

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, November 21, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with Commissioner Liesl Wendt present and Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel participating telephonically.

Also attending were Jenny 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 AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. [INAUDIBLE] ...MICHAEL DEMBROW TO THE OREGON STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23. AND WE'LL ALSO BE ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT. WITH ME HERE IS COMMISSIONER WENDT, AND BY PHONE, WE HAVE ALL THREE OF THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS, COMMISSIONERS WOULD YOU ANNOUNCE YOURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A QUORUM?

Commissioner Smith: COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH.

Commissioner McKeel: COMMISSIONER DIANE McKEEL.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: AND COMMISSIONER JUDY SHIPRACK.

Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Smith: SO MOVED.

Commissioner McKeel: SECOND.

Chair Madrigal: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS, DID I GET THAT RIGHT?

>> YES, GOOD JOB.

Chair Madrigal: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [ UNANIMOUS AYES ] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. AND WE WILL NOW MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. CHAIR, WE HAVE TODAY CARL WICKMAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD, PAUL ADOLF PHILLIPS, JOSEPH WALSH AND MR. LIGHTNING.

>> Chair Madrigal: GOOD MORNING, MR. WICKMAN.

>> GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. IN THE LAST 40 YEARS, THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED. IN 1974, ALICE CORBETT IS ELECTED TO THE BOARD. THE FIRST ALL-WOMEN COMMISSION WAS QUEENED IN 1986. MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE AT THE STEPS THAT IT HAS TAKEN. IT TOOK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 196 YEARS TO NAME ITS FIRST BUILDING FOR A WOMAN BUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PUT ITS AGENDA ON THE FAST TRACK AND IT ONLY TOOK 120 YEARS. THAT BUILDING IS THE WICKMAN BUILDING. IT'S NOT ONLY A PHYSICAL LANDMARK IN THE COUNTY BUT AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN OREGON. NEITHER THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ELIZA CANTY-JONES OR VAL BALLESTREM OF THE OREGON ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOW OF ANY OREGON PUBLIC BUILDING THAT'S NOT A SCHOOL DEDICATED TO HONORING A WOMAN PRIOR TO 1982. THE WICKMAN BUILDING STANDS AS THE FIRST. DURING OUR RESEARCH, WE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT SENATOR HATFIELD HAS MORE BUILDINGS NAMED FOR HIM THAN ALL OF THE OTHER OFFICIAL BUILDINGS IN THE STATE OF OREGON. THE MINUTES OF THE 1982 MEETING HAVE AN ERROR. IT STATES THAT COMMISSIONER BLUMENAUER READ THE PROCLAMATION. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNTY ARCHIVISTS, AND THE OREGON ARCHIVES, I OBTAINED AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THAT MEETING. HE DID NOT READ THE PROCLAMATION. IN THE MATTER OF DEDICATING THE OLD LIBRARY HEIGHTS BUILDING TO THE MEMORY OF LEO WICKMAN. WHEREAS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY WISH TO HONOR WICKMAN, A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND WHEREAS SHE SERVED TWO TERMS AS A DEDICATED AND HARD-WORKING CHAIR PERSON, AND WHEREAS SHE WAS A VITAL MEMBER OF MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S POWELLHURST COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, SNOW CAP, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND WHEREAS SHE WAS A PARTNER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN WORKING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS AND WHEREAS SHE WAS AN ACTIVIST, VOLUNTEER, DEDICATED TO THE CAUSES THAT NEEDED HER MOST AND A FRIEND AND A SUPPORTER WHEN WE NEEDED HER HELP. NOW, THEREFORE WE JOIN IN DEDICATING THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING TO THE MEMORY OF LEAH WICKMAN AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY, SIGNED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 1982, DONALD E. CLARK, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, PRESIDING OFFICER, COMMISSIONERS GLADYS McCOY -- [ READING NAMES ]

>> THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT ALSO USES THE TERM CHAIRPERSON. ON THANKSGIVING DAY, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER WISHING WICKMAN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HER 90th BIRTHDAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. PHILLIPS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO NEXT?

