WAS JUST A GENERAL SET ASIDE WITH NO EARMARKS, AND SO I JUST WANT TO RESTATE WHAT I THINK I'M HEARING FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM JOANNE, WHICH IS THAT THIS BACKFILL IS A PROGRAM, AND ECHOING WHAT YOU WERE SAYING, IT'S A BACKFILL FOR PEOPLE WE ARE ALREADY SERVING AND THE POPULATION IN 3194 IS A NEW ADDITIONAL POPULATION, PEOPLE THAT WILL BE RELEASED EARLIER THAN THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THINGS AND SO IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SERVE BOTH THE EXISTING CLIENTS AND THE NEW CLIENTS THAT WE EXPECT WITH THE 3194, WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THIS AND LIKELY WE WILL HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR GROUP TO CREATE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IN THE REENTRY PROGRAM.

>> Comm. Smith: MADAM CHAIR, WE'RE NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THIS NEW POPULATION. WE CAN USE THOSE DOLLARS ON THIS REENTRY PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW. I MEAN -- IT'S NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THAT. THEY CAN DO IT IN ADDITION TO. SO FOR ME TO REALLY FEEL GOOD ABOUT THIS, I MEAN WE HAVE \$3 MILLION, IS THAT OVER TWO YEARS OR ONE YEAR?

>> IT'S OVER TWO YEARS AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS INVESTED IN SUPPORTING THE REENTRY PROGRAM TO WHAT EXTENT OR WHAT PERCENTAGE WE HAVE NOT COME TO A DECISION YET AND TO RECALL THAT THIS IS STATE FUNDING, THAT THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO HOLD ONTO AND UTILIZE AND SIT AND HOLD ONTO WHILE THE STEERING COMMITTEE COMES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS VETTED BY LIPSIC AND COME

BEFORE THE FINAL APPROVAL, SO IT IS DEFINITELY EARMARKED FOR 3194 POPULATION, WHICH IS UNDER DEFINITION --

>> Comm. Smith: HERE'S THE PROBLEM. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE TIME ONLY MONEY FOR AN ONGOING PROGRAM. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THIS EXTRA \$500,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 15? CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME THAT?

>> I THINK COMMISSIONER SMITH, WHEN GINGER WAS TALKING BEFORE ABOUT HOW THE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIZES THIS PROGRAM SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW IF THEY HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO PLAN, THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS PRIORITIZED THIS PROGRAM OVER OTHER THINGS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE REDUCED OR CHANGED. SO I THINK THAT WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM, TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDING, TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND THEN MAKE THOSE CHOICES ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD INVEST THE STATE MONEY AND THE GENERAL FUND THAT GOES TO DCJ AND BRING THAT PROPOSAL FOR NEXT YEAR TO THE BOARD.

>> Comm. Smith: BUT WHAT YOU'RE CAUSING DO, YOU'RE CAUSING ME TO MAKE A DECISION ON FISCAL YEAR 15 TODAY BECAUSE IF WE PAY FOR THIS TODAY, THAT'S AN ONGOING PROGRAM, THAT'S A HALF MILLION DOLLARS OF ONGOING THAT I'VE ALREADY MADE A DECISION ON FOR FISCAL YEAR 15 BECAUSE IF I PAY FOR IT NOW, IT'S ALREADY AN ONGOING AND I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FIND THAT FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE OR YOU ALL ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT \$500,000 OUT OF YOUR FISCAL YEAR 15. AND THIS IS THE PROBLEM.

>> THAT'S TRUE. THAT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE, COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND THE CHALLENGE THAT THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THE CUT SOON TO THE PROGRAM, UNLESS THEY HAVE SOME INDICATION FROM THE BOARD THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO RUN IT AT THE LEVEL THAT THEY'VE BEEN RUNNING IT.

>> Comm. Smith: IF THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL, THE STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS TO SPEED IT UP. THEY'VE HAD LONG ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS OUT.

>> SO ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS GOING TO BE THE CHOICE FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE ON NOVEMBER 7th, ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES COULD BE THAT THE BOARD COULD INDICATE TO THE DEPARTMENT THEIR PHILOSOPHICAL COMMITMENT FOR THIS PROGRAM CONTINUING AT THIS LEVEL AND CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE ABOUT HOW THAT MONEY'S GOING TO BE SPENT AND THEN IF ULTIMATELY, THE BOARD DOESN'T ALLOCATE ENOUGH OF THAT STEERING COMMITTEE MONEY TO THIS PROGRAM, THEN THE DEPARTMENT COULD COME BACK AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE

PROGRAM THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR AT THE LEVEL THAT THEY'RE CONTINUING IT NOW. WE COULD WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO FIGURE OUT IF THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH FUNDS FROM NOW UNTIL JANUARY TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM AT THE LEVEL THEY'VE GOT. THAT WOULD BE ONE POSSIBILITY.

>> Comm. Smith: OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. THANK YOU.

>> Comm. McKeel: COULD I ASK ONE QUESTION AROUND THIS, AS WELL? IF I'M HEARING YOU RIGHT, YOU SAID THIS WAS AN UNANTICIPATED -- THIS WAS A SURPRISE. CAN YOU TELL ME HOW -- THAT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A DISCONNECT FOR ME. CAN YOU TELL ME HOW THAT HAPPENED? OR YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT.

>> CHAIR MADRIGAL, COMMISSIONER McKEEL, I KNOW WE WERE ASSURED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION RIGHT UP UNTIL NEAR THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT THOSE FUNDS WOULD CONTINUE AND IT WAS IN A LAST-MINUTE REQUEST I BELIEVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION TO FIND \$5 MILLION MORE DOLLARS FOR THAT REINVESTMENT POT AND THAT WAS A DECISION MADE KIND OF INDEPENDENTLY BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ABOUT WHERE THEY WOULD FIND THAT \$5 MILLION.

>> Comm. McKeel: THANK YOU.

>> SO IT WAS -- COMMISSIONER McKEEL, IT WAS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HAD PROOF THE BUDGET AND REALLY SORT OF FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY WERE ASSUMING THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND IT WAS THIS YEAR.

>> Comm. McKeel: I UNDERSTAND THAT PIECE. THAT WAS THE OTHER PIECE OF HOW IT WAS A SURPRISE, TOTALLY UNANTICIPATED THAT I WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

>> ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU. SO DREW?

>> HELLO, GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, DREW BROSH, SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ALSO LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE EXPERIENCED A REDUCTION IN STATE FUNDING ALONG MEASURE 57 FUNDING WHICH GOES TOWARDS SANCTION BEDS IN OUR JAIL, THE SPECIFICALLY PROGRAM OFFER IS 600418, THAT'S OUR BASE PROGRAM OFFER. WE ARE ALSO ANTICIPATING AS PART OF THE STATE REBALANCE A REBALANCE IN THE POSITIVE DIRECTION ON OUR 1145 AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ABSORB THAT REDUCTION SO WE DON'T

ANTICIPATE ANY REDUCTION IN -- IN THIS PROGRAM FOR 14. WE WON'T BE MAKING A GENERAL REQUEST FOR BACKFILL AT THIS TIME.

