

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 27, 2017**

BUDGET WORK SESSION #5

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Loretta Smith and Lori Stegmann present. Commissioner Loretta Smith was excused at 11:15 a.m.

Also attending was Jacqueline Weber, Deputy County Attorney and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: HELLO, NOW WE WILL HAVE THE BUDGET WORK SESSION NUMBER FIVE. AN APPROPRIATE TRANSITION WITH SOME FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS COMING UP. WE JUST HAD A PROCLAMATION HONORING YOU. GOOD MORNING.

**BWS-5 FY 2018 Nondepartmental Presentation. (Excludes JOHS, EM & CA)
Presenters: Christian Elkin, Finance Manager.**

Ms. Elkin: I AM CHRISTIAN ELKIN. I AM THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET MANAGER AND THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR BEING OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET OFFICE PARTICIPATING IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. IT'S EXCITING AND SAD FOR ME NOT TO BE HERE EVERY DAY DURING THE WORK SESSIONS BUT I AM GETTING USED TO IT, SO I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE BRENDA RAY SCOTT WHO IS THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNITY BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR. WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 NON-DEPARTMENTAL PROPOSED BUDGET. SO I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF SLIDES AND THEN WE'LL GET INTO THE NON-CBAC REVIEW. THIS WILL KICK US OFF AND I WILL DO AN OVERVIEW AND TALK ABOUT THE FUNDS AND THE FTE AND ALL OF THE CORPORATE AND THE OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED AND SOME NEW AND ONE-TIME ONLY OFFERS AND HAVE QUESTIONS AND I HAVE A SERIES OF GUEST SPEAKERS WHO WILL COME UP AND TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAMS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SET THE TONE. THE BUDGET CONTAINS PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS THAT DON'T BELONG TO ANY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT. THESE ARE OFFICES AND AGENCIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE POLICY DIRECTION, LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT, ADVICE AND SUPPORT, AND THEY ALSO ACCOUNT FOR THE COUNTY'S CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS. OFTEN WHEN I TALK ABOUT DOING THE NON-D BUDGET I REFER TO THEM AS MY UNICORNS. THEY ARE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL MISSION AND MAKES THE WORK DOING THIS WORK REALLY INTERESTING BECAUSE IT RANGES FROM THE PERS BOND FUND ALL THE WAY TO THE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR BUDGETS SO IT MAKES IT AN INTERESTING CHALLENGE TO LOOK AT THAT. I KNOW THAT THAT IS WHAT MAKES THE WORK OF THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL CBAC SO SPECIAL IS BECAUSE THEY ARE DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF UNRELATED PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES AND FUNDING SOURCES AND SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO LET THEM TAKE A BIT OF TIME AND TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PROCESS.

Ms. Scott: THANK YOU CHRISTIAN. AS SHE MENTIONED I AM BRENDA RAY SCOTT AND I SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL CITIZENS BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC). I ALSO WANT TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUE HERE OUR CO-CHAIR BLOOMER AND I WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR INVITING ME TO PRESENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CBAC TODAY. BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL THE CBAC MET WITH EIGHT OFFICES. I OFF THANKS TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF FOR MEETING WITH US, THEIR PRESENTATIONS WERE INFORMATIVE AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS I HAVE REPRESENTED OUR POSITIONS AND COLLABORATED WITH OTHER CBAC CHAIRS AS A PART OF THE CENTRAL CBAC THAT BRINGS TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS CBACS. THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL CBAC REVIEWED OFFERS FROM THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. FROM THOSE CONVERSATIONS ONE OF OUR CBAC MEMBERS DRAFTED A VISION STATEMENT FOR COLLABORATION TO MAXIMIZE THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF TAX DOLLARS AND TO DRIVE THE COUNTY'S SERVICES.

WE OFFERED THE STATEMENT COLLECTIVELY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS THE USE OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION IS NEEDED AMONG ELECTED AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ALL POINTS EAST AND WEST IN THE CITIES, COUNTIES, REGIONS, STATE OF OREGON, ADJOINING STATES, PRIVATE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS, CULTURE AND FAITH COMMUNITIES, STUDENTS AND EVERYONE ELSE TO PROTECT THE COMMON GOOD OF OUR AREA. REGARDLESS OF HOW SHRINKING NATIONAL STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES AFFECT US WE ASK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE NEEDED PROGRAMS FOR ITS RESIDENTS. WE IDENTIFIED THREE OVERALL PRIORITIES THAT WE WANT TO SEE EMBRACED BY CHAIR KAFOURY AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE TOP THREE PRIORITIES ARE RENTAL, HOUSING STABILITY. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION, AND WE HAVE TWO SUBSETS WITHIN THAT PRIORITY. HOUSING STABILITY DURING CRISIS AND I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND SPEAK TO WHAT WE MEAN BY THAT TERMINOLOGY.

Ms. Scott: WHAT WE'RE ENVISIONING AND MENTIONING IN THAT PARTICULAR SUBSET IS PEOPLE THAT ARE IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND INSTITUTIONALIZED. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LOSE THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY ARE RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT RESIDENTIALLY. THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN TREATMENT FOR RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION. THE OTHER IS GUN SAFETY AND THE LAST PRIORITY WE LISTED AS ONE OF THOSE TOP THREE WAS SUPPORT FOR ADVOCACY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING. WE REACHED CONSENSUS BASED ON THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAD WITH A VARIETY OF PEOPLE. FOR US THESE ARE NOT JUST PRIORITIES. THEY ARE OUTCOMES ESSENTIAL TO THE COUNTY'S WORK CONSERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND CORE CONCERNS OF THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL CBAC. THINKING OF THE EMERGING ISSUES AND CHANGES THE MOST PRESSING EMERGING ISSUES TO HOMELESSNESS, RENT STABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND GUN SAFETY. THE CBAC ALONG WITH SEVERAL PRESENTERS EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE STEADILY INCREASING NUMBERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

THOSE WHO ARE CLOSE TO BEING HOMELESS BECAUSE OF SKYROCKETING INCREASE THIS IS RENT, AND THOSE WHO HAVE LOST OR ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH HEALTHCARE BECAUSE OF BUDGETED CONSTRAINTS AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS MAKING IT EASIER FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES TO LEGALLY OBTAIN WEAPONS. A DISCUSSION IS THE CONTINUITY AND TRACKING OF COUNTY ACROSS COUNTY SERVICES WAS ALSO A PART OF THESE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT EMERGING ISSUES. WE ASK THE COUNTY MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DATA RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF THE INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MOVING ONTO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CBAC IDENTIFIED THE TOP PRIORITIES IN EACH OF THE PROGRAM OFFERS THAT WE STUDIED. THERE WAS AN OVERLAP SEVERAL OF THE OFFERS AND PRESENTATIONS. FROM THE OVERLAP OUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES EMERGED.

IN MY REMARKS TODAY I AM SHARING WITH YOU PROGRAM OFFERS FROM DEPARTMENTS THAT CLEARLY REPRESENT OUR PRIORITIES AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. AND AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL PORTFOLIO. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE CHAIR'S BUDGET REFLECTS THESE PRIORITIES. NOW I AM MOVING IN THOSE TO HIGHLIGHT THEM FOR YOU. SO AS OUR TOP PRIORITY WE RANKED THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND THE SINGLE THING THAT WE WERE FOCUSED ON WAS TO WORK TO PRODUCE COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAININGS FOR THE PUBLIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IF FEDERAL RESOURCES ARE UNAVAILABLE.