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK. AND I BROUGHT THE OREGONIAN NEWSPAPER OF NOVEMBER 8th. AND DOWN HERE IN THE RIGHT-HAND CORNER THEY TALK ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS BUT FAIL TO MENTION THAT DAVE DAHL, HE ISN'T THE ONLY PERSON THAT'S GOT MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE'S SOME 50 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, PLUS OR MINUS 50 MILLION PEOPLE, AND I CAN HAVE PEOPLE EITHER CALL THE CDC, THEY HAVE AN 88 NUMBER, TO CALL TOLL-FREE OR THE PRESS SHOULD EVALUATE TO SEE IF I'M CORRECT ON MY FIGURES OR FACTS AND I ALSO BROUGHT THIS PAPER. IT IS FROM NOVEMBER 20th, YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER, ABOUT ATTORNEYS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, THEIR PUBLIC LIABILITY FUND. IT'S VIRTUALLY BANKRUPT BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE AND STUPIDITY OF THE OREGON LAWYER BAR ASSOCIATION. BASICALLY, I WENT AND SEEN THE HIP DOCTOR THAT CONDUCTED MY SURGERY SOME THREE YEARS AGO. THERE'S \$353,000 A YEAR, THAT'S MORE THAN A MILLION AND 59,000 PEOPLE HAVE HAD HIP SURGERY SINCE NOVEMBER 15th OF 2010. AND 20% OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE DIED. THEY DIE WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR FROM COMPLICATIONS. AND I SURVIVED A HIP SURGERY AS WELL AS TWO SPINAL CORD FRACTURES AND I SUBMITTED EVIDENCE THAT WAS SENT TO THE OREGON STATE BAR. HE WRITES THAT I WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT MY INJURIES. WELL, WHO WOULDN'T COMPLAIN WITH A HIP SURGERY, BROKEN HIP, AND FRACTURES TO THEIR SPINAL CORD AS WELL AS I STILL HAVE TROUBLE WITH MY KNEE FROM THE HIP BEING BROKE, THE LEFT KNEE. AND I HAVE A PRESCRIPTION FOR A WALKER FROM THE HIP SURGEON YESTERDAY BUT HE APPARENTLY WANTED TO DODGE SEEING ME. HE HAD ANOTHER PERSON SEE ME, A DOCTOR. AND I WENT TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTION AND MEDICARE ONLY PAYS FOR A WALKER EVERY FIVE YEARS. SO I'LL LEAVE THE PRESCRIPTION AS WELL AS THE RICKETY OLD WALKER. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: MR. PHILLIPS , WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE ON MY STAFF TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU AND HELP YOU WITH THAT PRESCRIPTION?

Mr. Phillips: I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK OF THAT OFFER.

Chair Madrigal: WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

>> HERE'S OUR NUMBER, OKAY?