>> THANK YOU. THAT'S THE PUBLIC SAFETY. WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP.

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION OF DREW. SO YOU HAVE NO REQUESTS FOR MITIGATION DOLLARS AT ALL?

>> NO GENERAL FUNDS SPECIFIC TO THIS REDUCTION, THAT'S CORRECT.

>> Comm. Smith: I'M REALLY AFRAID THAT THE FOLKS WHO ARE NOT GOING TO PRISON, THAT THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK DOWN TO THE JAIL SYSTEM AND WE'RE ALREADY RUNNING ANYWHERE BETWEEN SIX AND \$8 MILLION A YEAR IN OVERTIME COSTS FOR OUR CORRECTIONS, AND IF ALL THOSE FOLKS ARE GOING TO BE SENT BACK DOWN TO THE COUNTIES, THAT WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BE ABLE TO EITHER AFFORD TO OPEN UP A DORM OR TWO AND QUITE FRANKLY, THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE GOT THROUGH 3194, I WASN'T CONVINCED THAT THAT WAS ENOUGH MONEY FOR ALL THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN THE PRISONS. I MEAN, IT BLOWS MY MIND ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE THOUGHT OF ALL THOSE FOLKS COMING INTO THE COUNTY JAILS. AND WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR THEM?

>> THAT'S DEFINITELY PART OF OUR ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE. WE'VE TRIED TO DO SOME EARLY FORECASTING AND AGAIN, I'VE SAID IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO IDENTIFY THE EFFECTS OF THAT MEASURE LOCALLY SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, AND THE DIFFERENT DYNAMICS OF WHAT CAUSES THE JAIL POPULATION TO GO AND UP DOWN, WHAT WILL THAT PLACE, AND TO GET FUNDING APPROPRIATE FOR THAT FROM THE STATE.

>> THIS IS KIND OF MIXED WITH DCJ AND THE REASON WHY I'M REALLY BEING A STICKLER ABOUT THIS \$330,000 BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT MAY NEED TO BE PUSHED OVER SOMEWHERE ELSE THAT REALLY IS GOING TO EXPERIENCE, YOU KNOW, OVERLOAD. SO I'M GOING TO, YOU KNOW, BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

>> SO SUSAN MYERS AND WENDY WEIR.

>> OKAY. SO SUSAN, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND TALK ABOUT THE DCHS REDUCTIONS.

>> GOOD MORNING, I'M SUSAN MYERS, DIRECTOR OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. I WANT TO WELCOME COMMISSIONER

WENDT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, THANK YOU. OKAY. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS WE HAVE OUR THREE LARGEST DIVISIONS ARE IMPACTED BY VARIOUS REDUCTIONS SO I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH THEM DIVISION BY DIVISION AND THEN AT THE SAME TIME WHEN I'M DISCUSSING THE DIVISION, I'LL ALSO TALK ABOUT OUR PROPOSED MITIGATIONS. SO THE FIRST DIVISION I'M TALK ABOUT IS AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES AND I'LL START WITH FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACTS, SO DUE TO FEDERAL SEQUESTRATION, OLDER AMERICANS ACT FUNDING WAS REDUCED BY OVER \$198,000, WHICH WILL IMPACT OUR CONTRACTED COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ADULTS AGED 60 AND OLDER. IMPACTS MAY INCLUDE ELIMINATING FAMILY CAREGIVER RESPITE AWARDS TO 42 FAMILIES, ELIMINATING 1,000 HOURS OF COUNSELING ON PUBLIC BENEFITS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE OPTIONS, REDUCING LEGAL AND PERSONAL ADVOCACY SUPPORTS AND ELIMINATING 10,000 HOME DELIVERED OR CONGREGATE MEALS TO OLDER ADULTS. ADDITIONALLY WE'RE SEEING A REDUCTION IN NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, AN ADDITIONAL DOLLAR AMOUNT WE GET FOR FOOD AND THAT FUNDING WAS REDUCED BY OVER \$31,000 AND ELIMINATES 4,400 HOME DELIVERED OR CONGREGATE MEALS FOR OLDER ADULTS. ALTHOUGH WE HOPE THE BOARD CONSIDERS BACKFILLING THIS ENTIRE SEQUESTRATION WITH ONE-TIME DOLLARS, WE DO UNDERSTAND THERE ARE COMPETING INTERESTS SO IF ONLY A PORTION CAN BE CONSIDERED, OUR PROPOSED PRIORITY IS TO BACKFILL THE FUNDING FOR SENIOR NUTRITIONAL SERVICES AS THESE HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT BY THE FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS. THAT IS OVER \$95,000, \$95,497 TO BE EXACT. ADDITIONALLY, IF SEQUESTRATION BECOMES PERMANENT, IT'S PROJECTED THERE WILL BE \$250,000 A YEAR IN REDUCTIONS IN OLDER AMERICAN ACT DOLLARS FOR THE NEXT NINE YEARS. IF THIS DOES OCCUR, THE ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY NOW WOULD GIVE US SOME TIME TO GRADUALLY REDUCE THE SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND PLAN FOR THAT. AND DURING WHICH TIME WE COULD ALSO CONSIDER ANY POSSIBLE REALLOCATION OF EXISTING FUNDS AND EXPLORE POSSIBLY OTHER REVENUE OPTIONS. ON THE STATE SIDE WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS. IN THE STATE'S SPECIAL SESSION, THERE WAS \$10 MILLION OF ONE TIME ONLY BIENNIUM FUNDING ALLOCATED STATE WIDE TO OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, WHICH I'LL REFER TO NOW AS OPI. OPI IS FOR INDIVIDUALS 60 OR OLDER OR WHO HAVE DEMENTIA AND ARE AT 400% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE WITH IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE THE SAME LEVEL OF CARE AS PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES, BUT WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID AND APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION OF THIS FUNDING STATEWIDE WILL BE ALLOCATED TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR HOMECARE WORKERS. SPECIFICALLY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IS TOTALED AT \$1.4 MILLION FOR THE BIENNIUM. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A WAIT LIST OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE FOR OPI SERVICES AND RECEIVING THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL ALLOW US TO REOPEN THE PROGRAM AND REMOVE PEOPLE FROM THE WAIT LIST WHICH WE'RE VERY HAPPY ABOUT.

>> HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM THE WAIT LIST WILL BE ABLE TO --

>> WE THINK ALL OF THEM.

