

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, March 3, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Jules Bailey, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

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

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. TODAY IS OUR THURSDAY MORNING REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL BEING HERE.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCA-20-16: Reclassification of an IT Project Manager 2 in the Dept of County Assets
- C.2 Budget Modification DCM-12-16 Reclassify Finance Specialist 2 to Finance Specialist Sr in Finance & Risk General Ledger Program
- C.3 Budget Modification DCJ-15-16 Reclasses a Vacant 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Senior to a Program Specialist in the Director's Office
- C.4 Budget Modification DCJ-16-16 Reclasses 4.00 FTE Operations Process Specialist to Business Process Specialist in the Director's Office
- C.5 Budget Modification DCJ-17-16 Reclasses a 1.00 FTE Finance Specialist 1 to a Finance Specialist 2 in the Director's Office
- C.6 Letter to Oregon Congressional Delegation in Support of Criminal Justice Reform Legislation

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE 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. [NAMES READ INTO RECORD]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK. I BROUGHT THIS MAP I GOT FROM PIONEER SQUARE. IT'S A CANNABIS MAP AND I'VE ASKED FOR AUTOGRAPHS, THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS THE 3RD OF MARCH AND THE 10TH OF MARCH, AND I HAVE YET TO GET THE BOARD'S SIGNATURES. OF COURSE THE CITY OF PORTLAND SUPPORTS THE PIONEER SQUARE AND YOU BEING A PARTNER OF THE CITY, IN FACT THE MARCH 3RD MEETING YOU ACTUALLY SAID THAT YOU'D SIGN THE POSTER. IF YOU'D REMEMBER. ACTUALLY WITH ONLY 30 CANNABIS SHOPS THERE, THERE'S QUITE A FEW THAT'S NOT LISTED FOR SOME REASON. THE CITY SHOULD TRY TO ENDEAVOR -- THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A HUNDRED MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, I HAVEN'T COUNTED BUT IT'S NOT REALLY A GREAT FEATURE MAP. BUT THEY DO HAVE SOME THINGS TO IT. PEOPLE CAN OBTAIN THEM FREE DOWN THERE AT PIONEER SQUARE.

THE DAMAGE IS STILL ONGOING TO MY BUILDING. THEY HAVEN'T REPLACED WALL PANELS AND HAVEN'T REPLACED IN MY APARTMENT THE MOPBOARDS THEY TORE OFF. IT'S NICE TO SEE THE CROWD HERE. THE POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND THE POLITICAL WATCH DOG AND THE POLITICALLY INJURED AND PISSED OFF PERSON. WHY WOULD A BLIND PERSON COME TO THE MEETING AND SAY THAT HE'S INJURED AND PISSED OFF, AFTER HAVING HIS SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES AND NOT GETTING ANY SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE COURTS OR ANYTHING. OF COURSE I BROKE MY LEFT HIP AND FRACTURED TOUGH MY VERTEBRAE AND MY SPINAL CORD BUT WHY SHOULD A PERSON BE INJURED AND PISSED OFF ABOUT THAT? I GUESS THEY CALL THAT THE GOLDEN YEARS. LAST WEEK WAS MY BIRTHDAY IN FACT, 62. SO I GIVE UP MY TIME. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SORRY WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY; WE HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY ONE. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE DON'T TAKE A DIME FROM THE COUNTY. WE DON'T TAKE A DIME FROM THE CITY, WE DON'T TAKE A DIME FROM THE FEDS AND WE DON'T TAKE A DIME FROM THE STATE. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU OF A REPORT CARD THAT CAME OUT ON THE STATE. OUT OF 13 CATEGORIES OREGON RECEIVED EIGHT FS. AND THE WAY THEY DID IT IS THEY RANKED THE STATES FROM 1-50. 50 BEING THE WORST, 1 BEING THE BEST. LET ME READ OF SOME OF THESE. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION, WE'RE 34. WE GOT AN F. POLITICAL FINANCING, WE'RE 49TH. THERE'S ONLY 50 STATES AND WE'RE 49TH. I HOPE WE BEAT ALASKA. EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY, WE'RE 38TH. ANOTHER F. ANOTHER F, PROCUREMENT, 45TH OUT OF 50. I KNOW YOU'RE SITTING THERE SAYING, WELL, MR. WALSH, YOU'RE LOOKING AT COUNTY. THAT'S

STATE. LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR JAILS. DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR JAILS? ANOTHER REPORT JUST CAME OUT AND SAID THAT OUR JAILS ARE A MESS, WE TREAT PEOPLE OF COLOR DESPICABLE. 2016, PROGRESSIVE CITY. AND WE CAN'T TREAT OUR PRISONERS WITH DIGNITY?

Mr. Walsh: YOU KNOW, BEING AN ACTIVIST I'VE BEEN ARRESTED A NUMBER OF TIMES. I'VE GONE THROUGH THE TESTIMONY OVER AT THE JUSTICE CENTER. THEY HAVE ALWAYS TREATED ME WITH RESPECT. I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S THE OXYGEN, MY AGE OR DEFINITELY NOT MY ATTITUDE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE WORK TO DO HERE. YOU KNOW, I WAS AT THE CITY HALL YESTERDAY AND I CAN'T STAND IT WHEN POLITICIANS PAT THEMSELVES ON THE BACK. I CAN'T STAND THAT, I GO CRAZY. BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS AND EVERYBODY SAYS EVERYTHING IS JUST WORKING WELL. WE SAT THERE YESTERDAY AND PEOPLE WERE TELLING US THAT THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IS UNDER CONTROL. IF ONLY WE HAD HOUSING, IT WOULD BE SOLVED. WELL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S NOT UNDER CONTROL. AND STOP PATTING YOURSELVES ON THE BACK. I LIKE YOU GUYS MUCH MORE THAN THE COUNCIL BUT DON'T PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK. IT'S NOT FINISHED. WE HAVE 35 DAYS SINCE WE'VE ASKED FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE SHERIFF. WE EXAMINE THIS TO EXPECT THIS TO GO ON FOR A WHILE. WE WILL PROTEST OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING AND WE WILL KEEP THE PRESSURE ON. THIS MAN MUST RESIGN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, JOE.

Mr. Walsh: THAT'LL BE THE BATTLE CRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE, I KNOW I WENT OVERTIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I'VE STATED TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR AT CITY HALL IS THAT I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH THIS NUISANCE LAW THAT IS PUT INTO PLACE, REALLY PERTAINING TO PEOPLE THAT ARE SENIOR CITIZENS. ONE OF THE BIG CONCERNS I HAVE IS THAT WHEN THEY ARE NOT AUDIBLE TO SAY MAYBE MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY IN A REASONABLE MANNER, IN MY OPINION THERE SHOULD BE PEOPLE BROUGHT IN TO WORK WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL IN A REASONABLE MANNER AND MAKE THE VERY CLEAR THAT WE WANT TO HAVE CERTAIN THINGS DONE. LET'S NOT GET INTO A SHOVING MATCH THERE TO WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS PROBLEM BEEN IN THEIR PROPERTY TO 20-PLUS YEARS IS STAYING THERE SAYING HEY, IT'S MY PROPERTY, I OWN IT. AND I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I WANT TO DO HERE.

Mr. Lightning: AND THEN THE POSITION FROM THE OTHER SIDE IS, WELL, WE'LL JUST CALL YOUR PROPERTY A NUISANCE AND WE'RE GOING TO COME IN AND NOW TELL WHAT YOU WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH IT. WE'RE GOING CHARGE YOU

TO REMOVE ANYTHING OUT OF YOUR FRONT YARD. WE'RE GOING TO BASICALLY COME IN AND THEN SEND YOU THE BILL DOWN THE LINE. YOU KNOW WHAT, IF WE END UP WITH YOUR HOME, THAT'S OKAY, TOO WE'LL JUST FORECLOSE ON IT AND TAKE IT FROM YOU AND HAVE A LIEN PUT ON YOUR HOUSE AND END UP WITH IT. TO ME, THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH. IF THEY ARE A SENIOR CITIZEN, TO HAVE THE RIGHT AGENCIES BROUGHT IN AND SAY, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU. WE WANT TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. WE DON'T WANT THIS TO GET OUT OF CONTROL. WE'RE WORKING WITH YOU AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY, AND THE CITY OR WHOEVER'S CALLING IT A NUISANCE WILL NOT END UP TAKING YOUR PROPERTY FROM YOU AND THROWING YOU OUT OF YOUR HOUSE. THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE IF YOU'RE A SENIOR CITIZEN.

IT SHOULDN'T BE TO COME IN WITH FULL FORCE AND SAY, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING DO IT AND WE'RE GOING SEND YOU A BILL AT THE END. I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, IF YOU EVER GO AND TALK TO SOME OF THESE PEOPLE THIS IS HAPPENING TO, AND YOU JUST ASK THEM ONE QUESTION, DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN TREATED FAIRLY THROUGH THIS PROCESS -- I ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR ANSWER IS GOING TO BE. THEY ARE GOING TO SAY ABSOLUTELY NOT, I'M BEING HARASSED, DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, NOBODY ELSE IS HELPING ME AT THIS TIME. IT SHOULDN'T GO THAT DIRECTION WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE SENIOR CITIZENS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE WHEN IT COMES TO MAINTAINING THEIR PROPERTY. HE PUBLIC NEEDS TO STEP IN ON THIS AND UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT TO BE A PROFIT-DRIVEN ISSUE TO WHERE THEY ARE TRYING TO RUN UP ALL THESE FINES AND END UP ENDING UP WITH THEIR HOME. IT SHOULDN'T GO THAT DIRECTION. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Davis: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID KIF DAVIS WITH FIGHT THE SWEEPS PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY COP WATCH. I WAS AT A TUESDAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN GRESHAM, AND THEY WERE TRYING TO DISCUSS HOMELESSNESS AND THE FENCE THAT WAS ENACTED TO KEEP OUT THE HOMELESS PEOPLE THERE, WHICH COSTS \$12,000, WHICH IS BASICALLY JUST A PLASTIC FENCE THAT YOU CAN HOP RIGHT OVER SO IT'S A TOTAL INEFFECTIVE WASTE OF MONEY AND RESOURCES. AND THE FENCE WAS ACTUALLY TORN DOWN WITHIN A DAY OR SO BUT THERE'S A MASSIVE ARREST OF PROTESTERS AT GRESHAM CITY HALL YESTERDAY. AND NOW THE PROTESTERS AND ACTIVISTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT SHOWED UP TO SPEAK ON HOMELESSNESS, A BUNCH OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE ARRESTED, THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED NOT TO GO BACK TO CITY HALL. SO THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY SILENCING THEIR VOICE AND STAMPING OUT DESCENT AND USING PETTY CRIME TO -- WHICH ISN'T EVEN A CRIME, BASICALLY JUST THE CITIZENS EXPRESSING THEMSELVES, WHICH THE POLICE

AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED TO USE THEIR ORWELLIAN LANGUAGE CHANGE, EXPRESSING OUTRAGE AND CONCERN ABOUT THINGS IN THEIR COMMUNITY, THAT SUDDENLY TURNED INTO THESE ARE DISRUPTIVE THREATENING PEOPLE, AND THEY NEED TO BE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED.