Ms. Scott: THEN AS OUR SECOND PRIORITY AND THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS IN THIS AREA. WE LISTED COMMUNICATIONS. IN DOING SO WORK WITH COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO RECRUIT AND ENGAGE INTERNS TO COVER THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND CREATE DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS AND DATA THAT CAN BE SHARED, PROVIDE FOR COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AS WE DESCRIBED ABOVE, SERVE AS A PRIMARY RESOURCE TO ALL COUNTY PROGRAMS FOR STREAMLINE ASKING COORDINATING WEBSITES, PLACED THE MAGAZINE WITH MORE COMMUNICATION TOOLS WHICH I HAVE TO SAY I THINK HAS BEEN DONE BUT IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE PRAISE AND CREDIT TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION.

[DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE VIDEO CONTINUES UNDER "BUDGET WORK SESSION 5 PART II"]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU SPENT COMBING THROUGH THE BUDGET TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE MAIN ISSUES ARE. I APPRECIATE IT.

Ms. Elkin: SO I'D JUST LIKE TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT NONDEPARTMENTAL AND THE SERVICES PROVIDED, BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT NONE OF WHAT I'M PRESENTING TODAY INCLUDES THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PRESENTATION ON MAY 10TH, SO I'VE EXCLUDED THAT FROM THIS BUDGET DISCUSSION. NONDEPARTMENTAL PROVIDES LEADERSHIP; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION; THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WHO IS PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES. WE HAVE OUR ESTEEMED AUDITOR WHO PROVIDES THE AUDITS AND SPECIAL REPORTS. WE HAVE COMMUNITY VOICE AND INPUT COMING FROM OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. WE ALSO HAVE SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY AND INCLUSION EFFORTS BY SUSTAINABILITY AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY. THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL IS PROVIDING POLICY DIRECTION AND COORDINATION FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS, AND FROM COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS YOU ARE GETTING TIMELY NEWS AND INFORMATION AND OUTREACH TO OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS DOWN AT THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT REALLY IS A DIVERSE SET OF SERVICES THAT COME OUT OF THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL.

IT WOULD NOT BE A BUDGET PRESENTATION WITHOUT A LOT OF PIE CHARTS AND NUMBERS AND SO I AM GOING TO WALK YOU THROUGH THOSE NUMBERS AND WE'LL BRING UP THE OFFICES AND HAVE A DISCUSSION OF THE SERVICES AND THE POLICIES. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET BY FUND IT'S 171.1 MILLION, AND WE HAVE FUNDS

RANGING FROM THE COUNTY SCHOOL FUND WHICH IS 80,000 SO IT'S NOT SHOWN ON THE PIE CHART BECAUSE IT DOES NOT SHOW UP ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CAPITAL RETIREMENT FUND AT 32 MILLION AND THE SPECIAL EXCISE TAX. THAT'S WHERE THE HOTEL AND MOTEL TAXES GO TO AND THAT'S AT 49.4 MILLION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THE NON-D BUDGET. I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT OUR CORPORATE FUNDS AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH ARE TECHNICAL AND I HAVE LOTS OF SUPPORT IN THE AUDIENCE IF YOU HAVE VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THOSE CORPORATE FUNCTIONS AND THEN WE KIND OF HAVE THE OPERATING SIDE OF NON-DEPARTMENTAL WHICH IS THE POLICY OFFICES AND THE SERVICE DELIVERY AREA. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THE BUDGET BY FUND YEAR OVER YEAR YOU SEE IT'S PRETTY FLAT WITH TWO NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS.

Ms. Elkin: THE FIRST IS YOU HEARD FROM OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DEGREES THAT THE GEO BOND IS PAID OFF AND NOT RENEWING IT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 SO YOU SEE A ZERO THERE. AND THE SECOND IS THE CAPITAL DEBT FUND WHICH IS RIGHT THERE IN THE MIDDLE. YOU CAN SEE THAT FUND IS ALMOST DOUBLING GOING INTO FISCAL YEAR 2018. THAT'S REPRESENTATIVE OF THREE PROJECTS THAT I THINK THAT YOU HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT IN THE LAST TWO DAYS THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE EXPECTED DEBT ISSUANCE FOR THE COURTHOUSE, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS PROJECT AND THE ERP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT. IT'S EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR 2018 BY 16.5 MILLION FOR THOSE PROJECTS. NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE OPERATING BUDGET, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT NUMBER GETS MUCH SMALLER. HERE THIS IS THE GENERAL FUND, THE FEDERAL STATE FUND, THE LOTTERY FUND, RISK MANAGEMENT.

THE GENERAL FUND IN OUR OPERATING BUDGET FOR NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS FOR 77% OF THE OPERATIONS AND HOW THEY ARE FUNDED. WE WILL WALK THROUGH IN A COUPLE OF SLIDES WHAT IS IN EACH OF THOSE AND THE POLICY OFFICES. YEAR OVER YEAR THE FTE FUND IS FAIRLY FLAT. WE HAVE A SMALL INCREASE OF 1.2 FTE AND I WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SLIDE LATER THAT SHOWS YOU WHERE THOSE INCREASES AND DECREASES ARE BY PROGRAM OFFER. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THE BUDGET BY CATEGORY, THE SPENDING CATEGORY FOR THIS, YOU HEAR A LOT ABOUT THE PERSONNEL SERVICES OR THE CONTRACTED SERVICES. NON-D LOOKS DIFFERENT, SO THE INTERNAL SERVICES, PERSONNEL SERVICES AND THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES MAKE UP IS A SMALL FRACTION OF THE NON-D BUDGET. IT'S 15% OF THE BUDGET. WHAT YOU SEE IS YOU SEE 32% OF THE BUDGET FOR OUR DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS. THEN YOU SEE ALMOST 53% OF THE BUDGET IS FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES. THE MAJORITY OF THAT, THE 49.4 MILLION IS OUR PAYMENTS TO THE METRO FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER FUND PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS SO THOSE WERE ACTING AS A FISCAL AGENT IN THAT INSTANCE. WE ALSO HAVE OTHER PASS-THROUGH

COMMITMENTS TO THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SO WE COLLECT THE TAX REVENUE AND PASS IT THROUGH TO THEM.