>> GREAT. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO INCREASE SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED CLIENTS, ADD NEW CLIENTS, COVER THE INCREASED COSTS FOR HOMECARE WORKER SERVICES AND IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL SHORT-TERM SERVICES THAT SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS LIVING AT HOME SUCH AS COUNSELING FOR FAMILIES WITH DEMENTIA, HEAVY DUTY CHORE SERVICES AND CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. WE'RE PROPOSING TO ADD TWO LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS WITH THIS FUNDING THE REMAINDER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. SO WE'RE HAPPY ABOUT THAT. ADDITIONAL OTHER DOLLARS THAT I THINK YOU TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK, HOUSE BILL 5105 ALLOCATES AN ADDITIONAL \$26 MILLION FOR SENIOR SERVICES. HOWEVER THERE IS NOT YET ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ASCERTAIN HOW MUCH, IF ANY, WOULD COME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE TRIPLE A'S ANTICIPATE RECEIVING \$5 MILLION AND PLAN TO ADVOCATE FOR BACKFILLING SOME OF THOSE OLDER AMERICAN ACT REDUCTIONS. ADDITIONALLY MORE GOOD NEWS. WE RECEIVED AN INCREASE IN MEDICAID FUNDING OF \$13 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEARS 13 THROUGH 15 BIENNIUM OF WHICH \$5.2 MILLION WILL BE REALIZED IN FISCAL YEAR 14. WE DID ANTICIPATE THESE DOLLARS COMING OUR WAY DURING THE LAST BUDGET PROCESS SO \$3 MILLION OF THIS IS ALREADY IN OUR FISCAL 14 BUDGET. THIS IS DUE TO CASELOAD INCREASES AND AN INCREASE TO 95% EQUITY FOR FUNDING OF MEDICAID POSITIONS. THESE DOLLARS ARE RESTRICTED AS THEY CAN ONLY BE USED TO FUND LONG-TERM CARE, ADULT CARE HOME, AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE CLIENTS. WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING THE DETAILS OF HOW WE WILL PROPOSE TO SPEND THESE DOLLARS AND WE'LL BE BRINGING A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION VERY SOON. SO WE'RE HAPPY. THIS WILL ADD BETWEEN 45 AND 50 NEW POSITIONS TO THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND WE'LL TALK A LOT MORE ABOUT THAT WHEN WE DO THE BUDGET MODIFICATION. AS YOU KNOW, OUR STAFF HAVE HAD EXTREMELY HIGH CASE LOADS AND THIS SHOULD MITIGATE QUITE A BIT OF THAT AND ALLOW US TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES. IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING STATE REDUCTIONS. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING OVER \$201,000, CASE MANAGEMENT, A REDUCTION OF OVER \$125,000, PROTECTIVE SERVICES \$25,700 AND ALL OF THIS TOTALS \$352,887. THESE REDUCTIONS WOULD INCREASE OUR CASE MANAGEMENT CASE LOADS IN BOTH ADULT AND CHILDREN SERVICES. THE REDUCTIONS WOULD IN THOSE IMPACT THE ALREADY DEMANDING TIMELINES FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICE INVESTIGATIONS AND WOULD REDUCE OUR ABILITY TO MONITOR PROGRAMS AND CERTIFY ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES. I AM HAPPY TO

REPORT THAT THE STATE HAS APPROVED USE OF AVAILABLE ONE TIME ONLY CARRYOVER FUNDING TO COVER THESE REDUCTIONS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR WHICH WE ARE PROPOSING TO USE TO MITIGATE THESE REDUCTIONS AND UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IF THIS STATE FUNDING SHOULD NOT BE RESTORED, THESE REDUCTIONS WILL BE REALIZED IN FISCAL YEAR 15. HOWEVER, WE'RE HOPING THAT THEY'LL BE RESTORED. SO THAT'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. AND LASTLY, I'LL DISCUSS MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS. IN MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, FUNDING REDUCTIONS ARE OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF MEDICAID EXPANSION. THIS IS PRIMARILY DUE TO THE STATE'S SET ASIDE OF OVER \$33 MILLION STARTING JANUARY 1. WE DID GET OUR FUNDING THROUGH JANUARY 1, HOWEVER, THE \$33 MILLION IS BEING PUT IN RESERVE BECAUSE THERE IS THE ASSUMPTION THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND SO THEY'LL BE ACCESSING MEDICAID INSTEAD OF STATE FUNDS. HOW THIS IMPACTS US IS THIS IS PRIMARILY IN OUR HOSPITAL CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY HOLDS. FOR US RIGHT NOW, \$1.2 MILLION REDUCTION IN COMMITMENT SERVICES, A 59% REDUCTION IN THIS AREA AS A RESULT OF THE STATE ANTICIPATING THAT HOSPITALS WILL NOW BUILD MEDICAID FOR THESE SERVICES INSTEAD OF STATE GENERAL FUND. THIS REDUCTION ALSO RESULTS IN A \$179,000 REDUCTION FOR US IN ADMINISTRATIVE DOLLARS. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT REDUCE ANY OF OUR FTEs BECAUSE WE'LL STILL HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF CONTRACTS WITH THE HOSPITALS, IT'S JUST EACH CONTRACT WILL HAVE LESS MONEY IN THEM BUT WE HAVE TO MANAGE THOSE CONTRACTS.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION RIGHT NOW ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR SLIPPAGE AS WE ENTER INTO THE NEW SYSTEM AND EXIT FROM THE OLD SYSTEM. SINCE THE CUTS ARE REAL THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO OUR FUNDING, THERE AREN'T REALLY SO MANY NEW ENROLLEES AS WE HAD EXPECTED WE WOULD BE RECEIVING FOR JANUARY. SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER ANYBODY BUILT A BUFFER INTO THE SYSTEM SO THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOESN'T END UP HOLDING THE BAG FOR A COMPUTER SYSTEM GLITCH AT THE STATE LEVEL.

>> I HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY BUFFER BEING BUILT INTO THE SYSTEM. I DO HAVE STAFF HERE.

>> I GUESS THESE ARE JUST FEARS. I HAVE NO WAY OF -- WE HAVE NO WAY TO MATCH THIS UP AND I'M GOING TO ASSUME THAT WE CONTINUE SERVING OUR POPULATION WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LEGISLATURE'S ASSUMPTIONS WILL BE ACCURATE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING ON. WE HAVE NOT HEARD THAT THERE'S BEEN ANY MITIGATION EFFORTS ON THE STATE IN TERMS OF THE LACK OF ENROLLMENT INTO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. WE ANTICIPATED THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE GLITCHES THAT ARE OCCURRING WITH ENROLLMENT, WE DID NOT EXPECT FOR EVERYBODY TO BE FULLY ENROLLED BY JANUARY 1. HOWEVER, THE STATE DID ANTICIPATE

THAT. SO WE DO HAVE SOME CARRYOVER DOLLARS THAT WE CAN USE TO MITIGATE THESE CURRENT REDUCTIONS. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WILL PLAY OUT MOVING FORWARD.