Mr. Davis: THERE WAS EIGHT TO 10 GRESHAM POLICE THAT ARRESTED STEVE KIMES, A PASTOR WHO'S BEEN WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS FOR 20 YEARS OUT IN GRESHAM. AND NOW THESE PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY EXCLUDED FROM CITY HALL. SO THEY ARE BASICALLY USING A STRATEGIC LEGAL MANEUVER TO TRY AND SILENCE VOICES OF DESCENT. WE JUST WENT THROUGH THE SAME ROUND OF BULLSHIT AT CITY HALL HERE IN PORTLAND UNTIL JOE WALSH HAD HIS RULING AND WON IT AGAINST THE CITY WITH THE FEDERAL RULING. I'M SURE YOU GUYS ALL AWARE. YOU MIGHT -- SINCE YOU GUYS ARE RUNNING THE COUNTY YOU MIGHT WANT TO PULL SOME STRINGS BACK ON GRESHAM AND, YOU KNOW, REEL THEM IN A LITTLE BACK INTO REALITY. THEY SEEM TO BE THEIR OWN LITTLE FASCIST POLICE STATE OUT THERE. I THOUGHT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LITTLE MORE PROGRESSIVE AND NOT JUST SEND 10 ARMED GOONS TO ARREST A PASTOR BECAUSE HE'S TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. SO YOU KNOW, THERE'S THIS FEDERAL RULING BY JUDGE SIMONS, SO BASICALLY GRESHAM JUST OPENED THEMSELVES UP TO A MAJOR TORT CLAIM LAWSUIT FOR VIOLATING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ACTIVISTS. I HOPE THEY GET SUED. YOU MIGHT WANT TO PASS THAT ON TO THOSE GUYS SINCE YOU'RE ALL IN CONTACT, I'M SURE, WITH THE MAYOR AND STUFF. I THINK YOU'RE PROBABLY AWARE OF THE SITUATION. IF THE CITY WANTS TO KEEP --

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY, YOUR THREE MINUTES ARE UP.

Mr. Davis: -- IN SILENCING VOICES, WE ARE GOING TO RESPOND WITH LAWSUITS. IF YOU GUYS WANT TO KEEP DOING THIS, WE'RE JUST GOING FINE YOU AS CITIZENS WITH TORT CLAIMS SOME OF PASS ON THE INFORMATION TO THE PEOPLE DOWN IN GRESHAM.

Chair Kafoury: WELL, THANK YOU.

Mr. Davis: AND MAYBE TELL THEM THEY NEED TO TELL EVERYONE THAT WAS ARRESTED THAT THEY CAN COME BACK THIS NEXT WEEK BECAUSE YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO EXCLUDE PEOPLE FOR 24 HOURS AND THAT'S THE RULES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

R.1 Project Budget Reallocation – Capital Improvement Program (#FPM16-01) – Willamette River Boathouse (CP08.13.20). Presenters: John Lindenthal, Capital Program Manager; Commander Jason Gates and Lt. Steve Dangler - Sheriff's Office; and, Sam Lasko, Project Manager.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lindenthal: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M JON LINDENTHAL, CAPITAL PROGRAM MANAGER.

Cdr. Gates: COMMANDER JASON GATES.

Lt. Dangler: STEVE DANGLER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Mr. Lasko: SAM LASKO, PROJECT MANAGER.

Mr. Lindenthal: WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT INCREASING THE BUDGET FOR THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BOATHOUSE. WE'VE GONE OUT THREE SEPARATE TIMES TRYING TO GET BIDS ON THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE PROFESSIONAL ESTIMATES THAT LIST THE PROJECT AROUND 600 TO 650,000 DOLLARS. THE CURRENT REMAINING FUNDS IN THE PROJECT BALANCE WAS ABOUT \$500,000. ADDING THE \$275,000 WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THIS BOATHOUSE BUILT AND MOVING RIGHT ALONG AS IT WERE. IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

Vice-Chair Smith: WHAT ARE THE RESOURCES YOU'VE SPEND TO DATE?

Mr. Lindenthal: WE'VE SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$175,000 SO FAR.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, and I KNOW YOU'VE WORKED LONG AND HARD ON THIS PROJECT. HAPPY TO SEE IT HAPPENING.

Mr. Lindenthal: BEEN WORKING VERY HARD WITH THE REGULATORY AGENCIES TO GET THIS AS FAR AS IT IS, YES.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU GIVE US A LITTLE TIMELINE, ONCE THE DOLLARS ARE APPROVED TODAY, WHEN DO YOU THINK CONSTRUCTION WILL BE STARTED AND THEN FINISHED?

Mr. Lasko: WE'RE GOING START CONSTRUCTION IN ABOUT 30 DAYS. ON THE 24TH WE WILL BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO TRY TO REDUCE THE PRICE PROPOSED ON. AND COMPLETION DATE FOR THE BOATHOUSE WILL BE SOMETIME EN NOVEMBER.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET REALLOCATION IS APPROVED.

R.2 Resolution Approving the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Hansen Operations Relocation FAC-1 Preliminary Planning Proposal and Commencement of the Project Plan. Presenters: Jon Legarza, Strategic Project Mgr – FPM; Commander Jason Gates, MCSO; Steve Cruzen, Shiels Obletz Johnsen; and, Mark Campbell, CFO .

Mr. Legarza: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, I'M JON LEGARZA, PRESENTING WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MARK CAMPBELL. ALSO FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR JASON GATES, AND STEVE CRUZEN FROM SHIELS OBLETZ AND JOHNSEN. OUR PURPOSE IS TO GET APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE NEXT STEPS OF THE FAC-1 PLANNING PROPOSAL. THE HANSEN BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1964, APPROXIMATELY 62 YEARS AGO. APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS AGO THE COUNTY MOVED THE SHERIFF'S OPERATIONS INTO THE BUILDING. FAST-FORWARD TO 1998 AND THE COUNTY PLACED THE BUILDING ON THE DISPOSITION LIST. IN 2004 THE COUNTY DECLARED THE BUILDING A SURPLUS.

IN 2014 THE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED \$1.2 MILLION IN ONE-TIME-ONLY FUNDS FOR THE HANSEN REPLACEMENT STRATEGY. THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WITH AN ALIGNMENT OF THE FACILITIES, ASSETS, AND STRATEGIC PLAN. THE HANSEN BUILDING HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF OUR LOWEST PERFORMING BUILDINGS WITHIN THE FACILITIES ASSETS STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED ACCEPTABLE ZONES FOR RELOCATIONS WITH RESPONSE TIME STUDIES. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN REFINED TO DEVELOP FACILITIES. NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STEVE CRUZEN PRESENT THE PROPOSAL THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS DEVELOPED.

Mr. Cruzen: THANK YOU, JON. THE PROJECT WAS MOST RECENTLY INITIATED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP PROGRAMMING EFFORT FOR RESIZING OR ESTABLISHING THE NEEDS OF A REPLACEMENT FACILITY. SO IN 2014 A NUMBER OF STUDIES WERE MADE ON THE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING GROWTH FOR A REPLACEMENT FACILITY, ESSENTIALLY REPLACING THE FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY HOUSED AT THE EXISTING HANSEN FACILITY. AS WE MOVED INTO 2015. WE FOUND SOME WAYS TO REVISE THE PROGRAMMING, DO SOME OFF-SITE LOCATION OF SOME OF THE ELEMENTS. AND SIMULTANEOUSLY THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS AND AN AGREEMENT MADE TO PROVIDE SERVICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TROUTDALE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED EVENTUALLY THE ABILITY TO PARTIALLY OCCUPY AN EXISTING FACILITY IN TROUTDALE AT THE TROUTDALE POLICE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Mr. Cruzen: SO THAT CREATED A NUMBER OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW PROPOSALS. AND THIS SPREADSHEET WHICH YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE IS A VERY QUICK SUMMARY OF EACH OF ABOUT SEVEN PROPOSALS THAT EMERGED THROUGH OUR STUDIES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. AND IT IS CULMINATING TODAY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM WISHES TO MAKE AND THAT IS TO PURSUE WHAT WE ARE IDENTIFYING AS ALTERNATIVES 4 AND 5.

IN SUMMARY, ALTERNATIVE 4 IS A REDUCED PROGRAM FOR A SHERIFF'S FACILITY. WE WOULD LOCATE SOME FUNCTIONS SUCH AS LARGE EVIDENCE STORAGE AND SEARCH AND RESCUE IN AN OFFSITE LOCATION. WE'VE BROUGHT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE NEEDS DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY AND WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THIS PROJECT BE BASED ON LOCATING AND SECURING A PROPERTY SOMEWHERE IN THE PREFERRED ZONE IN EAST COUNTY. AND THESE ESTIMATES SHOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY A \$20 TO \$22 MILLION FOR THIS PROJECT ON APPROXIMATELY FIVE ACRES. THE ALTERNATIVE 5 IS ONE THAT INVOLVES LOCATING THE NEW FACILITY RELATIVELY NEARBY THE EXISTING TROUTDALE FACILITY. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO CAPITALIZE ON CURRENT ADVANTAGES WITH HAVING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAVE THEIR ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WORKING OUT OF THAT BUILDING. AND THERE COULD BE SOME ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS DUE TO THAT, AS WELL. AND THAT APPROACH WOULD RESULT IN WHAT WE FEEL IS AN ESTIMATE OF ABOUT \$18 TO \$20 MILLION.

BOTH OF THESE ESTIMATES INCLUDE LAND. THE DIAGRAMS ABOVE ARE SHOWING THE RELATIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OPTION 4 AND OPTION 5. THESE ARE SIMPLE DIAGRAMS FOR PROGRAMMING PURPOSES. THIS IS NOT A DESIGN AND IS NOT TO SCALE. WE'RE ONLY SHOWING A LOWER LEVEL. THERE WOULD BE A SMALLER SECOND LEVEL. BUT THE PURPOSE OF THE DIAGRAM IS TO ILLUSTRATE THE DIFFERENCES IN THE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER OF EACH PLAN THERE IS A DETENTION VEHICLE, A BOOKING AND INTERROGATION AREA AND IN-CUSTODY HOLDING. AND THAT WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT FOR A GENERIC PROPERTY YET TO BE DETERMINED IN THE EAST COUNTY AREA. THE OPTION 5 SHOWS OR ILLUSTRATES HOW SOME OF THE PROGRAM COULD BE REDUCED IF THE FACILITY COULD BE LOCATED RELATIVELY NEARBY TO THE TROUTDALE POLICE COMMUNITY CENTER. OKAY. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MARK CAMPBELL HERE.

Mr. Campbell: SO NOW WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE WOULD PROPOSE TO PAY FOR THIS PROJECT. AND THE TABLE ON THE SLIDE BEFORE YOU SHOWS THE RANGE OF OPTIONS 4 AND OPTIONS 5. AS JON NOTED IN HIS PRESENTATION, THE BOARD HAD ALLOCATED \$1.2 MILLION FOR THIS PROJECT IN 2014. THERE WAS ANOTHER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS ADDED IN 2016. WE'VE SPENT TO DATE ROUGHLY \$300,000. AND IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE BALANCE

OF THIS WE WOULD ASSUME THAT MOST OF THIS WOULD BE FINANCED. YOU'VE GOT A RANGE THEIR OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE GO 20 OR 30 YEARS. THOSE RANGE FROM JUST UNDER A MILLION A YEAR FOR DEBT SERVICE TO ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR FOR DEBT SERVICE. ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS IS THE BOARD'S POLICY IS YOU HAVE ALLOCATED HALF OF ANY ONE TIME ONLY MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE BUDGET TO FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE MIGHT SUGGEST, AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE LAND GOES, THAT MIGHT BE A VIABLE CANDIDATE FOR A USE OF ONE TIME ONLY FUND SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FINANCE THAT PIECE.