Ms. Elkin: THEN WE HAVE SMALL AGENCIES LIKE OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL WHERE WE'RE PASSING THROUGH A PAYMENT TO THEM AS WELL. I SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE 25 MILLION PERS SET-ASIDE. YOU HEARD MARK TALKING ABOUT THAT YESTERDAY. THAT GETS BUDGETED IN THE NON-D BUDGET. SO LET'S TALK A BIT ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE GENERAL FUND. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE 30 MILLION IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR NON-D IT KIND OF POPS OUT IN FOUR CATEGORIES. WE HAVE 6.8 MILLION FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. THAT'S THE BOARD, THE CHAIR, THE BOARD CLERK AND ALL THE OPERATIONS TO RUN TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY CHAIR'S OFFICE AND THE COMMISSIONERS. IT ALSO INCLUDES OUR AUDITOR'S OFFICE. THEN WE HAVE ABOUT 7.8 MILLION FOR POLICY OFFICES. AND THESE ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COUNTY-WIDE HELP DOING IMPLEMENTATION ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE LIKE TO CENTRALLY LOCATE THEM. AND THEN WE HAVE TWO OTHER COMPONENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

WE HAVE STATUTORILY AND COUNTY-WIDE OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING WE ARE OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR THE COURTROOM, THE STATE COURTROOM OPERATIONS OR WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER WAS THE BIT PASS-THROUGH PAYMENT FOR THE EAST COUNTIES. ALL THOSE ARE THINGS THAT GET BUDGETED IN THE NON-D BUDGET. AND NON-D IS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT. THEY WERE SUBJECT TO THE 2% REDUCTIONS AND WENT THROUGH THE EXERCISE AND SOMETIMES THIS GETS REALLY HARD YOUR BUDGET IS VERY SMALL AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR STICKING WITH ME AND PARTICIPATING AND WHILE MODEST IN COMPARISON TO THE LARGER DEPARTMENTS, NON-DEPARTMENTAL IS TAKING 180,000 IN REDUCTIONS, WHICH TO THE SMALL BUDGETS CAN BE VERY SIGNIFICANT AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS. MOST OF THOSE REDUCTIONS WERE REDUCING THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES AND CONTRACTED SERVICES AND WE HAD A SMALL REDUCTION IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE PERSONNEL, AND THEN WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SOME OF THOSE THROUGH SALARY SAVINGS.

FOR NON-DEPARTMENTAL WE HAVE JUST OVER 800,000 OF NEW PROGRAM OFFERS. THESE RANGE FROM VERY SMALL ONE-TIME ONLY INVESTMENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUMMIT OF 15,000 TO THE MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE FOR OUR SUMMER WORKS PARTICIPANTS, WHICH TOPS OUT THERE AT 350,000. IT IS A COMPLIMENT THAT WE HAVE MADE. IT IS EXCITING THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER THOSE PROGRAMS AND THOSE SERVICES AT THAT LEVEL. THE OTHER ONE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE IS INCREASING BY TWO FTE. THIS IS TO SUPPORT THE INCREASES MORE AND MORE THE COUNTY HAS AN OUTWARD FACING ELEMENT TO IT WHICH IS ON THE INTERNET AND

THROUGH TWITTER AND FACEBOOK AND ALL OF THE MEETINGS THAT GET ATTENDED. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES AND TO ALSO INCREASE SOME OF THE TRANSLATION SERVICES AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE OFFERING TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Ms. Elkin: SO WE ALSO HAVE SOME OPERATING BUDGETS IN OUR OTHER FUNDS INCLUDING WE HAVE THE [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE HB3194 VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS WHICH ARE LOCATED IN OUR FEDERAL STATE FUND. WE GET A CONTRIBUTION PASS-ATLANTA FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS THAT THE COUNTY DOES. WE ALSO HAVE THE VIDEO LOTTERY PROGRAMS. HERE I BELIEVE MARK TALK TO YOU YESTERDAY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE GET THAT REBATING FUNCTION AND SO WE HAVE PART OF THE EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPENSE BUDGETED IN THE VIDEO LOTTERY FUND. AND THEN FINALLY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH THE RISK FUND. AND THEN THE REST OF THESE I JUST WANTED TO DETAIL OUT WITH A LITTLE NARRATIVE NEEDS THEM. EACH OF THOSE FUNDS BECAUSE WE SAY THESE NAMES AND THEY FEEL VERY BUREAUCRATIC, AND I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE.

SO THE EXCISE TAX FUND WHICH FEELS THE MOST BUREAUCRATIC TO ME IS THE HOTEL AND MOTEL AND THE TRANSIENT LODGING AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX SUPPORT FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER FUND AND THE PASS-THROUGH TO METRO. AND WE HAVE THE PERS, MAYBE MY FAVORITE NAME, THE BOND SINKING FUND. THAT REALLY IS WHAT THE GOOD WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AROUND MANAGING OUR PERS COSTS AND SO THAT FUND EXISTS IN THE NON-D AS WELL. I TOLD YOU I WOULD GET BACK TO THE FTE CHANGES AND I WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THESE, THE AUDITOR TOOK A.1 REDUCTION IN ONE OF HIS AS PART OF HIS 2% REDUCTION, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE IS ADDING 2.0 FTE, A HALF-TIME GRAPHIC DESIGNER AND PHOTOGRAPHER AND AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR.

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY HAS TWO THINGS HAPPENING. THEY REDUCED THEIR BUDGET BY A 1.0 FTE AND LAST YEAR THAT POSITION WAS FUNDED WITH ONE-TIME ONLY MONEY. HE CAN TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT TO HIS OFFICE. AND THEY WERE ALSO TO INCREASE BASED ON THE CHANGES IN THE PERSONNEL AND SOME STARTING AT THE TOP OF THE RANGE AND PEOPLE COMING IN AT THE BOTTOM. THEY WERE ABLE TO INCREASE THE FTE FROM.5 TO.8 SO THAT'S WHERE WE GET THAT 1.2 NET INCREASE IN FTE. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU. JUST A COMMENT ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS. I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING A NEWLY ELECTED HAVING MORE SUPPORT, AND IT DOES SEEM LIKE IT'S MORE CRITICAL WITH

TECHNOLOGY AND FACEBOOK AND JUST TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT TESTIFIED THAT SOMETIMES THERE IS NOT ALWAYS THE DIALOGUE SO I SEE THAT AS A WAY FOR US TO DIALOGUE, SO I APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT THAT OUR STAFF NOW HAS ACCESS TO MORE COMMUNICATIONS, SO THANK YOU.

Ms. Elkin: I HAVE MY LIST OF INVITED GUESTS THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP AND I WILL STAY UP HERE IN CASE THERE IS ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. SO I THINK THAT WE CAN BRING UP DR. STEVE MARCH AND JULIE SULLIVAN AND CLAUDIA BLACK TO TALK ABOUT THEIR OFFICES. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT ON MAY 3 SUMMERWORKS, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WILL BE COMING BACK AND DOING THEIR PRESENTATIONS. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SCHEDULE THEM IN THE TIME TODAY. AND I HAVE A TYPO, NO PRESENTATION IS A GOOD PRESENTATION WITHOUT A TYPO. THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES IS COMING BACK ON MAY 10, NOT MAY 9.

AUDITORS OFFICE

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Dr. March: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. THE AUDITOR'S POSITION AND THE OFFICE IS DESCRIBED IN THE COUNTY CHARTER. THE AUDITOR MUST BE CERTIFIED AS EITHER A CPA OR A CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR TO HOLD THE POSITION. OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DO PERFORMANCE AUDITS AND AUDITS OF FUNCTIONS AND ANY COUNTY FUNCTION AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ACCORDING TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS. I WILL COME BACK TO THAT, WE SOMETIMES CALL THEM GAGAS DEPENDING ON YOUR ENUNCIATION. WE ALSO ARE CHARGED WITH DOING STUDIES TO MEASURE OR TO IMPROVE THE COUNTY EFFORTS. UNDER THE CHARTER WE APPOINT A SALARY COMMISSION EVERY TWO YEARS. I WILL BE DOING THAT TEASE, AND THEY WILL START MEETING IN JANUARY, AND THEY SET IS THE SALARIES FOR THE COMMISSIONERS, THE CHAIR, AND THE SHERIFF, AND A SUPPLEMENT FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

ALSO ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF PLAYING WITH MAPS AND DOING REDISTRICTING OF THE COMMISSION DISTRICTS, AND AS A TASK I HAVE NOW PERFORMED TWICE BACK IN 1991 AND WE DID IT AGAIN IN 2011 WHEN I CAME BACK. WE ALSO UNDER THE COUNTY CODE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTY IN MANAGING THE EXTERNAL AUDIT. EVERY YEAR THE COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN EXTERNAL AUDIT PERFORMED TO LOOK AT THE CAFR, THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS. THAT MUST BE DONE BY A FIRM WITH MUNICIPAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE. OUR CURRENT AUDITOR IS MR. ADAMS.