>> COMMISSIONER, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE -- NANCY BENNETT AND CLAUDIA BLACK ARE GOING TO BE WORKING ON OUR BEHALF DURING THE SHORT LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND SO I MEAN -- I THINK AND ALSO AT EBOARD OPPORTUNITIES. WE HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT OF THIS BUT ALL COUNTIES, YOU KNOW, TOOK THIS REDUCTION, ALL COUNTIES ARE WORKING UNDER THE SAME ASSUMPTIONS FROM THE STATE AND SO THROUGH AOC, OBVIOUSLY COUNTIES ARE GOING TO BE WORKING TO TRY TO LET THE STATE KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACTS IF THEY ARE ADVERSE FOR THIS. THAT ISN'T A GUARANTEE THAT THE MONEY'S GOING TO MATCH UP BUT IT'S THE AVENUE THAT WE HAVE FOR TRYING TO ADDRESS THIS IF IT TURNS OUT THAT IT'S NOT WORKING OUT.

>> CLARIFYING QUESTION, THOUGH. THE POPULATIONS THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH, THAT WE'RE DOING OUTREACH FOR AROUND ENROLLING THEM IN MEDICAID, THOSE FOLKS ARE NOT GOING TO THE WEBSITE TO SIGN UP, CORRECT? WE ARE ASSISTING THEM IN SIGNING THEM UP THROUGH OUR OWN PORTAL OR --

>> DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT?

>> YES, WE'RE ASSISTING THOSE FOLKS STILL IN ENROLLING IN MEDICAID BECAUSE WHILE THEY COULD USE THE PORTAL TO DETERMINE IF THEY'RE ELIGIBLE OR NOT, THE ELIGIBILITY STOPS ARE IN PLACE AND DOING THAT ENROLLMENT.

>> OKAY.

>> MADAM CHAIR --

>> WE DO KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN 56,000 NEW FOLKS ON THE FAST TRACK FROM THE FOODSTAMP PROGRAM THAT HAVE BEEN PUT INTO THE PROGRAM AND THAT IS 56,000 MORE THAN WE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE IN THERE. SO THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO SIGN UP. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT FOR THAT, AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP BECAUSE THAT IS TRUE THAT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN FAST TRACKED -- MANY OF THEM ARE ALREADY ENROLLED. WE ARE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

>> IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DOLLARS, THERE WILL BE ALSO A \$716,000 REDUCTION IN INTENSIVE TREATMENT RECOVERY SERVICES AGAIN

DUE TO MEDICAID EXPANSION AS OUR CONTRACTORS WILL NOW BE BIG MEDICAID INSTEAD OF THE INDIGENT DOLLARS. AGAIN, AS I MENTIONED WE DO HAVE STATE CARRYOVER DOLLARS, ONE TIME ONLY TO COVER THESE REDUCTIONS AND WE PROPOSED TO USE THAT TO MITIGATE THESE REDUCTIONS. ALSO IN THE SPECIAL SESSION AS WAS MENTIONED LAST WEEK, INCREASES IN THE CIGARETTE TAX WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. THIS IS PROJECTED TO RESULT IN REVENUE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS STATEWIDE OF AN ESTIMATED \$21 MILLION FOR THE BIENNIUM 13-15. HISTORICALLY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS RECEIVED 19% OF THE STATE GENERAL FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH. HOWEVER THERE WILL BE NEW FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS BASED ON POPULATION AND PREVALENCE AND WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING REDUCTIONS BASED ON THE NEW FORMULAS. ALSO AS WAS MENTIONED, THE STATE IS NOW TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO HOW MENTAL HEALTH DOLLARS ARE ADMINISTERED. HISTORICALLY, THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED THROUGH COUNTY CONTRACTS. WE'VE BEEN THE FUNNEL FOR THESE DOLLARS. THE STATE IS NOW DECIDING TO ADMINISTER SOME OF THESE MONEYS DIRECTLY TO PROVIDERS VIA RFPs, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT FUNDS WILL BE COMING TO THE COUNTY FOR THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF CARE. IN FACT, THE STATE JUST RELEASED ONE OF ITS GRANT PROPOSALS FOR CRISIS SERVICES AND WE ARE PREPARING TO APPLY FOR SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS. I WILL SAY THAT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY'S GRANT COORDINATOR BUT IN THE FUTURE, I THINK IT MIGHT BE -- I THINK WE MIGHT BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD TO PROPOSE HAVING A GRANT WRITER ON OUR STAFF. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY IN HUMAN SERVICES AND NOT ONLY TO HELP WITH THESE DOLLARS BUT MANY OF THE GRANT PROPOSALS BUT RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A GRANT TO WRITE AND NOT ONLY DO WE NEED TO APPLY FOR THESE DOLLARS THAT WE HAD BEEN GETTING FORMULAICALLY, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BEHOOVE US TO BRING DOLLARS INTO THE COUNTY, AS WELL. SO WE'LL POSSIBLY BE PROBABLY BE COMING BACK TO YOU FOR THAT REQUEST. THAT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

>> I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION, SUSAN. THE MENTAL HEALTH INDIGENT FUNDS, ARE THOSE FUNDS FLEXIBLE?

>> SOME ARE. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE. RIGHT NOW, IF THEY'RE COMING OUT IN A GRANT, THEY'LL BE DELINEATED AS TO WHAT THEY'LL PURCHASE WITH THOSE GRANT DOLLARS.

>> THE \$33 MILLION? THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER? THAT WE HAD ON THE MEDICAID EXPANSION AND I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT --

>> NO, I DID HAVE A LIST OF WHAT THOSE DOLLARS FUNDED AND THERE IT

IS. LOOK AT THAT. \$1.8 MILLION OF THESE, IT'S ESA, \$1.8 MILLION IS ESA, 553 -
- THERE'S A WHOLE LIST RIGHT HERE.

>> CAN YOU SEND THAT LIST TO ME?

>> YES. WE CAN DO THAT. I DO HAVE SOME IMPACTS OF SOME OF OUR PARTNERS WHO ARE IMPACTED BY FEDERAL REDUCTIONS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THOSE, AS WELL? HOME FORWARD, AS YOU KNOW, HAS FACED SOME FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6.2 MILLION DUE TO SEQUESTRATION. THIS INCLUDES A REDUCTION OF \$5.6 MILLION IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND \$559,000 IN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS. TO ADDRESS THIS, HOME FORWARD HAS IMPLEMENTED SOME RENT INCREASES TO PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS. THEY PAY A PORTION OF THEIR INCOME FOR RENT. THE PERCENTAGE IS INCREASING BY ONE TO 2%, WHICH EQUATES TO RENT INCREASES OF ANYWHERE FROM A DOLLAR TO \$50 A MONTH FOR MOST OF THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT WILL SEE A CHANGE. THEY WERE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1st. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IS REDUCED, AND THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT IS REDUCED. THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROGRAMS IS \$46,000, WHICH REDUCES SERVICES TO 40 FAMILIES. THESE ARE CONTRACTED OUT TO OUR PROVIDERS. WE DON'T CARRY THOSE DOLLARS. HOWEVER, WHILE THIS REDUCTION SEEMS SMALL, IT IS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES AS THEIR BUDGETS AREN'T THAT LARGE TO BEGIN WITH. SO IT WILL IMPACT PEOPLE. 40 FAMILIES. THAT'S THE END OF MY PRESENTATION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> JUST A QUICK QUESTION. SUSAN I'M CURIOUS, THERE'S ALSO BEEN SNAP CUTS THAT WENT INTO EFFECT WITH COST OF LIVING REDUCTIONS AND I'M CURIOUS IF YOU'VE SEEN AN IMPACT IN OTHER SERVICES BETWEEN HOME FORWARD'S CUTS AND SNAP, IF THERE'S BEEN A DOMINO EFFECT THAT YOU'VE FELT IN THE OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE PRACTICE.