THERE'S DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW AS FAR AS STRATEGY GOES FOR THAT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND THIS CHART AS YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE HIGHLIGHTS WHERE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TODAY. THE ORANGE OR RED COLUMN IS OUR CURRENT DEBT. THE PURPLE COLUMN IS THE DEBT WE'RE ASSUMING FOR THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT. THE GREEN IS THE DEBT WE'RE ASSUMING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT HE AND THEN THE BLUE WOULD BE THE ADDITIONAL INCREMENT ASSOCIATE WITH THE HANSEN PROJECT. THE KEY POINT IS THESE ARE ALL UNDER OR EXISTING DEBT CAPACITY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IF ALL OF THESE PROJECTS WERE DEBT FINANCED AT THE LEVEL THEY ARE ASSUMED IN THAT CHART, THAT YOU WOULD BE SPEND BEING \$8.5 MILLION MORE IN 2021 THAN YOU ARE TODAY.

Mr. Legarza: THANK YOU, MARK. OUR PHASE 2 ACTIVITY COST IS \$550,000. IN 2014, \$1.2 MILLION WAS APPROVED IN ONE-TIME-ONLY FUNDS WITH AN AMOUNT OF \$300,000. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK BACK IN AT MAJOR MILESTONES WITH THE PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM, THE CHAIR AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LAST SLIDE HERE, THESE ARE THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN 2016. WE WILL SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE PROPERTIES. WE WILL EVALUATE THOSE PROPOSALS. WE WILL PERFORM THE DUE DILIGENCE AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATED SCHEDULE AND COST ESTIMATE AT THE END OF 2016. IF YOU LOOK IN 2017, AGAIN CHECKING IN WITH THE PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM DURING 2017 DURING THOSE TIME FRAMES, WE ANTICIPATE COMING BACK INTO EARLY 2018 WITH THE GNP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT BUILDING. IN EARLY 2019 FOR FIRST QUARTER OCCUPANCY ON THE PROJECTS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, LET ME KNOW.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, IT'S ALWAYS EXCITING TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON FOR SOME TIME. I DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT BUDGETS EVEN PRELIMINARY BUDGETS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO US IN SUCH A BULK FASHION. IT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL. SO TWO REQUESTS: ONE WOULD BE THAT WE GET SOME CONCEPT OF WHAT'S ALLOCATED BETWEEN LAND COSTS, SOFT COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS. AND THE SECOND IS, WHAT ARE THE

EXPENSES THAT WE'RE PLANNING ON COVERING WITH THE \$550,000 THAT'S BEING ALLOCATED TODAY, BEYOND JUST THIS SORT OF COSTCO SHOPPERS BIG BOX LABELED \$550,000 WORTH OF STUFF.

Mr. Legarza: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, THAT'S NO PROBLEM, WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION AND WE CAN SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THAT.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. AS I SAID MANY TIMES, I CONSIDER THIS TO BE LIKE OUR OLD EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE WAS, WHERE WE SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED TO HAVE OUR EMPLOYEES IN THESE BUILDINGS. HAPPY TO SEE THIS MOVE FORWARD. WHEN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT OUR OTHER BUILDINGS THE COURTHOUSE AND THE HEALTH HEADQUARTERS, I'VE BEEN VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE BUILD THE SIZE OF BUILDING THAT HOUSES EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO DO HAVE HOUSED IN THAT BUILDING. YOU SAID THE LARGE EVIDENCE STORAGE AND THE SEARCH AND RESCUE WILL BE LOCATED ON OTHER COUNTY PROPERTY. IS THAT CORRECT?

Mr.: Legarza: CORRECT.

Commissioner McKeel: SO FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSPECTIVE, IS THAT THE BEST SITUATION FOR YOU? OR WOULD THEY BE BETTER SUITED WHERE THIS NEW FACILITY IS?

Cdr. Gates: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. FIRST IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL COLLABORATION AND TEAM EFFORT BETWEEN THE BOARD LEADERSHIP TEAM FACILITIES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND THIS PROJECT. THROUGH THE COURSE OF THAT WORK WHAT WE HAVE DETERMINED IS THAT THOSE ARE ACCEPTABLE CONCESSIONS IN REFERENCE TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S MONEY. WHAT WE HAVE AND THE DESIGN FOR THE PROJECT AS IT STANDS IS SUCH THAT OUR KEY COMPONENTS WILL BE AT THIS FACILITY. AND THESE OUTLYING COMPONENTS ARE SUCH THAT WE'LL STILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE APPROPRIATE SPAN OF CONTROL AND CONTACT WITH THOSE IN REFERENCE TO USE EXISTING COUNTY PROPERTY TO HOUSE THEM. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

Commissioner McKeel: YES.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, AS WELL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY. I WANTED TO KIND OF REITERATE SOMETHING THAT COMMANDER GATES SAID. I HAVE BEEN REALLY IMPRESSED SINCE WE'VE RESTARTED THIS PROJECT AS WELL, THE WAY THE TEAM HAS REALLY GELLED AND THE GIVES AND TAKES. I KNOW IT'S TEMPTING WHEN YOU'RE BUILDING A NEW SPACE TO THINK TAJ MAHAL BUT I

REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR BEING REALISTIC AND YET NOT BUILDING SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO GROW OUT OF IN ANOTHER YEAR. I THINK WE'VE REALLY HIT A SWEET SPOT IN THIS PROJECT. ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING MORE OF THE DETAILS INFORMATION THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK HAS ASKED FOR.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. MR. LIGHTNING.

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING AND YOU REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCH DOG PDX. ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE ON THIS PROJECT IS AGAIN I WANT TO BE VERY CAREFUL THAT WE DON'T GET OVEREXTENDED ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE DEALING WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, OF COURSE SEISMIC UPGRADES ON ALL THE BRIDGES. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ON THIS PROJECT US THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM A BUYER ON THE CURRENT SITE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY FOR SAID AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE ANY REASON WHY WE CAN'T HAVE A BUYER COME IN AND MAKE A COMMITMENT ON THIS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MONEY WILL BE UTILIZED FOR EITHER THE NEW SITE OR THE ONE BY TROUTDALE TO BUILD THIS PROJECT OUT.

SO I WANT TO HAVE A COMMITMENT ON THAT CURRENT SITE FROM A BUYER THAT UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO MOVE THIS WHOLE PROJECT FORWARD. WHAT I DON'T WANT TO SEES WE GET OVEREXTENDED, WE'RE ALSO DEALING WITH THE PENSIONS SITUATION, WHICH IS REALLY A BIG UNKNOWN, WE'RE DEALING WITH THAT LEVY, IT'S A BIG UNKNOWN. AND THESE ARE A LOT OF PROJECTS OUT ON THE TABLE. I WANT TO BE VERY CONSERVATIVE ON THIS ONE HERE. HAVE A COMMITMENT ON THE CURRENT PROPERTY, SET THAT PRICE, HAVE AN APPRAISAL, AND HAVE A PERSON COME IN AND SAY YES, I WANT TO FUND THIS PROJECT. AND YES, YOU WANT TO SEE THE THIS NEW BUILDING IN THIS NEW PROJECT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.3 Budget Modification NON-D-10-16 Burnside Bridge Feasibility Study Internal Loan. Presenters: Eric Arellano, Deputy CFO & Tom Hansell, DCS Div. Dir.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3.

Mr. Arellano: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERIC ARELLANO AND I'M THE DEPUTY CFO IN DCM FINANCE.

Mr. Hansell: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. TOM HANSELL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Mr. Arellano: I'M HERE TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE RISK FUND AND WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGE FUND BY \$3 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. IN NOVEMBER OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, A CURRENT LOAN FROM THE BRIDGE FUND TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE. THE BRIDGE FUND DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SCHEDULE THE STUDY. IT'S SCHEDULED TO BE REPAID OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD. WE WANT TO COMPLETE THE TECHNICAL COMPONENT TO ACTUALLY MOVE THE FUNDS FROM THE RISK FUND TO THE WILLAMETTE BRIDGE FUND AND ACTUALLY INCREASE APPROPRIATION IN THE BRIDGE FUND SO THEY CAN CARRY OUT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD, TOM?

Mr. Hansell: I THINK THE COMMISSIONERS ARE WELL INFORMED ON THE EFFORT WE'RE TAKING ON THE BURNSIDE AS A MAJOR LIFELINE CORRIDOR FOR THE REGION. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROJECT IS REALLY TO MOVE THIS UNKNOWN SEISMIC REALITY FORWARD. SO IT'S REALLY HOW SUFFICIENT IS THAT BRIDGE AND WE'LL KNOW FURTHER IF IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO CONSIDER TO REPLACE OR RENOVATE. THIS IS JUST TO MOVE THAT FORWARD TO THIS BODY TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION AS TO HOW WE MIGHT MOVE FORWARD. THE PROJECT US ESTIMATED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS. YOU CAN REPORT WE HAVE SELECTED A CONSULTANT TEAM. THE RFP WAS STARTED UP SHORTLY AFTER THE LOAN RESOLUTION WAS EXECUTED. AND WE'RE WORKING THROUGH NEGOTIATING A FEE AND SCOPE OF THE CONSULTANT TEAM CURRENTLY.

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU TELL US WHO WAS CHOSEN?

Mr. Hansell: IT'S A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES. I CAN GET THAT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD IN A FOLLOW-UP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Hansell: IAN CANNON IS KIND OF THE PROJECT LEAD ON THIS. HE'S GOT A LOT OF EFFORT GOING ON, ON A NUMBER OF BRIDGES AND HE'S FILLING THAT VOID. I WILL ASK HIM TO PROVIDE A LIST OF THOSE CONSULTING FIRMS.

Chair Kafoury: APPRECIATE THAT.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WOULDN'T MIND IF THERE WAS A BRIDGE ITEM ON EVERY AGENDA OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD FOR THE NEXT 10 MONTHS. I AM REALLY DELIGHTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF OUR LIST AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A POINT OF CONVERSATION, AND THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THE

STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF OUR BRIDGES. IT'S IMPORTANT NOT JUST TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND REALLY STATEWIDE. THERE ARE THE ECONOMIC CONNECTORS, THEY ARE THE COMMUNITY CONNECTORS. WITHOUT THOSE BRIDGES AND WITHOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THOSE BRIDGES THAT'S A VERY BIG RIVER THAT FLOWS BETWEEN THE TWO HALVES OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND THE BRIDGES WERE REALLY ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO LAST FOR I THINK A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE LASTED FOR. IT'S GOING TO BE A REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE QUALITY OF OUR WORK, THE QUALITY OF OUR NARRATIVE AND THE QUALITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. SO THANK YOU FOR GETTING AND KEEPING THIS BALL ROLLING FOR US.

Commissioner McKeel: I, AS WELL, AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS EFFORT MOVING STUDY. I WISH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY COULD TAKE LESS THAN TWO YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S TIMING ISSUES HERE WITH THE NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT, I THINK THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO ACCESS SOME FUNDING WHEN WE GET TO THAT POINT. AND I WAS SPEAKING OF THIS PROJECT AT JPAC THIS MORNING AS I DO TALK ABOUT IT WHEN I'M OUT AT MY TRANSPORTATION MEETING. SO WE REALLY GET THIS MOVED UP, BECAUSE IT IS THE DESIGNATED REGIONAL LIFELINE AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE REGION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Cdr. Gates: COMMISSIONER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON JPAC.