THEY WON THE MOST RECENT CONTRACT AGAIN. OF COURSE YOU WERE FAMILIAR WITH OUR MOST RECENT AUDIT. THE ETHICAL CULTURE OF THE COUNTY AND JUST BEFORE THAT THE RIVETING INTERNAL SERVICES AUDIT, BUT OTHER REPORTS OVER THE PAST YEAR PLUS INCLUDE ANIMAL SERVICES FOR WHICH WE WON A NATIONAL AWARD PLUS WE ALSO DID ANIMAL SERVICES FINANCIAL AUDIT.

WE HAVE DONE WORK ON LARGE CONTRACTS. THE COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR A LOT OF COUNTY SERVICES. WE DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OVERALL BUT WE CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE. WE DID TWO AUDITS IN AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES. ONE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN PROGRAM AND ANOTHER OF THE COUNTY'S OPI PORTION OF SERVICES. WE ALSO FINISHED THE PLANNING AUDITS FOR THE MAJOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE COURTHOUSE, PLUS GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE REPORTS, THE AUDIT SURVEY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHICH WE MAINTAIN A PRETTY GOOD REPORT. WE ARE COMING UP AND WE'LL HAVE THE BIENNIAL CONDITION REPORT OUT SOON. HOMELESS SERVICE REPORT WILL ALSO BE OUT BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PURCHASING. WE ARE JUST FINISHING THAT UP.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE REPORTS COMING UP OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION AND COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION INITIAL STAGES OF PROCESSING THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS. OVERALL WE'VE BEEN RUNNING ABOUT 90 TO 92% IN THIS LAST YEAR, SLIGHTLY ABOVE. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD SO NOT ONLY ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS LOOKED AT AND PRACTICAL AND ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY OUR COUNTY DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS. SO THAT'S I THINK KIND OF A TEST, A TESTAMENT TO OUR WORK. PERSONNEL COSTS. AS YOU CAN SEE ARE ABOUT 78% OF OUR BUDGET. IT IS OUR BIGGEST COST. TO MEET THE 2% REDUCTION I HAD A STAFF MEMBER WHO WAS WILLING TO REDUCE THEIR TIME TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH FAMILY SO WE SLIGHTLY REDUCED THAT LINE.

WE HAD GONE OUT FOR THE EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR SO WE HAD A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY IN CASE THAT THE COSTS WAS I AM IN HIGHER. I WAS ABLE TO CUT THERE. WE JUST FINISHED OUR PEER REVIEW WHICH ONLY COMES UP ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS SO I WAS ABLE TO TAKE THAT MONEY OUT FOR THE FUTURE. BY THE WAY WE DID PASS OUR PEER REVIEW. WE ARE GOOD FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS. WE ALSO DID SOME PLANNING AND NEXT YEAR WE MAY NEED TO ADJUST THE AUDIT CONTRACT UP. THERE IS INFLATION ESCALATION BUILT INTO THE EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT. BY FISCAL YEAR 2020 WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER PEER REVIEW BUT OTHER THAN THAT IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR AUDITOR? VERY THOROUGH. GREAT.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: GOOD MORNING. VERY GLAD TO BE HERE, I AM JULIE SULLIVAN-SPRINGHETTI. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE TALKING ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS' DEPARTMENT, AND I AM GOING TO ASK ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS TO SIT DOWN. HE SHOULD NOT BE TAKING THIS PICTURE. NO. SO UNFAIR! [LAUGHTER] WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE QUICK SLIDE SLOW FOR YOU BUT I WANT TO START BY THINKING CHRISTIAN ELKIN FOR ALL OF HER HELP WITH THE BUDGET AND ALSO FOR THE CBAC IT'S LIKE RIVER ROCK. WE GO IN AND WE'RE PRETTY ROUGH AND WE GO THROUGH THE CBAC PROCESS AND BY THE TIME THAT WE GET TO YOU WE'RE A BIT SMOOTHER. THE COUNTY REALLY IS A COMPLEX AND LARGE ORGANIZATION. IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE 14 DEPARTMENTS, 47 DIVISIONS, 5,600 EMPLOYEES. \$2 BILLION BUDGE YOU ARE CONSIDERING RIGHT NOW. THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE SERVES TWO REALLY IMPORTANT ROLES STRUCTURALLY FOR THIS ORGANIZATION. THOSE ARE ONE AS A BRIDGE, A WAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BRING INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY AND FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. THE SECOND IMPORTANT ROLE THAT WE SERVE IS AS THE HUB.

WE HAVE LINES OF WORK THAT ARE SO DIVERSE THAT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT YOU CAN HAVE SOMEBODY WHO PROVIDES PEDIATRIC MEDICAL CARE AND SOMEBODY WHO TRAPS RATS FOR A LIVING. YOU CAN HAVE SOMEBODY WHO BUILDS BRIDGES AND SOMEBODY WHO COUNTS BALLOTS. THE WAY THAT WE CREATE LIKE A SINGLE ORGANIZATION THAT COMES TOGETHER AND SHARES AND KIND OF CAN SEE EACH OTHER'S VALUES AND ETHICS AND IDEAS IS A HUB THAT WE LOVE CALLED THE WEDNESDAY WIRE. EVERY WEEK ANDREA LEADS THIS TEAM ON BRINGING TOGETHER A PLACE WHERE IT'S A VIRTUAL PLACE WHERE YOU AS THE COUNTY LEADERS AND DEPARTMENT LEADERS CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE EMPLOYEES AND WHERE EMPLOYEES CAN SEE EACH OTHER SUCH AS MONTGOMERY WHO IS IN THE APPRAISER'S OFFICE, A FULL-TIME APPRAISE AND FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE. FIRST IN HIS FAMILY TO BUY A HOUSE. PART OF THE COLLEGE TO CAREER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IN THE APPRAISER'S OFFICE. JUST LIKE THIS STORY THAT MAKES EVERYBODY FEEL SO GOOD. THAT'S THE ROLE OF THE HUB.