>> WE WANT -- WE HAVEN'T INTERNALLY IN THE COUNTY, I CAN TALK TO STAFF AND SEE IF WE CAN GET SOME OF THAT INFORMATION FROM OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS.

>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT THANK YOU.

>> AND ONE LAST QUESTION, SUSAN. I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE GRAND BARGAIN, THERE WAS \$29 MILLION PUT IN FOR SENIOR SERVICES. AND YOU DON'T KNOW QUITE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND THOSE DOLLARS ON.

BUT THE IDEA WAS THAT MOST COUNTIES WERE GOING TO GET SOME OF THAT MONEY BACK RIGHT?

>> WE'RE HOPING. WE ANTICIPATE YES.

>> Comm. Smith: BUT YOU'RE ASKING FOR FUNDING FOR THAT PROGRAM AND I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHEN WILL WE KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE?

>> YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT BUT I CAN ASK STAFF IF WE HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION. AS OF LAST WEEK WE DID NOT KNOW WHEN WE WOULD GET MORE INFORMATION.

>> Comm. Smith: THE CONCERN WITH ME IS THAT NOVEMBER 7th MEETING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE ON MITIGATION, IF WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS, THEN WE CAN SAVE OUR PRECIOUS GENERAL FUND DOLLARS.

>> YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

>> I HAVE A REQUEST, IT'S A REQUEST. SUSAN, SOMETIMES, IT SEEMS LIKE OUR OWN STORY IS COMING AT US SO QUICKLY THAT WE, YOU KNOW -- WE DROP WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY IN ORDER TO MOVE ON WITH TODAY. AND THE STORY LAST WEEK WAS -- AND COMMISSIONER SMITH DID SUCH A GREAT JOB OF ARTICULATING HER FRUSTRATION WITH THIS WAS CONGRESS BEING INCAPABLE OF -- OF -- OF FUNCTIONING AT ALL TO SOME OBSERVERS, THAT WOULD SEEM LIKE A REASONABLE CONCLUSION TO DRAW FROM WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A REPEAT OF THAT DISCUSSION BECAUSE THAT'S BEEN PROMISED TO US. SO WE DO A LOT OF BUSINESS BASED ON BUDGET. OBVIOUSLY, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY REASONABLE MINDS MIGHT DIFFER BUT THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY THAT WE ARTICULATE OUR VALUE SYSTEM AND AT THE SAME TIME, THIS COMES DOWN TO 9,750 HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE A RENT INCREASE, THE HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE THEIR SNAP BENEFITS, THEIR FOODSTAMP BENEFITS HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM WHAT WAS ALREADY NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SURVIVE ON FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF A MONTH, YOU KNOW. SO WHAT I'M GETTING TO WITH THIS SORT OF, IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WHAT WOULD REALLY BE HELPFUL IS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR GRASSROOTS STORY ABOUT HOW THESE CUTS ARE IMPACTING THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE EVERY DAY AND TURN THAT INTO A NARRATIVE THAT WE CAN E-MAIL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND INSIDE THE BELTWAY IN THE SENSE THAT MIGHT CONVEY THE REALITY OF WHAT ALL THE DITHERING COSTS PEOPLE AND I REALLY MEAN THIS. SO STRONGLY, FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GRASP THE REAL NARRATIVE. SO RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A NARRATIVE AT OUR LEVEL OF BUDGET DOLLARS AND PERCENT REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND

FAMILY VIOLENCE. AND I THINK THAT THE STORY THAT WE NEED BE ABLE TO TELL IS ABOUT A REAL CHILD, A REAL VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, A REAL VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE, A REAL HUNGRY PERSON, SENIOR, CHILD, A REAL HOUSEHOLD STRUGGLING BECAUSE THEIR RENT JUST WENT UP AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEIR FOOD BENEFIT WENT DOWN AND MAYBE THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT WENT AWAY ENTIRELY. SO I KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS AND I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE HAVING SOME OF THESE EXAMPLES TO CONVEY.

>> WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT. WE HAVE NUMEROUS, NUMEROUS PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND HEAR THESE STORIES AND THESE SITUATIONS AND WE CAN CERTAINLY -- MY STAFF HAS PROBABLY HEARD THEM ALREADY AND WE CAN CERTAINLY GATHER THEM TOGETHER. YOU'RE RIGHT. I HAVE A BIG X ON MY PAPER HERE FROM LAST WEEK THAT WAS IMPACTS OF THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AND I KNEW I DIDN'T HAVE TO DISCUSS THEM TODAY BUT I DO ANTICIPATE HAVING TO DISCUSS THEM IN A FEW MONTHS BUT THE LANDSCAPE WILL PROBABLY CHANGE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

>> I DON'T THINK RIGHT NOW IS TOO SOON OR TOO EARLY TO GET STARTED. AND REALLY I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE BLEEDING HEART. I THINK THAT JUST ANY KIND OF NORMAL HEART WOULD DO, ANYTHING OTHER THAN BEING A STICK OR STONE OR A SENSELESS THING SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVEY WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.

>> THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. SO WENDY.

>> WENDY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE DAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH CHAIR MADRIGAL AND COMMISSIONER WENDT IN YOUR NEW ROLES. WE HAVE FOUR AREAS OF REDUCTION FROM STATE AND FEDERAL REDUCTIONS IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I'LL JUST GO THROUGH THEM IN ORDER AND START WITH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, THIS IS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. IT'S A PRETTY BAREBONES SHOP. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE IN THIS PROGRAM AND SOME PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SO THIS IS A STATE REDUCTION BASED ON LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS MADE THIS SPRING THAT WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF FTE AND ALSO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE TRAINING DOLLARS SET ASIDE FOR TRAINING HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES AND A SMALL PIECE WOULD COME OUT OF ONE OF THE FTE IN THE PROGRAM, IF THE FUNDING ISN'T RESTORED. AND WE ARE ASKING BECAUSE ARE CRITICAL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP, WE'RE ASKING FOR THOSE TO BE RESTORED. THE NEXT ONE ON THE LIST IS AN