Vice-Chair Smith: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL TOOK MY QUESTION A BUT THE ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES GOING TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS. YOU KNOW, THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, IT IS CRITICAL TO MAKE SURE WE DO HAVE THAT LIFELINE. WE'VE BEEN TOLD FOR MANY YEARS NOW THAT WE'RE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE SEISMIC OCCURRENCE TO HAPPEN IN THIS REGION. AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE DO WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR 26 BRIDGES. AND FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES. SO, THIS IS A HUGE PRIORITY FOR US. AND THE OTHER PIECE ABOUT THIS IS I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, ARE WE GOING TO TALK WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS? BECAUSE WE DID PASS AN OMNIBUS IN DECEMBER AND THERE IS NEW MONEY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. HAVE WE BEEN CONNECTING WITH THEM ABOUT POSSIBLE ADDITION OF FUNDING SOURCES?

Mr. Hansell: AT THIS TIME, I THINK IT'S PREMATURE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ASK IS AT THIS TIME.

Vice-Chair Smith: WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE NEEDED TO BE DONE ON THE BRIDGE?

Mr. Hansell: RIGHT.

Vice-Chair Smith: FAIR ENOUGH, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY? SURELY HAVE YOU SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS COMMENT.

Commissioner Bailey: I'M SO IMPRESSED BY THE COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, I HAVE VERY LITTLE TO ADD, OTHER THAN TO SAY THANK YOU. IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT, LET'S GET TO WORK.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL FOR THIS AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY FOR PUTTING THIS IN OUR BUDGET LAST YEAR. WE ALL REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS BRIDGE. COMING ON THE HEELS OF OUR CELEBRATIONS WITH THE SELLWOOD WE HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EYE ON SHOWING WE CAN DO THESE LARGE SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND DO THEM WELL. YOU WAS REALLY PLEASED TO SEE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM USDOT WHEN WE HAD THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW BRIDGE.

Mr. Hansell: IT WAS THE FIRST FEDERALLY FUNDED BRIDGE OPENING FOR 2016 I WAS TOLD.

Chair Kafoury: WE CAN GET THE JOB DONE. JUST GIVE US THE MONEY. THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR MANTRA. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.4 Proclamation Honoring March 24th through March 31st, 2016 as National Farm Worker Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenter: Irma Jimenez, DCHS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. COME ON DOWN.

Ms. Jimenez: IT'S JUST ME TODAY. HELLO, I'M IRMA JIMENEZ, I AM A CO-CHAIR FOR MANAGERS OF COLOR. WE ARE HERE TO ASK THAT HONORS MARCH 24TH THROUGH MARCH 31ST, FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. SOME FACTS WHY WE CELEBRATE FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK IS THAT FARM WORKERS FEED THE WORLD. 80% OF OUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE HAND-PICKED. THERE ARE ESTIMATED 2-3 MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, YES CHILDREN, THAT ARE WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES FIELDS. YET THE FARM WORKERS REMAIN LARGELY INVISIBLE AND CONTINUE TO LIVE AND WORK IN HORRIBLE CONDITIONS. FARM WORK IS THE THIRD MOST DANGEROUS JOB IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE PEOPLE WHO PLANT AND HARVEST OUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SUFFER FROM THE HIGHEST RATE OF TOXIC CHEMICAL INJURIES OF ANY

OTHER WORKERS IN THE NATION AND HAVE HIGHER INCIDENCES OF HEAT STRESS, DERMATITIS, URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND PARASITIC INFECTIONS THAN OTHER WAGE EARNERS. FARM WORKERS ARE ALSO EXCLUDED FROM ALMOST ALL MAJOR FEDERAL LAWS PASSED IN THE 1930S. THE FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT WAS AMENDED IN 1978 TO REQUIRE MINIMUM WAGE FOR FARM WORKERS. IT ONLY APPLIES TO LARGE FARMS AND DOESN'T INCLUDE OVERTIME.

TODAY, THE UNITED FARM WORKERS COMMEMORATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH FROM DELANO TO SACRAMENTO. ON THIS DAY, 75 LATINO AND FILIPINO GRAPE WORKERS, LED BY CESAR CHAVEZ, TOOK OFF ON A 340 MILE MARCH AND WERE GREETED AT THE CAPITOL 25 DAYS LATER BY 10,000 PEOPLE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PLIGHT. I KNOW THAT EVERY YEAR YOU ALL ARE VERY GRACIOUS IN DOING THIS. I KNOW I ALSO SUBMITTED A PROCLAMATION AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO READ IT OR IF YOU READ IT.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WOULD READ IT, THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.

[Ms. Jimenez read The Proclamation into the record.]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. ONE THING THAT CESAR CHAVEZ SAID THAT REALLY RESONATES WITH ME IS THAT THE FIGHT IS NEVER ABOUT GRAPES AND LETTUCE, IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT PEOPLE. AS I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT, WHEN I FIRST BECAME ENGAGED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK, IT WAS AROUND FARM WORKER HOUSING. THE ISSUE THEN, AND I WOULD ARGUE AND I DO ARGUE STILL THE ISSUE TODAY IS THAT THE EMPLOYERS THEN FARM WORKERS TODAY, IT'S GOTTEN EVEN BROADER. EMPLOYERS WERE NOT PAYING THEIR WORKERS AN ADEQUATE WAGE TO AFFORD SAFE, DECENT, SANITARY HOUSING FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND SO INSTEAD OF THE ISSUE BEING FAIR WAGES FOR THEIR WORK, THE ISSUE BECAME HOW CAN WE AS THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE HOUSING TO SUPPORT AS WE THOUGHT THEN WORKERS.

Commissioner Shiprack: I ALWAYS WONDERED WERE WE REALLY SUPPORTING EMPLOYERS WHO WEREN'T PAYING AN ADEQUATE WAGE TO THEIR WORKERS. I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO, THE FIGHT IS NEVER JUST ABOUT GRAPES OR LETTUCE, IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS PROCLAMATION. CESAR CHAVEZ WAS TRULY A GREAT MAN, A GREAT LEADER AND A REAL TREASURE. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL FOR SPRING BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW I GREW UP ON A FARM. BACK WHEN YOU WAS A YOUNG PERSON THAT'S WHAT WE DID DURING THE

SUMMERS. WE WORKED IN THE FIELDS PICKING THE CROPS. I KNOW WHAT HARD WORK THERE IS. SO I REALLY, YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE OUR FARM WORKERS AND THE WORK THAT THEY DO. I ALSO THANK YOU IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GROW OUR OWN FOOD IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THAT WE NEED TO KEEP FOCUSED ON THAT ISSUE, AS WELL. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU FOR COMING IN AND GIVING US THIS PRESENTATION. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE A PART OF THIS MOMENT EVERY YEAR AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE NATIONAL FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK IS ALIVE AND WELL IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM A STRONG SUPPORTER OF WORKERS RIGHTS AND LABOR UNIONS. THIS PROCLAMATION, WHAT IT DOES, IT REALLY HELPS US TO RECOGNIZE THE WAYS IN WHICH WE BENEFIT HERE IN OUR COUNTRY FOR OUR FARM WORKERS. IT ALSO GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE HISTORY OF WORKERS RIGHTS IN OUR COUNTRY, INCLUDING AS YOU SAID EARLIER, THE GREAT CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ, WHO WAS DEDICATED TO SPENDING HIS LIFE AROUND SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES, HONORING FARM WORKER LIVES NOT JUST IN OREGON BUT EVERYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. SO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THIS TRADITION ON AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR COMMENTS.

Commissioner Bailey: I WOULD SIMPLY ADD I THINK THIS RESOLUTION IS AN INDICATION THAT THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER, THAT IT CONTINUES TODAY. WHILE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT FARM WORKERS, TALKING ABOUT THE WORK THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN DONE, WE HAVE A SIMILAR SOCIAL JUSTICE PROBLEM TODAY RIGHT IN OUR URBAN AREAS THAT WE RECOGNIZE, RIGHT DOWN THE STREET, THE FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THIS.

Chair Kafoury: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOTH IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOB BUT ALSO FOR YOUR WORK AS MANAGERS WITH COLOR. YOU ARE BRINGING FORWARD ISSUES THAT ARE RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY TO BE HEARD BY THE PUBLIC AND BY US. BY KEEPING THESE ISSUES IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MINDS WE REMEMBER ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND NOT JUST THOSE WHO COME TESTIFY BEFORE US. THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU MARK FOR YOUR WORK WITH MANAGERS OF COLOR, AS WELL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

Ms. Jimenez: WE ARE HAVING A CELEBRATION NEXT WEDNESDAY HERE IN THE BOARD ROOM 11:30 TO 1:30 FOR THIS EVENT, AS WELL. WE HAVE A PUBLIC SPEAKER AND MUSIC AND FOOD.

Vice-Chair Smith: ARE WE GOING TO HAVE GOOD FOOD? [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: WE LIKE A CELEBRATION. WE'RE ALWAYS DOWN WITH A CELEBRATION. THANK YOU.

R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # NOND-02-16: Supplemental Budget #2: Housing and Homeless Services. Presenters: Marc Jolin, A Home for Everyone Initiative Director; Jed Tomkins, Assistant County Attorney; Libra Ford, Director of Children and Family Services at Self Enhancement; Patricia Rojas from El Progamma Hispano; Shannon Singleton, Director of JOIN; Raihana Ansary, Government Relations Manager, Portland Business Alliance; George Davendorf, Transitions Project Inc.; and, Jackie Yerby, Executive Director of Bradley Engle.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Mr. Tomkins: FOR THE RECORD JED TOMKINS, ASSISTANT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ATTORNEY. I'M HERE WITH MARC JOLIN WHO WILL SPEAK IN A MOMENT. THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROPRIATES ONE TIME ONLY MERGED SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR RENT ASSISTANCE AND PROPERTY LEASING ACQUISITION RENOVATION. IN ADDITION A PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT FUNDS IS PROPOSED FOR APPROPRIATION TO THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY. WITH RESPECT TO THE HOME FOR EVERYONE WORK TASK, THE APPROPRIATION OF THESE FUNDS IS THE FIRST STEP. AFTER APPROPRIATION RENT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED QUITE SOON THROUGH THE EXISTING DCHS PROGRAM. WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY ACQUISITION, THE PROJECT TEAM WOULD RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH THE RESOLUTION AT SEARCH TIME AS THEY HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR THE ACT SUGGESTION OF SPECIFIC PROPERTY.

Mr. Tomkins: NUMBERS-WISE THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION APPROPRIATES 421,642 TO THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY. \$1 MILLION TO THE PROGRAM, \$4.7 MILLION TO PROPERTY LEASING AND ACQUISITION. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION ITSELF DOES NOT APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF SPECIFIC PROPERTY. INSTEAD THOSE PROPOSALS WOULD COME THROUGH THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.