THE NEXT THING THAT WE DO IS WE CREATE A SINGLE COHERENT AND COHESIVE VOICE FOR THE COUNTY SO THAT THE COUNTY MATERIALS ARE PRINTED AND WEB MATERIALS LOOK ALIKE. PEOPLE RECOGNIZE US. WE'RE BRANDED. ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. JANA HAS A WONDERFUL DESIGN OF

WELCOMING OUR OWN WHICH HAS TEN LANGUAGES, IS AVAILABLE IN LANGUAGES AND REALLY IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE WORK. WE STARTED WITH AN IDEA AND IT WAS SHOT DOWN AND SHE CAME BACK WITH ANOTHER GREAT IDEA. THEN REALLY THE COMMUNITY OF EMPLOYEES HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT LANGUAGES WE NEED AND HAD WHAT THEY WANTED TO SEE IN THEIR OFFICES AND THAT'S REALLY HOW IT OFTEN IS. IT'S A DIALOGUE. WE HOPE THAT IT'S NOT A MONOLOGUE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO BE A BRIDGE IS TO ACTUALLY MEET PEOPLE FACE-TO-FACE. I THINK THAT IN THE INTERNET WORLD PEOPLE FORGET JUST THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING ONE-ON-ONE WITH PEOPLE. THIS WAS CONNECTING ONE ON 700 AT THE AIR TOXIC MEETING LAST SPRING.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: IF YOU LOOK, YOU CAN CLICK THROUGH THESE JUST THE GATHERING OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. WHEN I SAY THAT WE'RE A BRIDGE, I REALLY MEAN WE'RE THE BRIDGE. AND I JUST LOVE THE LOOK ON RYAN'S FACE. THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS. WE ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN EMERGENCIES. AND SO WE'RE THERE WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN TROUBLE AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL ROLES THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE FULFILLS, WHETHER IT'S E. COLI IN A TODDLER'S CLASSROOM, WHETHER IT'S AIR TOXINS IN THE AIR, FLOODING OUT ON FANNO CREEK OR JOHNSON CREEK, WHETHER IT'S HEAT WAVES, PARTICULARLY SNOW AND SHELTER, IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE SHELTER ONE, WE DURING FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY IS A REALLY GREAT EXAMPLE. WE HAD INCLEMENT WEATHER BETWEEN JANUARY 1ST AND JANUARY 9TH. WE RELEASED EIGHT MAJOR REGIONAL PRESS RELEASES THAT DREW MORE THAN 70 MEDIA STORIES. THIS WAS NOT ENTERTAINMENT. THIS WAS LIFE-SAVING INFORMATION THAT WENT BOTH WAYS. IT TOLD PEOPLE HOW TO GET HELP AND IT TOLD THE COMMUNITY HOW THEY COULD HELP.

ON JANUARY 12TH, JESSICA PUT UP A FACEBOOK POST OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE COUNTY WAS COORDINATING. IT GOT 44,000 PEOPLE LOOKING AT IT AND WAS SHARED 700 TIMES. IT'S INFORMATION THAT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THESE PROBLEM TIMES. WE ALSO COMMUNICATE GRAPHICALLY, WE MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO ASSUMPTIONS THAT PEOPLE ARE READING US, SEEING US ON THE WEB, GOING TO OUR MEETINGS. SO WE TRY TO HIT A VARIETY OF PLATFORMS. IN THIS CASE THIS IS A CLASSIC FOR THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAMS, BUT WE DO THIS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR MANY DEPARTMENTS, GIVING THEM A ONE-PAGER FOR THEM TO TAKE.

Chair Kafoury: IS THAT JESSICA AND HER BABY?

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: OH, MY GOSH. WELL, WE DID HAVE A TALENT SEARCH. [LAUGHTER] YES, ACTUALLY IT WAS HARD FOR US. WE ORIGINALLY HAD A DAD AND A CHILD AND WE GOT FEEDBACK FROM ABBEY'S DEPARTMENT

THAT THEY WANTED MOM INVOLVED, THEY WANTED MORE OF A WHOLE FAMILY AND IT WAS A TOUGH THING SO YES, WE DID ACTUALLY USE SOME LOCAL TALENT. NINE TIMES OUT OF 10 THEY'RE ACTUAL PEOPLE. DEFINITELY USED OUR GRAPHICS, OUR GRAPHIC DESIGNER TO INVITE PEOPLE TO COMMUNITY EVENTS, SUCH AS THE INVITATIONS THAT WENT FOR THE SWEARING IN SHE HOPES, A WONDERFUL EVENT AT THE ELECTIONS BUILDING THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH SPONSORED, HONORING THE SUFFRAGETTES WHO HELPED WOMEN GET THE VOTE IN OREGON AND THEN THE STATE OF THE COUNTY, A WAY TO EASILY SHARE ONLINE AND IN E-MAIL WITH THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: ONE OF THE PRIORITIES IN THIS COUNTY IS COMMUNICATING WITH THE MOST VULNERABLE. IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ARE AMONG THOSE AND AT MULTCO GLOBAL, IT USED TO BE THIS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY. SHE HAD BUILT UP A RESOURCE FOR EVERY NONPROFIT PARTNER IN THE COUNTY CONNECTING SERVICES TO PEOPLE AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE. SHE HAS REALLY STEPPED UP THE GAME IN 2016. YOU CAN GO FORWARD. SHE'S DOES A TON OF NEWS, BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS AGAINST ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS, MULTCO GLOBAL IS ALSO AN AMAZING RESOURCE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES WHO NEEDED A PLACE THAT THEY COULD GO FOR NON-ADVOCACY, JUST STRAIGHT NEWS THAT THE NEWSPAPERS OFTEN DON'T HAVE TIME IT TO COVER. MULTCO GLOBAL PUTS OUT NEWS. WHAT YOU'RE NOT SEEING IS ALL THE RELATIONSHIPS THIS HELPS BUILD, ESPECIALLY WITH HOW OUR DEPARTMENTS WORK.

KATE HAS BEEN WORKING THIS YEAR WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TRAIN WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES. ALL OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS LEARN HOW TO WORK WITH AN INTERPRETER BECAUSE THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY OBVIOUS ABOUT HOW YOU SHOULD ACT, HOW THEY SHOULD ACT, WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF THEM AND SO DOING THAT KIND OF TRAINING RAISES THE BAR AND IT ALSO HELPS REALLY CREATE COHESION AND THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO STEP UP THE TRANSLATION OF MULTCO GLOBAL SO THAT WE'RE SEEING MORE THINGS IN SPANISH AND IN THE OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. I THINK THE THING THAT WE'RE KNOWN BEST FOR IS PROBABLY OUR MEDIA RELATIONS, AND ALTHOUGH EVERYBODY LOOKS VERY SPIFFY FOR THE CAMERAS, THE REALLY HARD WORK OF MEDIA RELATIONS IS OFTEN IN THE RETRIEVAL OF PUBLIC RECORDS. OREGON HAS A ROBUST OPEN RECORDS LAW, AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RETRIEVE, REVIEW, AND THEN RELEASE AND THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE OPEN RECORDS LAW, THOSE RECORDS THAT HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S TRANSPARENT, CREDIBLE, THAT WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: WE TRY TO SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS MEDIA-WISE BY REALLY HIGHLIGHTING THEIR WORK, THAT WAS DR. LEWIS TALKING ABOUT OPIATES, LEADING A REGIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE, THIS IS ABBY LEADING A REGIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON ONE OF HER MYRIAD OF PROGRAMS, WHICH MIGHT BE LEED OR FLIP THE SCRIPT. WE ALSO LAST YEAR HELPED OPEN SEVEN I THINK SINCE IN THE LAST YEAR PLUS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND REALLY BRINGING TOGETHER PARTNERS WE HAD NEVER WORKED WITH. THE JOINT OFFICE MIGHT HAVE WORKED WITH THEM OR DCHS, BUT WE HAD NEVER AND IT WAS JUST A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS NOT TO INTRODUCE THE PUBLIC AND REPORTERS TO US; IT'S TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE COUPLE WHO FOR THE FIRST TIME MOVED INSIDE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A NO BARRIERS SHELTER WHERE THEY COULD BE IN A DOUBLE BED AND SLEEP INSIDE AND THAT'S ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE CONNECT LIKE MEDIA TO OTHERS.