EARLY SHOULD PROGRAM. WE'RE RECEIVING A \$35,000 REDUCTION IN FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR MT. HOOD COLLEGE HEAD START SERVICES. WE HAVE A NURSE THAT WORKS WITH THE HEAD START PROGRAM OUT THERE AND THIS REDUCTION WOULD REDUCE HER TIME TO ONE DAY A WEEK AT MT. HOOD AND THEY'VE TRANSITIONED SOME OF THE PRENATAL WORK THAT SHE WAS DOING TO FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS THAT ARE CONTRACTED TO WORK WITH MT. HOOD AND THE PERSON IN THE POSITION THAT MERCY POSITION WAS TRANSFERRED INTO A VACANCY IN THE HEALTHY START PROGRAM. SO WE FEEL LIKE A MITIGATION STRATEGY FOR THIS SMALL REDUCTION HAS BEEN PRETTY SATISFACTORY TO US AND TO MT. HOOD AND TO THE STAFF PERSON INVOLVED AND THEY FEEL LIKE THEY CAN MANAGE THE PROGRAM WELL WITH THIS REDUCTION. SO WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR ANY RESTORATION IN THAT AREA. THE NEXT PROGRAM IS IN EARLY SHOULD SERVICES, THE HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE IS BEING REDUCED FROM FEDERAL SEQUESTRATION REDUCTIONS BY \$33,660. AND THAT MONEY GOES TO SUPPORT CONTRACTED AGENCIES WORKING WITH HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE IN THE SEEKING SAFETY PROGRAM AND IT'S INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP WORK THAT THOSE PROGRAMS DO AS WELL AS SOME RESPIRE SERVICES FOR ALL THE FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE. AND WE ARE ASKING FOR THIS REDUCTION TO BE RESTORED. IT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT WE CAN HAVE A SATISFACTORY MITIGATION PLAN AND WE DON'T HAVE OTHER GENERAL FUND OR OTHER FUNDING DOLLARS GRANT FUNDED DOLLARS THAT COULD BACKFILL THIS. AND THEN FINALLY, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THE WIC ADDITION WAS ADDED. IT WASN'T ON OUR LAST WEEK'S LIST. WE LEARNED LAST WEDNESDAY THAT THE SEQUESTRATION REDUCTIONS TO THE WIC PROGRAM, THE STATE HAD BEEN SAYING THAT THEY WOULD ABSORB THOSE AT THE STATE LEVEL AND NOT PASS THEM DOWN TO THE COUNTIES BUT IN THE END THEY DID PASS DOWN SOME REDUCTIONS IN WIC TO THE COUNTIES AND OURS IS \$146,000 IN REDUCTION TO THE VOUCHERS AND TO WIC'S SERVICES. SO WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE TO BE RESTORED. ONE THING TO NOTICE THAT WE WILL HAVE A BUDGET MODIFICATION COMING BEFORE THE BOARD SHORTLY FOR \$60,000 IN WIC FUNDING THAT'S SPECIFICALLY A GRANT WE RECEIVE FOR BREAST-FEEDING AND IT IS MONEY THAT'S FUNGIBLE TO REPLACE THE NUTRITION VOUCHER PROGRAM SO WE CAN'T USE IT TO OFFSET THIS REDUCTION BUT THAT WILL BE COMING TO THE BOARD SHORTLY. AND WHILE THE DEPARTMENT HASN'T CREATED A PRIORITIZED LIST AMONG THESE RESTORATIONS, WE'RE HAPPY TO DO THAT IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE BOARD.

>> MADAM CHAIR.

>> Comm. Smith: OKAY, FOR THE WIC PROGRAM. THAT MONEY, THE \$146,000, THAT'S FROM SEQUESTRATION NUMBERS THAT BEGAN JANUARY, 2014. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

>> FOR THIS FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR, SO STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

>> Comm. Smith: DON'T THEY HAVE ANOTHER SEQUESTRATION AMOUNT THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY?

>> THEY MAY, I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION YET.

>> Comm. Smith: SO IF THIS WAS STARTING WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, WHICH THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN THE DOLLAR AMOUNT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE BACK AT FULL STEAM WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY THIS \$146,000 WAS NOT PUT IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 14.

>> RIGHT. BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, THE STATE WAS SAYING THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE THE FULL CUT AT THE STATE LEVEL. THEY WERE GOING TO KEEP THE COUNTIES FULLY FUNDED AND ABSORB IT INTERNALLY, AND THEN WE FOUND OUT LAST WEEK THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO DO THAT.

>> Comm. Smith: SO IF WE FUND THIS AT THIS LEVEL BECAUSE OF THE SEQUESTRATION, IS THIS MONEY GOING TO BE PUT IN FISCAL YEAR 15?

>> IT'S HARD -- I DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT.

>> Comm. Smith: AND THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING IS BECAUSE THIS IS GOING INTO ONGOING FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN -- AND AGAIN, AND I KEEP GOING BACK OVER THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN BECAUSE WE'RE BEING ASKED TO MAKE FUNDING DECISIONS ON FISCAL YEAR 15 BY ADDING ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TO OUR BUDGET SO AT THAT POINT WHAT I'M SAYING IS OKAY, YOU ADD THIS MONEY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE AWAY \$146,000 FROM SOMEPLACE ELSE IN YOUR BUDGET.

>> COMMISSIONER SMITH, CAN I JUST COMMENT BECAUSE I THINK I SEE IT A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY WHEN WE'RE PUTTING THE BUDGET TOGETHER FOR NEXT YEAR, I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ALL OUR OPTIONS. SO I VIEW THESE STEPS AS KEEPING PROGRAMS WHOLE TEMPORARILY SO THAT IN THE SPRING WE CAN CONSIDER THE TOTALITY OF OUR DECISIONS AND IT DOESN'T --

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO, BUT I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THIS IS WHY I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, THE MONEY THAT WE PUT IN THAT WE ADD IN MODS, THOSE END UP BEING FINAL ONGOING DOLLARS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. IT'S NOT JUST YOU, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT DOES IT. ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, THAT'S THE WAY IT'S BEEN DONE AND SO MY CONCERN

MADAM CHAIR IS THE FACT THAT THIS IS SIDESTEPPING OUR NORMAL PROCESS.

>> Chair Madrigal: AND I RESPECT YOUR FEELINGS AROUND THIS TOPIC. I GUESS MY CONCERN WOULD BE THE ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD BE TO LET THESE PROGRAMS GO AWAY AND HAVE A GAP IN SERVICE WHEN I WOULD AND THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND THE BOARD WOULD IN APPROVING THAT OR AMENDING IT HAVE THE OPTION TO ADD IT BACK. AND SO FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICE.

>> Comm. Smith: AND, YOU KNOW, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET REALLY DEEP ON THIS, I MEAN FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THEY KEEP ABOUT \$1 MILLION THAT THEY GIVE BACK THE FOLLOWING YEAR SO I DON'T THINK THAT THIS \$146,000 IS GOING TO MAKE OR BREAK OUR BUDGET BUT I WANT YOU TO BE MINDFUL WHEN YOU PREPARE YOUR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR BECAUSE WE'RE ACTUALLY -- FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, WE ARE ADDING TO YOUR BUDGET AND IT JUST IS A VERY DISINGENUOUS WAY OF GETTING ADDITIONAL DOLLARS.