Mr. Jolin: THANK YOU. I'M MARC JOLIN, THE DIRECTOR FOR A HOME FOR EVERYONE. YOU WANT TO TAKE JUST A FEW MINUTES TO SET THE CONTEXT FOR THIS REQUEST. WE'RE FACING A CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVERY NIGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY LACK SCOWS TO SHELTER OF ANY KIND. THEY ARE SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS, PARK, RUNDOWN RVs. PEOPLE ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO FIND A PERMANENT APPLAUSE TO LIVE AND FOREIGN 12,000 ARE DOUBLED UP SLEEPING ON COUCHES AND BASEMENTS SOMETIMES ACCEPTING UNSAFE CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING ON THE SIDEWALKS WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES ON THE VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING CONTINUES TO GROW, AS WELL. AS YOU'LL HEAR TODAY, THERE ARE

APPROXIMATELY 40 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR EVERY ONE HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVES IT. THIS IS A CRISIS HITTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THE HARDEST. HALF OF THE PEOPLE UNSHELTERED ARE DISABLED, A RAPID GROWTH OF SENIORS, MORE THAN 40% ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR WITH AFRICAN-AMERICANS, ADULT MEN AND WOMEN IN PARTICULAR SEEING STEEP INCREASES IN UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS. IN JANUARY OF 2016 THERE WERE MORE THAN 500 UNSHELTERED PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR UNSHELTERED IN OUR STREETS A PARK. RATES OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY WOMEN WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE WELL OVER 50%. HOMELESSNESS LEADS TO HIGHER RATES OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ILLNESS, CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME ARE MORE LIKELY TO FALL BEHIND IN SCHOOL, EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS AND FALL BEHIND AS ADULTS.

IT'S CERTAINLY A CRISIS AND AN EMERGENCY TODAY. THE SPEAKERS HERE TODAY WILL BE AUDIBLE TO SHARE WITH YOU JUST HOW SIGNIFICANT THE NEED IS IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE. TURN TO GET QUESTION OF SHELTER AND ACCESS TO BASIC SHELTER THROUGH A HOME FOR EVERYONE, WE'VE RECOGNIZED THAT FEATURING WE ARE SUCCESSFUL WE WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL UNMET NEED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS FOR WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES STILL LIVING ON OUR STREETS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE PROPOSED INCREASING SHELTER CAPACITY BY 410 FACILITY-BASED BEDS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WITH YOUR OBVIATION TO APPROVE A LARGER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILY AGENTS CITY OF PORTLAND'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY LAST FALL. WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD QUICKLY WITH THAT SHELTER EXPANSION. WE HAVE OPENED 300 BEDS FOR WOMEN, COUPLES, VETERANS AND MEN. THOSE BEDS ALL FILLED THE MOMENT THEY WERE OPENED AND HAVE REMAINED FULL. UNFORTUNATELY 270 OF THOSE BEDS FOR WOMEN, COUPLES, VETERANS AND MEN ARE AT TEMPORARY SITES AND WILL HAVE TO CLOSE AT THE END OF MAY AND JUNE.

Mr. Jolin: WE ARE FACING THE PROSPECT OF RETURNING THOSE PEOPLE TO THE STREETS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND A HOME FOR EVERYONE HAS BEEN EXPLORING LONG TERM SHELTER OPTIONS. WE'VE DONE A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES THAT MIGHT BE USED FOR SHELTER. WE WANT TO RETAIN THE EXISTING 270 BED CAPACITY AND EXPAND SHELTER AS FAST AS POSSIBLE FOR THE UNSHELTERED IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE LEARNING JUST HOW HARD TOTS FIND GOOD SO IT IS FOR SHELTER, ESPECIALLY LONG TERM THAT MEET OUR OPERATIONS CRITERIA. EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND A GOOD INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC DOLLARS EITHER FOR LONG TERM OR SHORT-TERM SHELTER, IF THERE WAS A PROSPECT FOR USING THE SHELTER LATER FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

GIVEN HOW HOT THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS, HOW LIMITED SHELTERS ARE, HOW SOON WE FACE THE PROSPECT OF LOSING 200070 BEDS OF SHELTER AND OUR NEED TO BRING ADDITIONAL BEDS ON LINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED TO BE TOWARD MOVE QUICKLY IF HE AND WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SHELTER. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL FOR ANY PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY. IT'S SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL FOR EACH AND EVERY PARTICULAR SITE PROPOSED. TURNING TO THE RENT ASSISTANCE REQUEST BEFORE YOU. THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU WOULD EXTEND RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES, SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, YOUTH AND VETERANS TO HELP THEM MOVE OUT OF SHELTER AND INTO PERMANENT HOUSING OR TO AVOID BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACEMENTS SHELTER IS NECESSARY TO KEEP VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE AND OFF THE STREETS.

IT IS NOT A SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. NEITHER IS LEAVING PEOPLE WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO REMAIN IN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS COUCH SURFING SITUATIONS. AS IMPORTANTLY, WE SHOULD HELP THEM AVOID SHELTER ALTOGETHER BY HELPING THEM STAY IN THE HOMES THEY ALREADY V. ALREADY THIS FISCAL YEAR OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS, SEVERAL OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY, HAVE HELPED OVER 1500 PEOPLE MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THEY HAVE HELPED 3,300 PEOPLE AVOID HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE OF ASSISTANCE. INCREASED COSTS FOR EVERY PERSON THEY SERVE AN ESCALATING NEED, THEY HAVE ALLOCATED DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR THE YEAR. THAT MEANS THE FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY SHELTER HAVE SHELTER BUT THERE IS NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP THEM MOVE OUT EVEN IF ALL THEY NEED IS FIRST AND LAST MONTH'S RENT.

Mr. Jolin: IT MEANS THE DISABLED SENIOR WHO COULDN'T MAKE RENT THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF AN UNEXPECTED MEDICAL EXPENSE WON'T GET THE HELP THEY NEED TO BRINDLE THE GAP AND WILL BE EVICTED. OUR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS ARE DOING AMAZING WORK IN THE FACE OF INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY COULD HELP HUNDREDS OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE ESCAPE HOME IN THIS FISCAL YEAR IF THEY HAD THE RESOURCES TO OFFER. YESTERDAY THE CITY OF PORTLAND, CITY COUNCIL APPROVED AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE THAT ALSO INCLUDED AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND ADDED NEW FUNDING TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SHELTER THIS YEAR. A DEEPENING LEVEL OF COLLABORATION AND ALIGNMENT OF THE ENDING HOMELESSNESS WORK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND. BOTH YOUR ACTIONS AND THAT OF THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY ARE A CRITICAL RESPONSE TO THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY FACING THOUSANDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS TONIGHT. AND AN INVESTMENT UP LONG TERM CAPACITY WE WILL NEED TO ASSIST THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY GOING FORWARD.

Ms. Rojas: GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS PATRICIA ROJAS. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THE HOUSING NEEDS IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY AS WE'VE EXPERIENCED IT. US A ALL KNOW THERE IS A POINT IN TIME COUNT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS WHERE WE GET A SENSE OF WHAT HOMELESSNESS IS LOOKING LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHAT IT DOESN'T TELL US IS WHAT HOMELESSNESS LOOKS LIKE IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY. THE DEMOGRAPHIC THAT DOES SHOW UP IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN THE POINT IN TIME COUNT US IT ACCULTURATED PORTION OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY, ENGLISH SPEAKING PRIMARILY SECOND, THIRD GENERATION LATINOS. WE ARE WORKING WITH 15,000 LATINOS EVERY YEAR AND PRIMARILY THEY ARE MONOLINGUAL IMMIGRANTS. WE ARE SEEING THE SUPERVISION HOMELESSNESS IS DOUBLED UP, TRIPLED UP. IT'S CONCERNING TO ME THAT THE POINT IN TIME COUNT ISN'T SEEING THAT. THE SYSTEM WE HAVE SET UP TO IDENTITY OF ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN PORTLAND AND IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS BLIND CURRENTLY, PRIMARILY, TO THE LARGEST PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S ONE PIECE.

THE SECOND PIECE, AS MEMBER OF THE FAIR HOUSING ADVOCACY COUNCIL I'VE SEEN DATA THAT SHOW AS COUPLE OF ALARMING PIECES OF DATA. ONE, THAT THE LATINO COMMUNITY ISN'T ACCESSING SUBSIDIES IN HOUSING AT THE SAME RATE AS OTHER DEMOGRAPHIC POPULATIONS. AND SECOND, THAT LATINO POPULATION IS EXPERIENCING A SCRUM NATION IN HOUSING POLICIES IF YOU WILL. SO WHEN YOU AGGREGATE THOSE PIECES THAT I JUST MENTIONED, THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS BEING DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE HOUSING CRISIS. THE WAY THAT LOOKS IN THE PROGRAM AS A PROVIDER OF HOUSING SERVICES AND MULTIPLE SERVICE AREAS BEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES AND HOMELESS FAMILIES. IT COMES ACROSS IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS AS WELL AS THE EXPERIENCES THAT ARE BEING SHARED WITH US BY FAMILIES. SO AN EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES HISTORICALLY THE PROGRAM DOES NOT HAVE A TON OF MEMBERSHIP. WE APPRECIATE WHAT WE GET FROM THE COUNTY. WE WILL USUALLY GET ABOUT 65 APPLICATION A MONTH. THIS YEAR, PER MONTH, THAT'S MORE THAN DOUBLED.

Ms. Rojas: WE'RE GETTING OVER 120 APPLICATIONS A MONTH FOR EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES. IN THOSE APPLICATIONS AND THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TALKING TO, WE'RE SEEING THAT A LOT OF THE FAMILIES, MOST OF THE FAMILIES ARE EXPERIENCING DOUBLED UP SITUATIONS. SO WHAT THAT TELLS ME THAT IS THERE'S A LOT OF HOMELESSNESS THAT IS SHOWING UP VIA ADDICTION PREVENTION SERVICES. THEY ARE NOT BEING CAPTURED NECESSARILY IN THE HOMELESS FAMILIES SECTION OF SERVICES. AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE PROGRAM WE'VE ALREADY RUN OUT OF FUNDING. WE CAN'T SERVE ANY NEW FAMILIES. WE ARE WORKING WITH FAMILIES CURRENTLY AND WE'LL BAUBLE TO SERVE THE FAMILIES WE CURRENTLY HAVE THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR OR THE FISCAL YEAR BUT WE'RE NOT AUDIBLE TO WORK WITH ANY NEW FAMILIES WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT. IN THE

MOBILE HOUSING OR IN WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEMS OF CARE, THE PROGRAM AND THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS DOING AN AMAZING JOB WITH THE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TASK OF SUCCESSFULLY HOUSING HOMELESS FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTY KNOWING THE MARKET AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

THEY ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB. BUT THE SYSTEM IS ALREADY RUNNING OUT OF FUNDING. SO WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HOUSING FAMILIES AND THE QUEUE IS LONG AND FAMILIES ARE ADDED EVERY DAY. THE NEED IS SIGNIFICANT NOT JUST IN OUR COMMUNITY. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT NEED. ACROSS THE AREAS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT INTERSECTION WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH SERVICE AREA YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. THERE'S A HIGH SIGNIFICANCE A RATE IF YOU WILL, OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IDENTIFIED IN CLIENTS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS. AND WE HAVE SUMMER COMING. WHAT WE DO SEE IS SUMMER ALWAYS HAS AN INCREASE OF RATES OF INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND SO FLEEING IS GOING TO BE CONCERNING IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE KNOWING WHERE TO GO IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE ESPECIALLY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I'M JUST URGING US TO CONSIDER HOW DO WE COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO FUND THE VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS AND LEVERAGE THOSE SUCCESSFULLY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY LIKE THE LATINO COMMUNITY WHO IS FACING SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS, SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMIC BARRIERS. AND SYSTEMIC AND STRUCTURAL RACISM. WE HAVE TO OVERCOME THIS FOR OUR COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY IN HOUSING. AND THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE HAVE NOTICED SPINDLE OUR YOUTH WHERE OUR KIDS HAVE HAD TO MOVE SO MANY TIMES. I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS IN YEARS PAST. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE PROGRAM FOR A TON OF YEARS BUT OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN VERY ALARMED AT THE D.U.S. PLACEMENT OF OUR STUDENTS CONCLUSION WE ALL KNOW AFFECTS THEIR ACT DEMONSTRATE YOU CAN SUCCESS. AT THE ROOT OF IT ALL WE JUST NEED TO COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT A PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES.