LAST YEAR, WE HELPED THE MEDIA REPORT ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY, 1,120 PLUS STORIES. SO THE STORY IS GETTING OUT THERE. WE ALSO COVERED THE STORIES THAT NOBODY'S INTERESTED IN. MEDIA IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE, UNDER TREMENDOUS CONSTRICTIONS. WE HAVE SCHOOL EXCLUSION CLINICS THAT WE POP UP. IT'S A BIG STORY. HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES NEED TO GET LAST-MINUTE SHOTS BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING, THEY WERE TOO BUSY AND YET THESE WERE IN EAST COUNTY AND WE COULD NOT GET TV CAMERAS TO ACTUALLY CROSS THE COUNTY ON A SATURDAY MORNING TO GO. SO USING WHAT WE HAD, YOU CAN GO THROUGH THIS AND GET JACK'S SHOTS ALL DONE AND --

Chair Kafoury: YOU HAD THE KIDS SCARED IN THE AUDIENCE. [LAUGHTER] THEY WERE A LITTLE NERVOUS.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE THIS WITH CHANNEL 12 AND WITH A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH DR. LEWIS, THEY WERE ABLE TO DO A GREAT STORY. SO DOING OUR OWN STORIES, WE'RE ABLE TO PUT UP LAST YEAR, WHEN I GOT TO THE COUNTY IN 2011, WE WERE PUTTING UP ABOUT ONE NEWS STORY ON WWW.MULTCO.US. THE TEAM WORKS 24/7, THEY'RE SELF-STARTERS, THEY HAVE LOW SELF-ESTEEM SO WE'RE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING AND WORK NIGHTS AND IF YOU DON'T THINK WE WERE WORKING NIGHTS LAST NIGHT, YOU WERE THERE AND SO WAS THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. YOU CAN GO FORWARD. AND IT HELPS TO REALLY CONNECT WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE. IT HELPS US TO SHOW THE KIND OF WORK YOU WERE DOING AND TO GET OUT THINGS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE AND YOU NEVER ACTUALLY SHARE THOSE WITH US. YOU ALWAYS WANT OUR PHOTOS. JUST KIDDING. SO WE TRY TO BE A RESOURCE FOR EMPLOYEES. SO I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO JUST QUICKLY, I'M NOT GOING TO READ THESE NUMBERS, BUT I WANT IT ON THE RECORD THE KIND OF CONTENT THAT WE PRODUCE, INCLUDING 52 ORIGINAL VIDEOS BY MARK

BAKER WHO CAN MOVE YOU EMOTIONALLY AND WHO I REALLY THINK IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: KATE HAS BEEN USING PODCASTS, WE'RE STARTING TO DO SOME STORY BOARDING THAT'S GOING TO BE REALLY EXCITING FOR THE COMING YEAR. WE ALSO WANT YOU TO SEE WHAT THE AUDIENCE FOR THE WEBSITES ARE. CAN YOU GO BACK TO THE NUMBERS FOR A SECOND? SINCE I CREATED THIS FOR THE CBAC, OUR FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS HAVE GONE OVER 3,000. OUR TWITTER FOLLOWERS HAVE GONE OVER 27,000. WE'RE GETTING 56,000 VIEWS OF WEDNESDAY WIRE, WHICH IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT IS PRETTY GOOD. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HOME PAGE VIEWS AND 11 MILLION LOOKS IT'S IMPORTANT, WE NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC FACE THAT MAKES SENSE. NEXT YEAR, WHAT'S UP, THE THREE THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT AND YOU CAN CLICK THROUGH THESE IS REALLY TRYING TO OFFER MORE DISTRICT-WIDE SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT LEADERS TO BE ABLE TO HIGHLIGHT, SHOW AND HIGHLIGHT THE WORK THAT YOU'RE ALL DOING.

WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY TO TRY TO UP THE GAME. WE HAVE WONDERFUL PLANS TO REALLY FOCUS ON THE COUNTY PRIORITIES OF HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH AND FAMILIES AND OTHER PRIORITIES THAT YOU BRING TO OUR ATTENTION AND FINALLY, WE'RE ENTERING A NEW PHASE WHERE WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY DEPARTMENT SIMPLY CANNOT LOOK TO OUR LITTLE BAND OF MERRY MEN AND WOMEN AND DOGS AND CHILDREN BECAUSE IN THE PRODUCTION LINE I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT WE ALSO HAVE HAD THREE BABY BOYS IN THE LAST 15 MONTHS. IT IS A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE TEAM. [LAUGHTER] AS WE GO BACK TO THE IDEA THAT WE'RE REALLY A RESOURCE OR TRY TO BE A RESOURCE FOR THE DEPARTMENTS, I'M MEETING WITH TALENT AND DEVELOPMENT, WE'RE DEVELOPING MORE OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ANYBODY WHO TOUCHES A SOCIAL MEDIA SITE OR COMMUNICATION AROUND THE COUNTY TOGETHER SO WE'RE PART OF ONE BIG MULTNOMAH COUNTY TEAM AND TO TRY TO RAISE THE BAR.

MELISSA HAS JOINED US, I'M JUST INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE HER TRAINING ABILITY AND EXPERTISE HERE TO DO THAT. I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE BY THANKING MY TEAM, THE PASSIONATE, IDEALISTIC SELF-STARTERS AND I THINK THEY'RE HERE. CAN YOU STAND UP? [READING NAMES] [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? THE QUIET ONES! SHE NEEDED TO BE FROM A BIGGER FAMILY.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. BEFORE YOU GET TO GO DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Meieran: JUST A COMMENT OF HOW AWESOME YOU ARE. THAT WAS A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION. I'M SORRY CLAUDIA THAT YOU HAVE TO GO AFTERWARD, I KNOW YOURS IS GOING TO BE GREAT, TOO. BUT YOU AND

YOUR TEAM ARE FABULOUS AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO TO GIVE THAT PUBLIC FACE TO THE COUNTY AND WHAT WE ARE DOING AND YOU JUST CAPTURE SO MUCH. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT. I KNOW WE CALL YOU ALL THE TIME, BUT YOU REALLY HAVE STEPPED YOUR GAME UP. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND IT'S BEEN REALLY HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ELECTIONS DIVISION. THAT WAS SO AMAZING. YOU GUYS PUT OUT SO MUCH INFORMATION AND IT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU DO.

Vice-Chair Pederson: YOU GUYS ARE SO IMPRESSIVE AND SOMETIMES, I LIKE DOING THE WORK, YOU GUYS MAKE US LOOK GOOD AND WE HAVE SUCH A TOP-NOTCH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM, I'M SO IMPRESSED EVERY DAY SO I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THE AUDITS ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. AND I ACTUALLY REALLY APPRECIATE THEM. I ACTUALLY REALLY APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION AND THE WORK THAT YOUR TEAM DOES AS WELL BECAUSE I THINK THAT LETS US GET AN DEEPER EYE INTO THE WHOLE GOINGS-ON IN THE COUNTY AND GETTING UP TO SPEED ON THINGS, I FOUND THAT VERY HELPFUL.