>> SO COMMISSIONER SMITH, I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO BE LEADING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEAR SO I'M HEARING YOUR CONCERNS AND I GUESS THE BOARD WILL HAVE A RENEWED OPPORTUNITY. SO TWO THINGS, FIRST OF ALL. PART OF WHY WE CREATED THIS PROCESS WAS NOT TO HAVE YOU HEAR ABOUT THESE CUTS IN A PIECEMEAL MANNER SO WE CREATED THIS SET OF BRIEFINGS SO THAT YOU COULD HEAR AND DELIBERATE ON THE MAGNITUDE OF ALL OF THE REDUCTIONS THAT HAVE COME, THAT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO PREDICT WHEN WE CREATED THE BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR AND TO BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH OF THOSE CUTS WE HAD TO TAKE THAT WE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE WE HAD THE RESOURCES TO MITIGATE, WHICH DIDN'T MAKE SENSE FOR US TO MITIGATE BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PERMANENTLY GO AWAY AND THERE WASN'T ANYTHING WE COULD DO ABOUT IT AND WHICH THE BOARD REALLY WANTED TO INVEST GENERAL FUND TO KEEP THOSE PROGRAMS AFLOAT AS CHAIR MADRIGAL WAS SAYING UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR STARTS. AND THEN IN THE SPRING, THE BOARD WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DELIBERATE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH GENERAL FUND WE WILL HAVE. WE ALSO DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL DO IN FEBRUARY SO IT WILL BE A COMPLETELY NEW SET OF NUMBERS THAT WILL BE SHUFFLING AROUND.

>> Comm. Smith: BUT LET ME JUST SAY THIS: I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE WIC PROGRAM BECAUSE I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE OFFER TO OUR VULNERABLE FOLKS AND FOLKS IN THIS COMMUNITY, IT'S ONE OF THE BEST DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR. AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT THAT PROGRAM. BUT I'M TRYING TO MAKE THE POINT THAT WE'RE PUTTING GENERAL FUND DOLLARS INTO PROGRAMS THAT WERE PAID WITH FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WE

DIDN'T DO BEFORE AND THAT MEANS WE'RE ADDING \$146,000 OF GENERAL FUND MONEY INTO A PROGRAM THAT WE'LL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BACKFILL IT AND I'M SAYING I DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

>> SO THAT POINT, ABSOLUTELY I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND AND IT'S TOTALLY YOUR DECISION.

>> Comm. Smith: THIS IS MINE AND MINE ALONE, CHAIR. BUT THIS IS -- IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE SUBSTANCE BUT IT'S THE STYLE IN WHICH IT'S DONE, I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE FOR.

>> THE ONE THING -- AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE GOING TO VIEW THIS HOW YOU WANT, BUT THIS WAS NOT MEANT TO BE DISINGENUOUS IN ANY WAY. THIS WAS MEANT TO BE COMPLETELY OPEN AND CLEAR WITH THE BOARD ABOUT THE CHOICES. AND EVERY BOARD MEMBER, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY CAN MAKE THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE ABOUT WHERE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE BACKFILLING FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS BECAUSE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. BUT THIS WAS NOT MEANT TO BE DISINGENUOUS, THIS WASN'T MEANT TO BE A BACK DOOR WAY TO GET MONEY INTO DEPARTMENTS, THAT'S WHY WE DID IT IN THIS VERY PUBLIC WAY.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER SMITH, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR FRUSTRATION AND I CONFESS, I GET IT. IT TOOK ME A LITTLE WHILE. IN JUNE WHEN WE ADOPTED THIS BUDGET, WE ANTICIPATED THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE CIRCUMSTANCE WE FOUND OURSELVES IN AND WE SET THIS MONEY ASIDE. AND, YOU KNOW, THE STORY IS THERE ARE SOME LOSSES THAT WE ARE JUST NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT. AND WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD BE HERE AND WE KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE LOSSES THAT WE WEREN'T WILLING TO ACCEPT AND WE ARE PUTTING NAMES AND FACES ON THOSE AND I ALSO THINK THAT THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF BACKFILLING OTHER PROGRAMS CREATES A KIND OF A POOR DISCIPLINARY STRUCTURE WHERE IF WE APPEAR THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO STAND UP UNDER THE ABUSE, THEN THE ABUSE WILL CONTINUE. AND I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THAT DYNAMIC BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO ABOUT IT.

>> IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW, WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH, YOU KNOW, ONE TIME ONLY MONEY THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE NEXT YEAR AND IF WE DON'T, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT THIS PROGRAM NEXT YEAR. OR CUT SOME OTHER PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SERVE OUR MOTHERS. BUT I VOTED FOR THAT ADOPTED BUDGET WITH THE -- I AM JUST VOICING MY CONCERN IN THE WAY IN WHICH WE FIGURE OUT WAYS TO INCREASE

BUDGET THAT I THINK HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THEIR BUDGET TO DO THE THINGS THAT THEY NEED TO DO. SO. I'LL END ON THAT.

>> SO I'M GOING TO ASK, UNLESS THE BOARD HAS OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, I'M GOING TO ASK KARYNE TO COME BACK UP AND KIND OF WALK THROUGH THIS, WHICH IS THE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS THAT YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT TODAY AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE PROCESS FOR THE SEVENTH BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I FOR ONE REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEVEL OF SCRUTINY AND THINKING AROUND THE ISSUES THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE BRINGING FORWARD. IT'S DIFFICULT BECAUSE DEPARTMENTS DIDN'T CAUSE THESE CUTS TO HAPPEN AND I GET YOUR FRUSTRATION. WE SHARE THAT FRUSTRATION AS DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS WITH HAVING THESE FEDERAL AND STATE CUTS TRICKLE DOWN TO OUR COMMUNITY AND IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY IN ADVERSE WAYS AND THEN THE BUCK STOPS WITH YOU TO HAVE TO MAKE REALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT SO I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS DIALOGUE TODAY AND HOW SERIOUSLY YOU ALL TAKE IT.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MADRIGAL. KARYNE KIETA, BUDGET DIRECTOR, WELCOME COMMISSIONER WENDT FOR YOUR NICE DAY. NICE TOPIC TO SINK YOUR TEETH INTO. I WANT TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LAST PAGE THAT WAS IN YOUR PACKET. THE TITLE OF THAT IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2014 BID YEAR SUMMARY OF FUNDING PROPOSALS. FOR ALL OF YOU BUT COMMISSIONER WENDT THIS SHOULD LOOK A LITTLE FAMILIAR. IT'S STRUCTURED IN THE SAME FORMAT THAT WE DO WITH THE BOARD AMENDMENTS AS WE GO THROUGH OUR BUDGET PROCESS AND PREPARE FOR ADOPTING THE BUDGET. AND WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT THE TOP OF THAT SHEET IS THE PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE, WHICH IS THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE HAVE SET ASIDE IN CONTINGENCY. ON THE SECOND TABLE ON THAT SHEET YOU'LL SEE THE PROPOSED FEDERAL AND STATE BACKFILLS. YOU'LL SEE THE PROGRAM OFFER NUMBER AND THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF FUNDING. CURRENTLY, WHAT YOU'VE HEARD, WE HAVE \$763,000 OF PROPOSED BACKFILL AND WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST FOR THE NOVEMBER 7th MEETING, WE CAN HANDLE THIS IN ONE OR TWO WAYS, SIMILARLY LIKE WE DO WHEN WE ADOPT THE BUDGET, WE CAN VOTE ON THESE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS ONE AT A TIME OR WE CAN TAKE THESE AS A PACKAGE AND PULL OUT AN EXCEPTION. AND SO WHAT I'LL DO IN BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, I'LL SWING BY AND TOUCH BASES WITH FOLKS AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE MOST COMFORTABLE WITH. AT THIS TIME, TOO, WE'LL HAVE ALL OF THE DETAIL BEHIND THESE. IT WILL APPEAR LIKE A NORMAL PACKET OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS. SO WE HAVE A COUPLE OF WEEKS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO GET THE MATERIAL PREPARED AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THAT CONVERSATION ON THE 7th.