Ms. Yerby: IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU. I'M JACKIE YERBY, TODAY IS MY 19TH DAY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRADLEY ENGLE. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE IN THIS ROLE AND TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU. I'M HERE REPRESENTING BRADLEY INGLE AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM. WE HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY WHICH IS WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS MEETING SO HAPPY TO BE HERE. THE CURRENTLY HOUSING CRISIS MAKES IT MORE EXPENSIVE TO HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN GENERAL. THERE'S A DEEP NEED FOR FUNDS TO MEET THE COMMUNITY NEED. YOU'VE HEARD PREVENTION, THOSE DOLLARS ARE CRITICAL TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFELY HOUSED AS A STRATEGY THAT WILL SAVE OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN THE LONG RUN. THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM SERVE AS HIGH NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, MORE THAN 80% OF PEOPLE SERVED IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEM ARE HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES OR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND RESPONSIVE SERVICES TO THESE COMMUNITIES.

WE ALSO WORK WITH LGBTQ SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT NEED IS OUT THERE FOR THOSE SERVICES AND WE'RE TRYING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEM. YOU JUST HEARD THAT PEOPLE FROM HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE EXPERIENCING ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO HOUSING, RACISM BEING ONE OF THEM. YOU'VE ALSO HEARD ABOUT THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER. MANY YEARS AGO I WAS A VOLUNTEER AT BRATTLE INGLE AT THE EMERGENCY SHELTER. AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE LIKE HOW OR SHELTER HAS GROWN AND CHANGED IN THE TIME SINCE I WAS A VOLUNTEER. BUT WE'RE MAXED OUT. AND THE SYSTEM IS MAXED OUT. AND SO WE HEAR UNFORTUNATE STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE WHO DON'T LEAVE BECAUSE THERE ISN'T A SAFE APPLAUSE TO GO. WE'VE SEEN OUR LENGTH OF STAY AT THE BRADLEY INGLE INCREASE FROM 60 DAYS TO 73.

WE DON'T KICK PEOPLE OUT BUT BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE STAYING LONGER, BECAUSE THERE AREN'T AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO, PEOPLE ARE STAYING IN SHELTER. WE DON'T HAVE A WAY TO BRING IN PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT, WHO NEED THAT LEVEL OF SAFETY, WHO NEED A CONFIDENTIAL SHELTER. WE CAN'T OFFER THEM A PLACE BECAUSE THERE'S NO PLACE FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHO DEPARTMENT OF NEED THAT LEVEL OF SERVICE TO GO.

Mr. Yerby: THE SYSTEM IS VERY COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH A HOME FOR EVERYONE TO FIGURE THIS OUT. WE WOULD LIKE TO YOU KNOW THAT COMMITMENT IS DEEP AND IT'S STRONG AND PART OF THAT COMMITMENT IS A REALLY INTENSE LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR OUR SURVIVORS. SO IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF A SAFE ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS BUT PROVIDING LONG TERM SUPPORT TO THAT VIOLENCE DOES NOT RECUR. IT'S WORKING WITH THEIR CHILDREN TO BREAK THAT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. AND SO YOU KNOW, NUMBERS I'VE SEEN KICKED AROUND FOR THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO HOUSE PEOPLE, IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE. IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE OF THE LEVEL OF THE SUPPORT WE FEEL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSARY TO BRING TO THEM TO PREVENT THE VIOLENCE FROM RECURRING. WE ARE COMMITTED AND I THANK YOU WE'RE GOING TO START MEETING WEEKLY TO TRY TO FIGURE THIS OUT SO WE CAN COME BACK TO YOU AND SAY, THIS IS WHAT A LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR HOUSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS LOOKS LIKE. THIS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND COMMITMENT AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Ansary: GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE. AS YOU KNOW THE ALLIANCE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF SUPPORTING SOCIAL SERVICES AND EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE PARTICIPATING AND PLEASED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THE HOME FOR EVERYONE INITIATIVE. WE CONTINUE TO URGE BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO FIND ADDITIONAL SHELTER CAPACITY SO THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE A SAFE INDOOR SPACE TO STAY. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE USE OF THE \$5.7 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR EXPANDING SHELTER CAPACITY AND PROVIDING RENT ASSISTANCE. THIS IS A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE IT'LL MAKE MONEY AVAILABLE THIS BUDGET YEAR AT A TIME WHEN OUR COMMUNITY FACE AS CRISIS AS WE'VE HEARD, AND AN URGENT NEED TO INVEST IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT.

Chair Kafoury: OUR NEXT PANEL.

Ms. Singleton: GOOD MORNING, I'VE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOIN. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RENT ASSISTANCE RESOURCES. MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT JOIN MEETS FOLKS ON THE STREETS IN THEIR CARS AND PARK UNDER BRIDGES AND WORKS WITH THEM TO MOVE BACK INTO HOUSING. FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS WE'VE CONTINUED TO MEET PEOPLE OUTSIDE BUT WE'VE HAD TO TELL THEM YOU CAN EITHER GO INTO SHELTER OR WE CAN HELP YOU FIND A SAFE PLACE OUTSIDE BUT WE'RE OUT OF RENT ASSISTANCE TO HELP YOU MOVE INTO AN APARTMENT THIS. INCLUDES PEOPLE LIKE THE FAMILY I SPOKE WITH YESTERDAY, WHO IS A SINGLE MOTHER WITH THREE YOUNG CHILDREN AND IS NINE MONTHS PREGNANT SLEEPING IN HER CAR. NOT HAVING AN OPTION TO HELP HER MOVE INSIDE WHEN SHE JUST NEEDS THAT DEPOSIT. IT ALSO INCLUDES OUR VETERANS, JOIN ADMINISTERS THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR OUR VETERANS INITIATIVE AND THAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN OUT OF FUNDS FOR THE PAST MONTH, AS WELL. VETERANS WITH SCOWS TO LONG TERM SURVIVORSHIPS WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM IN THAT DEPOSIT COST THAT ISN'T PAID FOR IN THEIR VOUCHER. I'M REALLY JUST HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS RENT ASSISTANCE INCREASE AND LET US GET BACK TO THE WORK OF HOUSING PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

Ms. Ford: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, HOW ARE YOU TODAY? MY NAME IS LIBRA FORD AND U OF M THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY PROGRAMS AT SELF-ENHANCEMENT INCORPORATED. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE OPPORTUNITY TO POTENTIALLY RECEIVE MORE RENT ASSISTANCE FOR THREE MAIN REASONS. THE FIRST REASON IS IT IS THE LIFELINE OF WHAT PROVIDERS AND SERVICES AT WHAT WE DO. IN ADDITION, OUR YOUTH SERVICES ARE SUPPORTED BY OUR WRAP-AROUND SERVICES WHICH COME FROM RENT ASSISTANCE. WITHOUT OUR PARENTS BEING HOUSED OUR CHILDREN ARE SEEING A NEGATIVE EFFECT COMING BACK ON

THEM. AND THIRDLY, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, SEI FOCUSES ON THE FROM COMMUNITY BUT WE ACCEPT ALL AND EVERYONE.

AT OTHER AGENCIES IN OUR NONPROFIT CIRCLE ARE LOSING FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE, WE ARE SENDING THIS MANY TO THEM A EVERYTHING US SAYING THE SAME THING, THERE IS NO MORE MONEY. SAYING THAT TO A PERSON EVERY DAY IS ABSOLUTELY DEPRESSING. IT IS HARD FOR ME AND MY STAFF TO GO HOME KNOWING THAT WE KNOW WHAT TO DO, WE HAVE BUILT THE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY TO HOUSE PEOPLE CORRECTLY, EVEN WITH THE INCREASED IN RENT. BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE FUNDS TO HELP THEM. IT IS A CATASTROPHE THAT WE NEED TO CORRECT. IN ADDITION TO THAT, IF WE DO NOT GET MORE FUNDS WE ARE D.U.S. PLACING THIS BUDGET ON THE FUTURE, THE CHURN OF THE FUTURE WILL BECOME A PART OF OUR EQUITY CHALLENGE. WE NEED TO FIX THIS TODAY. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED TO DOING THE WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. ALL WE NEED ARE THE FUNDS TO GET IT DONE. SO WE ASK HUMBLLY, PLEASE, SUPPORT MORE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

Mr. Davendorf: GOOD MORNING. COMMISSIONERS, THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. THAT'S REALLY WELL SAID. I WILL BE SECONDING POINTS THAT YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS MORNING. INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THAT, A LOT OF THOSE POINTS ON THIS SHEET. I'D BE HAPPY TO LEAVE THESE BEHIND. AS COMMISSIONERS I KNOW YOU'RE AWARE THAT AS A SYSTEM WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS GAP YOU WHEN THE COMES TO OUR ABILITY TO SHELTER THOSE WHO NEED SHELTER IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE CAN OFFER SHELTER TO ABOUT HALF OF OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, MOST OF OUR PEER CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE UP AROUND 70, 75%. WE CAN DEBATE WHAT THE RIGHT% IS BUT I THINK ANY OF US WOULD SAY WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS INSUFFICIENT.

WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO TODAY IS TELL YOU A SHORT STORY. SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE VISIT THIS YEAR'S TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT'S THE SHELTER DEDICATED TO WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH PARTNERS, 167 OF WHOM SPEND THE NIGHT THERE EACH NIGHT. AS MARC JOLIN MENTIONED, THAT FACILITY IS DUE TO CLOSE IN LATE MAY. CURRENTLY THOUGH WE HAVE AMONGST THE 167 FOLKS THERE A WOMAN NAME JANE. JANE IS NOT HER NAME. SHE STARTED STAYING THERE A COUPLE MONTHS AGO ALONG WITH HER BOYFRIEND. JANE HAD BEEN LIVING FOR SEVEN YEARS OUTSIDE. THIS IS HER FIRST TIME COMING INSIDE IN SEVEN YEARS. IT'S ONLY BECAUSE SHE FOUND A PLACE THAT ENABLED HER TO BRING HER PARTNER IN WITH HER THAT SHE AGREED TO COME IN. HER FIRST NIGHT THERE SHE AND HER PARTNER WERE BOTH HIGH OPEN METH AND LATER ADMITTED THAT. SENTENCE THAT TIME BASED ON I THINK THE FEELING OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT AND SECURITY THAT SHE AND HER PARTNER HAVE FELT IN HAVING

A SAFE, WARM, DRY PLACE EACH NIGHT TO BE, SIMPLY TO BE, JANE'S UNDERGONE A REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION. SHE COMES IN NOW EACH NIGHT AT 7:00.

SHE GOES TO OUR STAFF OFFICE HE AND MEETS WITH THE FACILITY MANAGER AND PROUDLY UPDATES HER AS TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS SHE AND HER PARTNER HAVE BEEN CLEAN AND SOBER. HER PARTNER HAS FOUND EMPLOYMENT. JANE HAS RECONNECTED WITH FAMILY WHO HAPPENS TO BE IN ARKANSAS. SHE HAS MADE PLANS TO RETURN TO ARKANSAS IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS' TIME WHERE THERE IS A JOB AND, IN HER CASE, FORTUNATELY ENOUGH, A PLACE FOR THEM TO LIVE. NOT EVERYTHING STORY IS LIKE JANE'S BUT I THINK THAT SPEAKS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF A PLACE, TEMPORARY THOUGH YOU THE MAY BE, THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THROUGH SHELTER. HAVING SAID THAT, THIS IS, I THINK, A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN. FOR MOST OF THE FOLKS PASSING THROUGH OUR SHELTERS WE NEED TO ENSURE JUST WHAT YOU'VE HEARD ALREADY TODAY. THAT IT IS IN FACT NOT A DESTINATION BUT A WEIGH STATION ON THE WAY TO HOUSING.