Dr. March: I WANT TO SAY THEY WEREN'T THE ONLY OFFICE THAT WAS PRODUCTIVE LAST YEAR. OUR OFFICE HAD A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Stegmann: I WANTED TO COMMENT ON COMMUNICATIONS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN WE DID OUR SCIENCE FAIR AT THE FAMILY SHELTER. THERE WAS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SENSITIVITY AND DECORUM THAT WAS EXPRESSED BY YOUR OFFICE. WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED AND PROVIDING THEM SOMETHING THAT THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS HAVE ACCESS TO EVERY DAY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE MELISSA, REALLY, REALLY BEING SENSITIVE TO THOSE, FOLKS. SO I JUST WANTED TO IMPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND THANK YOU FOR THINKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY WRITING ABOUT AND YOU'RE PHOTOGRAPHING AND REALLY PRESERVING YOU KNOW, THEIR DIGNITY WHILST ALSO TELLING A STORY. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: YOU REALLY STEPPED UP AND STEPPED IN AND STEPPED UP. IT WAS A DIFFICULT TRANSITION. THIS YEAR WAS TOUGH. THE BABIES ARE BEAUTIFUL AND LOVELY AND I LOVE THEM, BUT IT'S VERY HARD WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY VERY TALENTED WOMEN OUT OF THE OFFICE. IT'S A STRAIN ON THE ENTIRE OFFICE AND THEY DON'T BRING THE BABIES IN ENOUGH WHICH ALSO MAKES ME MAD, BUT YOU'VE STEPPED RIGHT IN AND REALLY HAVE DONE SUCH AN AMAZING JOB. I ALSO HAVE TO SAY THAT I JOKE ABOUT THE TEAM OF FORMER OREGONIAN REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, BUT IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE YOU'VE

BEEN ON BOTH SIDES, AND I THINK, ESPECIALLY WITH THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS AND YOUR ABILITY TO RESPOND AND THERE'S THIS TREND RIGHT NOW WITH MEDIA UNHAPPY WITH GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT TRANSPARENT ENOUGH AND I DON'T SEE OUR NAMES IN THOSE LISTS OF BAD ACTORS AND I KNOW THAT'S BECAUSE YOU GUYS REALLY PUSH TO GET INFORMATION OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO PEOPLE THAT NEED IT.

Ms. Sullivan-Springhetti: THANK YOU. THERE WAS ONE THING I NEGLECTED TO SAY, I HAD IT IN THE SLIDE SHOW BUT RANDY COX SET A LEGACY FOR ALL OF US THAT REALLY THIS SLIDE SHOW IS IN MEMORY OF WHAT HE DID TO RAISE THE GAME AND WE HAVE NEVER GOTTEN OVER RANDY LEAVING THIS EARTH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO PAUSE ONE MOMENT BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES CLAUDIA HAVE TO FOLLOW JULIE AND THE PICTURES AND THE COOKIES ON THE SCREEN, BUT NOW, WE HAVE A WHOLE GROUP OF ADORABLE AND WONDERFUL KIDS! IT'S BRING YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY. SO HEY, KIDS! [APPLAUSE] SO I'M DEBORAH KAFOURY, I'M YOUR COUNTY CHAIR, AND SOME DAY YOU ALL CAN BE UP HERE DOING THIS REALLY EXCITING WORK. [APPLAUSE] ALTHOUGH THE PICTURES OF COOKIES, WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT COOKIES UNFORTUNATELY. [LAUGHTER] WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR COUNTY BUDGET. IT'S \$2 BILLION THIS YEAR. SO THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT WE HAVE TO CHOOSE WHICH PROGRAMS WE'RE GOING TO SPEND IT ON. SO WE'RE HEARING FROM SOME OF OUR COUNTY OFFICES ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO SPEND SOME OF THE MONEY ON THIS YEAR. ALL RIGHT, CLAUDIA. YOU GET TO FOLLOW PICTURES AND KIDS. AND WHERE'S THE KITTIES?

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Ms. Black: LET'S HAVE SOMETHING UP THERE. GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M ALSO ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY. I'M CLAUDIA BLACK, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. WHAT I'M NOT DELIGHTED TO BE DOING IS FOLLOWING JULIE'S EXCELLENT PRESENTATION. YOU KNOW, FOLLOWING A COMMUNICATIONS GENIUS WITH THOSE PICTURES IS VERY UNFAIR, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST. THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE SHORT AND SWEET OR SHORT AND SHORT. RIGHT. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET WITH YOU TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK CHRISTIAN ELKIN PRIMARILY FOR HER PATIENCE AND THE CBAC FOR THEIR HELP AND GUIDANCE. TO JUST KIND OF DO A LITTLE QUICK OVERVIEW, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS IS TO REPRESENT THE BOARD BEFORE CONGRESS, THE OREGON LEGISLATURE AND LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES AND WE WORK TO ADVANCE MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS WHICH ARE BOTH SET BY THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND WE ALSO FACILITATE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS.

Ms. Black: SO OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS ARE VITAL IN PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND AS YOU'RE AWARE WE LOST TWO VITAL MEMBERS OF OUR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM IN JANUARY. AND I'M LOOKING TO MY RIGHT. [LAUGHTER] WE MISS THEM ON OUR TEAM VERY MUCH, BUT WE'RE REALLY ENJOYING WORKING WITH THEM IN THEIR NEW ROLES AND WE'RE PLEASED THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH OF YOU. WE THINK IT BENEFITS THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. WE WERE FORTUNATELY ABLE, DESPITE THE FAIRLY TIGHT TIMELINE TO HIRE A DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND WE HAVE A LEAN, MEAN GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM. IN ADDITION, TO ME, THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM INCLUDE ROSA CAROLINA, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, THE SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR AND SHERRY CAMPBELL THE GRANTS COORDINATOR. OUR EAST LIAISON IS CURRENTLY VACANT. WE HAD SESSION APPROACHING SESSION IMMINENTLY, WE DECIDED TO WAIT TO FILL THAT POSITION. A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON ROSA, SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THEN HEALTH SHARE OF OREGON, WHICH IS ONE OF THE 2 CCOS IN THE METROPOLITAN REGION, THEN SHE WENT TO STATE PUBLIC HEALTH WHERE SHE WORKED AS A LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR. SO SHE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND SHE'S BEEN A VALUABLE ASSET IN SALEM.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND I SERVE AS THE STATE LOBBYISTS FOR THE COUNTY. WE LEAD STAKEHOLDER AND COALITION MEETINGS AND PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER STAFF. SO RHYS, HE'S OUR POLICY MANAGER AND HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION, HE WORKS WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENT STAFF ON LEGISLATIVE COORDINATION. HE ANALYZES KEY POLICY ISSUES, HE'S KIND OF LIKE OUR GO-TO PERSON FOR EVERYTHING. HE DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF KEEPING THE HEARTH FIRES BURNING AND HE'S THE COUNTY'S HISTORIAN AND HE CAN PROVIDE YOU FASCINATING FACTS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY HAS ENCOUNTERED OVER THE YEARS. HE CAN BE GO-TO FOR YOU ALL, AS WELL. SHERI CAMPBELL IS OUR SENIOR GRANTS COORDINATOR AND SHE'S RIGHT THERE. SHE HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AND SYSTEMS TO INCREASE THE COUNTY'S CAPACITY TO SECURE AND SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANTS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE COUNTY'S MISSIONS AND VALUES AND SHE PRESENTED TO YOU NOT TOO LONG AGO. SHE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE HER IN PARTICULAR TODAY FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN TRYING TO READ THE FEDERAL BUDGET TEA LEAVES.