>> OKAY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> I HAVE ONE QUESTION. DO WE ANTICIPATE -- ARE WE WAITING FOR ANY OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS TO LET US KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO CUT SOMETHING? IS THERE ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT'S ON THIS PAPER?

>> IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE FEDERAL IMPACTS THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET AND AS YOU POINTED OUT APPROPRIATELY, WE DON'T KNOW -- WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT POTENTIAL FUTURE SHUTDOWNS AND WHAT THAT MEANS. WE ALSO DON'T KNOW ABOUT ADDITIONAL SEQUESTRATION CUTS AND WHERE THEY LAND. SO IT IS DEFINITELY POSSIBLE THAT THERE'S STILL BAD NEWS OUT THERE FOR US. WE THINK WE KNOW ALL OF THE STATE --

>> IS THAT STILL AN ISSUE?

>> I DON'T KNOW ABOUT LAHEAP. DO YOU GUYS ANY ABOUT THAT?

>> OKAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> OKAY. THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS --

>> WAIT A MINUTE, BEFORE YOU ADJOURN.

>> I TAKE IT BACK. [LAUGHTER]

>> I AM SO SORRY. I AM JUST GOING TO SEEK THE PRIVILEGES OF MY OFFICE JUST FOR A MOMENT. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE TIRED. I HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DELIVER FIRST. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT MY STAFF PERSON KEITH HAS BEEN WOODED AWAY BY OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT KEITH AS HE DOESN'T DEPART THE COUNTY BUT MOVES TO A DIFFERENT OFFICE AND IS ABLE TO FULFILL HIS POTENTIAL AS A STAFF PERSON AND I'M GOING TO EMBARRASS YOU BECAUSE THIS IS MY GET BACK TIME.

>> MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAND UP FOR US, KEITH. [APPLAUSE] AND I WILL FEEL GUILTY ABOUT THIS BECAUSE THE ONE REALLY OF MANY DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF KEITH AND SUSAN THIS IS NO NEWS TO YOU, THE GUILTY PARTY, SUSAN MYERS, NO TRIAL. JUST A PROCLAMATION. IS THAT KEITH'S HALLMARK IS WHAT A KIND PERSON HE IS. AND I THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT. HE'S THE ONLY PERSON I'VE EVER MET WHO HAVE PERFORMED MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION ON A CALF. HE IS ALSO THE ONLY PERSON I HAVE EVER MET OR WORKED WITH WHO FOUND HIMSELF IN A POSITION OF SHOWING A DRUGGED COW AT A COUNTY FAIR. HE WAS

AMBITIOUS ENOUGH IN EVERY GOOD SENSE OF THAT WORD TO SEEK TO REALLY IMPROVE HIS SKILLS THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND HAS LED NOT ONLY MY OFFICE'S EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A VETERANS COURT, IT TURNED OUT TO BE A VETERANS DOCKET. IT'S AN ORGANIZED WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT VETERANS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM RECEIVE EVERY BENEFIT THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITH TREMENDOUS GRACE. HE HAS STAFFED -- REALLY STAFFED MY EFFORTS WITH NACO'S CLEAN GOVERNMENT WORK GROUP AND BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER ON THE MULTNOMAH FOOD INITIATIVE AND EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY THIS EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE BY SOMEBODY WHO'S JUST SO MODEST IN AFFECT AND SORRY KEITH I'M JUST GOING TO CONTINUE HEAPING IT ON. YOU KNOW, THAT I WILL FOREVER BE WOUNDED BY THE IMAGE OF IT BEING EASIER TO FIND AN ASSAULT WEAPON IN ANY NEIGHBORHOOD THAN AN ORGANIC TOMATO AND I THINK WITH KEITH'S LEADERSHIP, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE MORE ORGANIC TOMATOES AND JUST A BETTER COMMUNITY. SO I WISH YOU SO, SO MUCH AS YOU PURSUE YOUR WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND SUSAN I WILL FORGIVE YOU, IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO -- THIS IS ONE OF THOSE EXPANSIONS THAT COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, THE FORMER COMMISSIONER KAFOURY WAS ALWAYS SO SUCCESSFUL AT, WHICH IS WE'RE NOT LOSING KEITH AS A STAFF MEMBER, I'M GAINING ENTRY INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. THANK YOU, KEITH. [APPLAUSE]

>> Comm. Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK KEITH FOR HIS BRIGHT SMILE AND FOR HIS SERVICE FOR THIS COMMUNITY AND I HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR YOU. ARE YOU STILL GOING TO DO THE FUDGE AT CHRISTMAS? [LAUGHTER]

>> WHAT ABOUT THE FRENCH MACAROONS?

>> YES.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Comm. McKeel: I JUST WANT TO SAY, D4 WILL MISS KEITH VERY MUCH UP ON THE SIXTH FLOOR. JUDY'S OFFICE IS RIGHT NEXT TO MINE SO WE'RE ALWAYS AROUND THAT CORNER WHERE KEITH IS SITTING AND HE'LL PROBABLY BE HAPPY NOT TO HAVE US YAKKING SO MUCH AROUND CORNER, SO APPRECIATE YOUR WORK ON EVERYTHING BUT PARTICULARLY THE VETERANS, IT'S AN IMPORTANT SERVICE FOR OUR VETERANS AND YOU WORKED VERY HARD ON THAT AND KEITH IS ONE OF THE HARDEST WORKING PEOPLE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, I KNOW THAT FOR SURE. SO WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, BUT WE KNOW WE'LL STILL SEE YOU SO THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> WE WISH YOU THE BEST, KEITH. NOW, OKAY, WE ARE ADJOURNED.
[GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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