Mr. Davendorf: THAT PATHWAY TO HOUSING DEMANDS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND CASE MANAGEMENT. AND SO I'M ENCOURAGING YOU JUST AS EVERYONE ELSE SPEAKING TODAY HAS ENCOURAGE YOU HAD TO THINK ABOUT SHELTER IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THAT PATHWAY. WHEN WE MAKE BUDGETING DECISIONS THAT WE ENSURE THERE ARE FUNDS TO ACCOMPANY SHELTER THAT ENABLE THAT SUCCESSFUL PASS-THROUGH TO HAPPEN WITHIN OUR SYSTEM. THE LAST THING I'LL SAY, AND THEN I'LL STOP SPEAKING IS THAT IT WAS OUR HOPE BACK IN OCTOBER WHEN A STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED WITHIN THE CITY AROUND HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING THAT WOULD IN MANY WAYS HELP ACCELERATE THE PROCESS, CUT THROUGH RED TAPE AND BRING FORWARD IN A MORE DELIBERATE CONCERTED WAY RESOURCES NEED TO DO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS SITUATION IN OUR COMMUNITY. SOME OF THAT HAS HAPPENED. BUT TO DATE, MOVEMENT HAS BEEN SLOW AND IT HAS NOT BEEN SLOW BECAUSE OF A LACK OF EFFORT.

WE KNOW OUR PARTNERS IN THE JURISDICTIONS ARE WORKING NONSTOP TO IDENTIFY IN THIS CASE SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY OF SHELTER AND NEW SHELTER OPTIONS. BUT THE PACE US SLOW, IT IS PROVING AS DIFFICULT IN MANY WAYS AS IT HAS HISTORICALLY. WHEN MARC MENTIONS WE ARE AT RISK OF HAVING 167 SOULS PUT BACK ONTO THE STREET, THAT IS A VERY REAL RISK. I KNOW EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO SHOW THAT WITH DEPARTMENT OF FACE THE SITUATION. ON STATE OF EMERGENCY WE ARE LOSING SYSTEM CAPACITY AROUND SHELTER BUT AS THE REAL RISK. I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL, I KNOW YOU ALREADY ARE, TO TAKE THAT TO HEART IN YOUR DECISION MAKING AND YOUR COORDINATION WITH CITY AND OTHER AUTHORITIES TO MAKE SURE AS A COMMUNITY WE WILL NOT SEE SUCH AN EVENT COME TO PASS. THANK YOU ALL.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WANT TO STAY FOR A FEW MINUTES IN CASE WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Vice-Chair Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING THIS MORNING AND GIVING US A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE REAL NEED IN THE COMMUNITY. FIRST OFF, I'D LIKE TO SAY, MARC, I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU AND THE CHAIR THAT THIS HOMELESS ISSUE IS A CRISIS AND IT IS AN EMERGENCY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND, PARTICULARLY IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHERE WE SEE THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN RACIAL DISPARITY AND HOMELESSNESS ON THE STREET. THE NUMBERS SAY OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED BY 50% FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND THAT IS JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ME. AND IN MY DISTRICT WHERE YOU DON'T SEE MANY OF THE SHELTERS OR OPPORTUNITIES WE DO HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE STEPPING UP AND PUTTING FOLKS IN CHURCHES AND NONPROFITS AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. BUT IT DOES TAKE MONEY. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THAT. ONE OF THE OTHER ISSUES, AND WE CAN'T REALLY JUST PUT HOMELESSNESS ON ONE STREET. I THINK THERE ARE MANY ROADS IN AND OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. AS THE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AS SHOWN US HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OUTSIDE OF THE SHELTER SYSTEM.

THEY HAVE DIRECT LINKS TO HOMELESSNESS. THE OTHER PIECE THAT I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS IN THE FUTURE, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT WORKFORCE INTO THIS EQUATION BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T PAY FOR YOUR HOUSING AFTER WE STEP IN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP SO I WANT TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAYS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF YOU TO FIGURE OUT HOW CAN WE PUT OUR, YOU KNOW, VERY SCARCE RESOURCES FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY INTO SOME OF THOSE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF COURSE, I WOULD MUCH RATHER US BE ABLE TO TRAIN FOLKS SO THAT THEY CAN PAY THEIR OWN WAY AND THEY WOULD RATHER PAY THEIR OWN WAY.

Vice-Chair Smith: SO FOR ME, THIS WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS MUCH NEEDED AND AS I WAS LOOKING AT THE FORMULA I WAS SAYING WE HAVE 4.7, AND THEN WE HAVE \$1 MILLION FOR RENT ASSISTANCE, HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT FORMULA? IT SOUNDS LIKE WE NEED TO PUT MORE MONEY IN THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE SIDE TO MEET THE NEED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE THE STRUGGLE IS REALLY, REALLY REAL FOR A LOT OF FOLKS AND ESPECIALLY FOLKS OF COLOR IN THIS COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S BEEN HUGE. I KNOW IT'S A BIG LIFT FOR EVERYBODY AND AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS AND SO FOR TODAY, THANK YOU FOR COMING, AND I SUPPORT THE REQUEST THAT'S BEFORE US BECAUSE THIS IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Bailey: CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL, AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE IS EVIDENCE THAT OUR HOUSING CRISIS IS LINKED INEXTRICABLY TO OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. AND WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS FOLKS WHO ARE RIGHT ON THE EDGE, WHO ARE STRUGGLING AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THEM RIGHT NOW AND THAT'S WHY THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT DAY, AND IT'S ALSO A VALIDATION OF THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE'VE SET UP THROUGH THE HOME FOR EVERYONE COMMITTEE SO THAT WE HAVE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY ACTING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS RIGHT NOW, NOT PLANS FAR OFF IN THE FUTURE BUT RIGHT NOW, THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MORE SHELTER AND TO HAVE MORE RENT ASSISTANCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

BUT I WANT TO RETURN TO A POINT THAT YOU SAID AND ENSURE THAT THAT WE DO THIS, WE KEEP OUR EYE ON THE FACT THAT SHELTER DOES NOT RESOLVE HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING RESOLVES HOMELESSNESS. AS WE CONTINUE THIS PROCESS FORWARD, WE NEED SAFE PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO BE, WE NEED CONNECTIONS TO SERVICES AND WE NEED PIPELINES FOR PEOPLE TO GET OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING AND INTO A STABLE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE AN ALL HANDS ON DECK APPROACH AND I'M VERY GLAD TO SEE THE PROVIDERS HERE TODAY, THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO HOLD HANDS AND DO THIS TOGETHER. AND I APPRECIATE, CHAIR, YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MAKING THAT HAPPEN.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU SO MUCH. WHAT AN AMAZING GROUP OF WITNESSES TO THE PROBLEM, ALL OF YOU WITH YOUR SLEEVES ROLLED UP, WORKING INSIDE THE COMMUNITY EVERY DAY. I THINK THE COMMENT THAT YOU MADE ABOUT HAVING TO TURN PEOPLE AWAY BEING JUST SUCH A SOUL KILLER. AND THAT REALLY STRIKES HOME WITH ME. I HOPE THAT THIS HELPS FOR YOU TO NOT HAVE TO TURN THOSE PEOPLE AWAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT OUR BUDGETING PRACTICE AND THE TESTIMONY THAT WE'VE HEARD AND HOW THESE REALLY FIT TOGETHER FOR ME AND THAT IS WHEN WE LOOK PROPORTIONALLY AT THE CAUSES OF THE PROBLEMS THAT BECOME LONG-TERM EXPENDITURES, FRANKLY, AND MAKE US FEEL THAT WE'RE CHASING PROBLEMS BUT NEVER REALLY CATCHING UP, I THINK THAT IF WE LOOK AT HOUSING IN ITS PROPORTIONATE SPOT TO THESE PROBLEMS WHICH DOES INCLUDE RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AS WELL AS IN REPRESENTATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, THAT'S REALLY I THINK THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION IS HOUSING. THE LONG-TERM WAY TO HELP CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL. THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO MAKE DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES WORK AND TAKE HOLD. YOUR STORY, GEORGE.

SO I THINK THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. I THINK THAT OUR ABILITY TO CAPTURE THE BENEFIT OF THIS INVESTMENT IS GOING TO PLAY A VERY, VERY

IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COMMISSION'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT TO HOUSING AS THE RESOURCE HUB OF SO MANY OF THE OTHER SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND I'M JUST IN HOPES THAT WE WILL GRASP THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS. ONE OF YOU SAID THAT IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE TO PROVIDE SHELTER SERVICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS. IT IS. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE ONGOING BENEFIT BOTH TO THE SURVIVORS AND TO THEIR CHILDREN, I THINK THAT WE WOULD SEE THAT WE RECAPTURE THAT EXPENSE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THAT WE CERTAINLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE AWARE OF AND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS WE MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT AND LET OUR BUDGET FOLLOW THOSE DECISIONS IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZATION. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MARC. AND I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR KEEPING THIS PRIORITY IN FRONT OF THE BOARD AT ALL TIMES. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO MARC AND FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT ALL OF YOU DO. I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AROUND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT. ONE WAS THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS, AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE NO MORE FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR ANY POPULATION, IS THAT A CORRECT ASSESSMENT?

Mr. Jolin: THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK THE FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED TO FAMILIES THAT THE PROVIDERS ARE WORKING WITH. AND THIS WAS PATRICIA'S POINT. IF WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SERVE ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THIS FISCAL YEAR, THE MONEY IS NOT THERE CURRENTLY TO DO THAT.

Commissioner McKeel: I CHAIR THE VETERANS TASK FORCE HERE AT THE COUNTY AND SO I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT THE FLEXIBLE FUNDS ARE GONE FOR THE VETERANS. I DON'T BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY KNEW THAT. AND SO I HOPE YOU WILL ALWAYS USE US AS A RESOURCE AND GEORGE, I KNOW TPI IS VERY INVOLVED WITH OUR VETERANS TASK FORCE SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. THE OTHER THING IS OUTREACH DOLLARS AND THE OUTREACH THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF COMPELLING DATA HERE TODAY AROUND SPECIFIC POPULATIONS THAT YOU ALL WORK WITH. SO IS THAT DATA HOUSED SOMEPLACE IN A CENTRAL SORT OF PLACE? DOES THAT COME UNDER HOME FOR EVERYONE, GATHERING THAT DATA, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT DATA?

Mr. Jolin: SO WE HAVE OUR "POINT IN TIME" COUNT DATA, WHICH IS A SNAPSHOT AND ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS ARE ROUTINELY PUTTING THEIR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLKS THEY'RE WORKING WITH INTO THE HOMELESSNESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM. SO FROM THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED, PREVENTIONS, THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PEOPLE SERVED AND SO FORTH YES.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT'S GREAT. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE POINT IN TIME COUNT CURRENTLY ISN'T CAPTURING EVERYBODY.

Mr. Jolin: THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S NOT.