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND VOICES FROM ABOVE. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. AND I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT MR. DICKSON, RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT YOU CAN SAY AND WHAT YOU CAN'T SAY BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL MATTERS. I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN THAT. THE WILLAMETTE WEEKLY HAS DONE AN EXPOSE AND PEOPLE CAN READ THAT IF THEY SO CHOOSE. WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN IS THAT THIS BODY DO NOT DO WHAT OUR MAYOR IN PORTLAND IS ABOUT TO DO TO REPLACE MR. GRAHAM TO DO A NATIONAL SEARCH. ALL OF YOU HAVE SPENT A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR STAFFS. AND IF ANYBODY KNOWS ME, THEY KNOW I LOVE STAFF. I WAS AN INTERN A LONG, LONG TIME AGO AND I KNOW HOW HARD STAFF WORK IN POLITICAL OFFICES. I'M ASKING YOU, WHEN YOU REPLACE MR. DICKSON, THAT YOU DO IT IN-HOUSE. YOU DIDN'T DO A NATIONAL SEARCH. WE ARE NOT DOING VERY WELL ON OUR NATIONAL SEARCHES. IF YOU LOOK AT PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING OVER \$100,000 A YEAR, WE'RE NOT DOING VERY WELL. THEY ARE LEAVING AND IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE VACANCIES ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO I'M SUGGESTING, GO OUT OF THE BOX. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. PROMOTE WITHIN. PICK SOMEBODY YOU TRUST, THAT YOU KNOW, THAT CAN HANDLE THIS DEPARTMENT. THIS DEPARTMENT IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. THIS DEPARTMENT DEPENDS ON SOMEONE WITH COMPASSION, WITH UNDERSTANDING, THAT KNOWS WHAT DIVERSITY IS ALL ABOUT, INCLUSIVENESS. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING THAT I COULD POINT TO. SO I'M BEGGING YOU, GO OUTSIDE THE BOX FOR A CHANGE. AND IF THERE IS A RESTRICTION AND I'M SURE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY COULD GIVE YOU INFORMATION ON THAT, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE FOR. GO AROUND THE RESTRICTION. AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DOING SO WELL GOING OUTSIDE THE STATE. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE AND HAVE BASICALLY TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST IS OVERTIME ISSUES. NOT JUST MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I MEAN, I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I'M TALKING ABOUT LOOKING ACROSS THE BOARD. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I WANT TO DO THIS IS THAT A LOT OF THE CONCERNS ON SOME OF THE OVERTIME ISSUES ALSO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO BASICALLY DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. AND AS YOU KNOW, THE SIT AND LIE LAW IS BEING PROPOSED AGAIN AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO SEE POSSIBLY IS IF WE BEGIN TO REDUCE OVERTIME AND FOCUS THAT MONEY INTO AREAS TO GET PEOPLE INTO HOUSING, GET A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, THE SIT AND LIE LAW ISN'T REALLY GOING TO MEAN ANYTHING BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, REDUCING HOMELESSNESS IS GETTING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING. THAT IS THE BEST THING FOR THEM. THAT CUTS SOCIAL SERVICES COSTS DOWN TREMENDOUSLY. ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE,

TOO, IS ON THE ISSUE OF PORTLAND POLICE DOING A CONTRACT WITH TARGET. NOW, AGAIN, I THINK WE'RE WALKING INTO AN AREA HERE WHERE I THINK THERE SHOULD BE KIND OF A SEPARATION, BECAUSE I THINK TARGET ABSOLUTELY IS A GREAT STORE AND THEY ABSOLUTELY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THEIR OWN SECURITY, HAVE THEIR OWN SECURITY IN PLACE AND I DON'T SEE ANY BENEFIT TO HAVE PORTLAND POLICE OVER THERE GETTING OVERTIME BASICALLY DOING SECURITY ON THE SIDEWALKS THERE. I DON'T SEE ANY BENEFIT AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT FOR TARGET, DO IT FOR WALMART, DO IT FOR ALBERTSONS, DO IT FOR SAFEWAY AND DO IT FOR EVERYBODY THROUGHOUT THE CITY. DON'T HAVE THESE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN COMPANIES THAT YOU THINK NEED THAT KIND OF SERVICE. I DON'T LIKE WHAT I'M SEEING AND I WANT THOSE CONTRACTS TO BE LOOKED AT, REVIEWED, AND GET A MORE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON WHY THESE CONTRACTS ARE WRITTEN IN THE FIRST PLACE. AGAIN, LIKE I'VE STATED IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT FOR ONE COMPANY, THEN DO IT FOR OTHER COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS PROVIDED THAT SERVICE BECAUSE I FEEL THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OUT THERE THAT ARE VERY QUALIFIED TO DO SECURITY AND WE NEED TO UTILIZE THOSE COMPANIES, TOO, AND NOT PAY EXCESSIVE OVERTIME AGAIN TO A FEW POLICE OFFICERS THAT ARE BEING CHOSEN THAT HAVE CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN COMPANIES OUT THERE THAT AGAIN I DON'T WANT TO SEE HAPPENING. THANK YOU.

Chair Madrigal: THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE HAVE NO ITEMS ON OUR REGULAR AGENDA. SO IF THERE ARE COMMENTS, BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BEFORE WE ADJOURN THE MEETING, WE CAN TAKE THOSE NOW? GOING ONCE... TWICE... OKAY. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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