Commissioner McKeel: SO THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. SO AS YOU DO YOUR OUTREACH, I HEAR A LOT OF REALLY GOOD GRASSROOTS KIND OF EFFORTS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND PARKROSE I THINK THEY HAVE A GOOD GRASSROOTS EFFORT GOING ON. AND SO I HOPE THE OUTREACH EXTENDS TO THOSE GROUPS AS WELL AND ALSO TO THE SPRINGWATER TRAIL BECAUSE THAT IS A HUGE ISSUE FOR EVERYBODY I THINK ALONG THAT TRAIL.

Mr. Jolin: THERE'S A GOOD DEAL OF WORK GOING ON IN BOTH OF THOSE AREAS RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE CHALLENGES.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO I KNOW THAT YOU ALL JUST ARE WORKING SO HARD TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT VERY, VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I WANT TO FIRST START WITH THE COMMENTS FROM THE HEAD WHICH ARE TO SAY THAT GEORGE, YOU TALKED ABOUT WHEN THE CITY PROCLAIMED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HOPING THINGS WOULD MOVE ALONG A LITTLE BIT FASTER, AND I THINK ALL OF US ARE IN THAT SAME BOAT BUT WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE, AND I THINK OUR BOARD REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE WITH THESE INVESTMENTS THAT WE ARE MAKING TODAY IS THAT THEY'RE NOT JUST SHOOT FROM THE HIP, IT'S NOT JUST LET'S THROW SOMETHING ON THE WALL AND SEE IF IT STICKS BUT REALLY TARGETED, INTENTIONAL INVESTMENTS THAT WILL PAY OFF IN THE LONG TERM. AND THAT'S WHY IT'S TAKEN A LITTLE BIT OF A WHILE TO GET TO THIS POINT, BUT THE DOLLARS THAT WE WILL SPEND TODAY BOTH ON RENT ASSISTANCE AND ON PURCHASING FACILITIES FOR SHELTER FIT INTO A BIGGER PLAN, INTO THE PLAN THAT IS OUTLINED WITH THE HOME FOR EVERYONE, WHICH IS A PLAN THAT GOES INTO THE FUTURE. SO WHILE YES, SHELTER IS NOT THE ANSWER, IT IS ONE STEP AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS PUZZLE, A PIECE THAT'S BEEN MISSING BUT IT FEEDS INTO THIS BIGGER PICTURE OF GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. AND NOW, I WANT TO TALK FROM THE HEART, WHICH IS TO SAY HOW I'M WITH YOU, JOE. I'M NOT PATTING MYSELF ON THE BACK TODAY AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ARE.

WHAT WE'RE REALIZING IS THE REALLY PRESSING NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HOW SAD IT IS AS LIBRA TALKED ABOUT WHEN YOU HAVE STAFF WHO ARE OUT THERE WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN DIRE NEED AND YOU ALL KNOW THIS

BETTER THAN WE DO AND YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM THERE'S NOTHING AVAILABLE FOR THEM. I WILL NEVER FORGET A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN LIESL WENDT WAS AT 211 AND WE HAD SOME NEW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DOLLARS AND I WALKED INTO THE 211 CALL CENTER TO LET THE STAFF KNOW THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION HAD JUST GIVEN ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND PEOPLE STARTED CRYING AND APPLAUDING AND TOLD ME IT WAS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY TO SOMEONE ON THE PHONE I CAN HELP YOU AS OPPOSED TO WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY. IT'S SAD TO BE IN THIS POSITION. IT'S NOT A PLACE THAT ANY OF US WANT TO BE BUT I AM GLAD AND I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY AS I KNOW YOU ARE THAT WE HAVE A BOARD AND A COMMISSION HERE WHO IS COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. THANK YOU. AND I THINK WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. FOR THE RECORD I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. NOTHING I SAY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A CRITIQUE OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO TODAY. I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PASS THIS BECAUSE THE NEED IS SO GREAT. IT IS. AND IF YOU SPENT SOME TIME ON THE STREET LIKE WE HAVE, YOU UNDERSTAND HOW GREAT IT IS. WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT YOU DONATING THIS MONEY. THE FIRST CONCERN THAT WE HAVE IS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE BUSINESS ALLIANCE DOESN'T MATCH WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE TODAY. THEY HAVE MONEY. AND THEY LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE HOMELESS. AND SINCE THEY'RE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS COMBINING OF COUNTY AND CITY, WHY DON'T THEY MATCH THE MONEY? WE HAVE NO MONEY. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT.

Mr. Walsh: OUR ARGUMENT IS NOT THAT YOU'RE CHEAP. OUR ARGUMENT IS YOU DON'T SPEND IT WISELY. HERE'S AN EXAMPLE. WHAT YOU HEARD TODAY WAS VESTED INTEREST IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION. THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU HEARD TODAY ARE VERY HONORABLE PEOPLE BUT THEY ARE AN INTEREST IN EXISTING. YOU DID NOT HEAR FROM THE RECIPIENTS. WHY NOT? WHY WAS ABRAHAM NOT ON THIS COMMITTEE? WHY IS JOSE WHO IS OVER AT HAZELWOOD GROVE CREATING A COMMUNITY AND ASKING FOR NOTHING FROM YOU? WHY IS HE NOT HERE ON THIS COMMITTEE? THAT'S WHAT YOU DO. YOU TAKE PROFESSIONALS AND YOU LISTEN TO THEM AND THEY'RE ALL GOOD PEOPLE AND THEY'RE TRYING THEIR BEST BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE HOMELESS. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN THAT?

WE HAD A 10-YEAR PLAN, POOF! IT'S 13 YEARS. POOF! WE GOT 4,000 PEOPLE ON THE STREETS. AND SOME PEOPLE ARE THROWING AROUND FIGURES OF 12,000 HANGING BY THEIR FINGERTIPS, READY TO DROP OFF ON THE STREETS.

SO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT? I MEAN, THERE'S A CLICHE THAT SAYS KEEP DOING THE SAME THING, THAT'S INSANITY. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. GET THOSE PEOPLE -- ABRAHAM KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE HOMELESS THAN I EVER THOUGHT ABOUT. AND HE'S NOT HERE. WHY NOT? JOSE IS BUILDING A COMMUNITY AND HE'S NOT HERE. WHY NOT? YOU HAVE 50,000, 100,000 A YEAR PEOPLE TELLING YOU ABOUT HOMELESS PEOPLE. WHY DO YOU DO THAT? STOP IT! AND GET SOME PEOPLE THAT REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX AND AGAIN, MY OPINIONS ARE ONLY FROM LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. ON THIS SHELTER SITUATION, I'VE NOTICED MYSELF THAT THE ADDITIONAL SPACES THAT WERE CREATED OF APPROXIMATELY 270 TEMPORARY HAVE BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS THAT WHEN YOU CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE OF THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS, IT IS ABSOLUTELY PAYING THESE INVESTMENTS OFF MANY, MANY TIMES OVER. NOW, THE PROBLEM THAT I SEE IS THAT WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THAT POSITION OF WE ONLY CREATE TEMPORARY SHELTER SPACE. WE KNOW WE NEED LONG-TERM SHELTER SPACE AND EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM KNOWS THAT THE HOUSING MARKET WILL GO UP AND DOWN BUT WE'RE NOT MEETING THE DEMAND OUT THERE TO HOUSE EVERYBODY, PLAIN AND SIMPLE. IT'S JUST A SUPPLY AND DEMAND ISSUE. IT DOESN'T TAKE VERY LONG TO COMMUNICATE.

Mr. Lightning: SO WE NEED THAT SHELTER SPACE IN THE MEANTIME TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND THE DOORWAYS AND THEY LIVE SAFER AND HEALTHIER. THAT'S THE TOP PRIORITY: SAFETY AND HEALTH. AND THE REALITY IS THAT WE HAVE TO BE LOOKING AT OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE LONG-TERM SHELTER SPACE, NOT WITH THE INTENT OF DEVELOPING THEM OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT LONG-TERM SHELTER SPACE HAS TO BE IN THE EQUATION FOR ANY AND ALL TIMES. AGAIN, I'VE STATED WAPATO. YOU HAVE NO INTEREST. JOSH ALPERT AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND SAYS IT'S GOING TO BE TOO MUCH CAPACITY. THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH CAPACITY OUT THERE. YOU HAVE MANY, MANY ACRES TO DIVIDE UP SECTIONS OUT THERE. YOU HAVE A BUILDING OUT THERE. THAT COULD BE LONG-TERM PERMANENT SHELTER SPACE. THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ALMOST ALL THE WAY FUNDED AND WE'RE OUT THERE TALKING ABOUT HAVING TO BUY NEW SPACE AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. IT DOESN'T TAKE ME VERY LONG TO UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND SAY WELL, WE COULDN'T GET THE ADDITIONAL SPACE BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY BUT THEN YOU LET WAPATO SIT EMPTY FOR 10 YEARS.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME AND A LOT OF TIMES YOU'RE SPENDING ALL THIS ADDITIONAL MONEY, IT COULD GO INTO ONE LARGE AREA THERE

WHICH CAN WORK BECAUSE YOU CAN DIVIDE UP THE ACREAGE IN DIFFERENT AREAS. YOU HAVE A BUILDING THERE. AND THE MAIN THING IS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE SIDEWALKS, INTO SOMETHING SAFER. AND YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK PRETTY SOON, YOU'RE GOING TO START -- PEOPLE LAYING OUT ON SIDEWALKS, IT'S VERY DANGEROUS FOR THEM, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN THE NEXT YEAR. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALLOWING THEM TO LAY OUT ON SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THIS CITY IS THE WORST THING FOR THEIR HEALTH, THE WORST THING FOR THEIR SAFETY, AND YOU ARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND YOU NEED TO GET THEM OFF THE SIDEWALKS INTO SOME FORM OF SHELTER AND LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE WE VOTE?

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT GROWING UP, WE DIDN'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT AND MY MOTHER, LIKE YOUR MOTHER, WE HAD PEOPLE COUCH SURFING ON OUR COACHES AND FLOORS. AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF WE HAD THOSE RESOURCES TO TELL THOSE FOLKS GO DOWN TO THIS PLACE, THEY'LL HELP YOU, AND I TOTALLY DO UNDERSTAND. I DO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS AND WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, WE WERE DOWNTOWN LAST WEEK AT THE EVERYBODY READS AND WE WERE WALKING OVER PEOPLE AND IT HURT TO SEE THAT. IT REALLY HURT. AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE LIKE TO COME DOWN HERE TO DO. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE MUST DO.

Vice-Chair Smith: IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BECAUSE WE CAN'T AT THE END OF THE DAY PAY FOR EVERYTHING, NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALONE. WE NEED THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY. WE NEED THE CITY AND WE'RE STREAMLINING OUR WHOLE HOMELESS PROCESS. SO YEAH, I DO AGREE THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING. SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO SUPPORT THIS AND THAT WE DO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE FOLKS THAT WE CAN HELP TODAY, THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS THIS SUMMER. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

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 COME TO THE TIME ON OUR AGENDA FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

Commissioner McKeel: TODAY IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY SO WITH THE LAST NAME OF MCKEEL, I'LL SAY HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Commissioner Bailey: TOMORROW'S A BIG DAY FOR OREGON SPORTS. WHETHER YOU'RE A DUCK OR A BEAVER IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN DAY.

Chair Kafoury: WE'VE GOT OUR CIVIL WAR RIGHT HERE ON THIS VERY DAIS.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:22 a.m.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WELL THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

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