Ms. Black: SHE'S ALWAYS HAD AN EAGLE EYE ON FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT THIS YEAR WE ASKED HER TO HELP FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MEANS TO US WHEN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT WILL CUT OFF GRANTS TO JURISDICTIONS THAT PROVIDE SANCTUARY TO IMMIGRANTS AND ALSO TO KIND OF TRACK OTHER THREATS COMING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. SO SHE'S EXPANDED HER DUTIES IN LIGHT OF A VERY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. WITH THE FEDERAL SESSION IN FULL SWING, WE ARE WORKING NON-STOP AND I CAN'T TELL YOU ABOUT OUR SUCCESSES NOW BECAUSE WE WON'T KNOW MOST OF THEM UNTIL JULY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF FUNDING FOR OUR COURTHOUSE, THE FINAL STATE CONTRIBUTION OF \$92.6 MILLION, THAT IS A BUDGET BILL THAT WILL PASS JUST MINUTES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE'S SINE DIE. THAT'S IN ABEYANCE AND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION IS JUST STARTING TO WORK ON THOSE ISSUES. WE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE BUDGET PICTURE AND HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S FUNDING. IT'S A HUGE CONCERN OF OURS, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE AT STAKE AND IT MAKES IT VERY, VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOU ALL TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR BUDGET LOOKS LIKE WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW YET WHAT THE STATE BUDGET IS GOING TO BE LIKE. CURRENTLY, THERE'S \$1.5 BILLION DEFICIT.

THERE'S ALSO CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE KICKER KICKING AND WE WON'T KNOW THAT UNTIL THE MAY FORECAST, THAT WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL \$500 MILLION DEFICIT. I WON'T ADD THOSE NUMBERS FOR YOU. WE'RE HOPING THAT THAT IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR. THERE'S THE PROVIDER TAX, THE TAX ON HOSPITALS AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. SO FAR, THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AS GREAT AS WE HEAD HOPED IT WOULD BE. BUT IT WILL STILL PROVIDE SOME FUNDING FOR THE MEDICAID POPULATION. AND FINALLY, THE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH LEGISLATORS AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE METRO REGION ON THAT. WE'VE BEEN BUSY ON THE POLICY SIDE, AS WELL. WE'VE ALREADY FOUGHT BACK A COUPLE OF COUNTY PERCEPTIONS, BOTH ON ADUS, AUXILIARY DWELLING UNITS AND SOME TOBACCO RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED THE COUNTY FROM TAKING ANOTHER SINGLE ACTION IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR ACTION TO RESTRICT TOBACCO SALES.

WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON SOME OTHER HIGHLY IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT ARE PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. THEY INCLUDE HOUSING, OPIATE TOBACCO, DIESEL POLLUTION, FIREARMS SAFETY, A FEW EXAMPLES. MOVING ON TO THE FEDERAL ISSUES, THE SITUATION IN D.C. IS UNLIKE ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE. THE TREMENDOUS UNCERTAINTY IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR US IN THE COMING YEAR. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS OUR RISK ON AN ONGOING BASIS. AS I MENTIONED, SHERRY IS WORKING ON THIS AND WE'RE FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION TO WORK CLOSELY ON ISSUES

WHERE WE CAN HAVE SOME IMPACT. WE'RE ALSO RELYING MORE ON THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND AS I MENTIONED, YOU KNOW, A PORTION OF SHERI'S TIME ALLOTTED TO THAT.

Ms. Black: SO EVEN THOUGH THEY AREN'T IN OUR BUDGET WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE TREMENDOUS TEAM EFFORT AT THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THIS INCLUDES COMMISSIONERS, STAFF, DEPARTMENTS AND THE OTHER OFFICES. WE REALLY DEPEND ON YOU AND WE CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM MEMBERS WHO KEEP THE INTERNAL PROCESS ON TRACK. AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO WORK FOR SUCH A HIGH-CALIBER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. YOU ALL MAKE MY JOB VERY, VERY ENJOYABLE AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR YOU. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS FOR CLAUDIA?

Commissioner Stegmann: I WANT TO SAY IF YOU WOULDN'T HIRE SUCH GOOD PEOPLE THEN MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T BE POACHED. ALL RIGHT. SO THANK YOU TO YOUR SMALL, BUT POWERFUL TEAM. IT'S SUCH A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT. CLAUDIA, YOU GUYS, YOU'RE SO GOOD AT READING THE TEA LEAVES AND GETTING VITAL INFORMATION TO US IN A TIMELY MANNER. I REALLY APPRECIATE AND IT'S A JOY TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Ms. Black: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Vice-Chair Pederson: I WANTED TO ASK YOU, DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANGE IN WHAT YOU SEE IN TERMS OF OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WORK FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN THE LAST YEAR? IT'S GONE BACK AND FORTH WITH HAVING SOMEBODY ON OR OFF.

Ms. Black: YES. I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IS WHEN WE TALK TO FOLKS FROM OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THEY'RE SAYING THEY DON'T THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BENEFIT FROM HAVING SOMEBODY ON THE GROUND IN D.C. RIGHT NOW, BUT AS THINGS CHANGE, WE WILL BE MONITORING THAT SITUATION AND WE ALREADY WENT OUT AND DID AN RFP SO WE HAVE FOLKS THAT ARE KIND OF WAITING IN THE WINGS THAT IF WE NEED THAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE WE CAN STEP RIGHT IN.

Vice-Chair Pederson: I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM WHILE I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE, SO I DECIDED TO STEAL SOME OF IT. [LAUGHTER]

Ms. Black: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY YOU HAVE A TREMENDOUS TEAM. YOU DO GREAT WORK JUST REPRESENTING US AND I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I HAVEN'T BEEN IN SALEM AS MUCH SO IF YOU NEED ME TO COME DOWN, JUST PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO.

Ms. Black: YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. AND AS THINGS HEAT UP WITH THE COURTHOUSE I THINK YOU MAY BE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU HAD HOPED FOR DOWN IN SALEM.

Chair Kafoury: I CAN DEAL. WE'VE BEEN THERE. THANKS. GREAT. THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH.

LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Ms. Stamp: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. I'M ABBEY STAMP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL. LPSCC. I TOOK THE TEMPLATE THAT MIKE JACKSON PROVIDED TO THE REGULAR DEPARTMENTS AND MADE IT A LITTLE MORE STEAMLINED FOR THE NON-DEPARTMENT THAT LPSCC IS. I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET THIS DONE IN UNDER FIVE MINUTES. WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH OUR MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES. I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHAT OUR GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE, WHERE THE FUNDING COMES FROM AND A COUPLE OF NOTES ABOUT THE FUNDING RISKS MOVING FORWARD. SO THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT LPSCC IS THAT IT COMES WITH A PREDESTINED MISSION AND VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES BECAUSE WE ARE STATUTORILY MANDATED COLLABORATION. WE COORDINATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AMONG THE AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, CITIES AND THE STATE AGENCIES THAT WORK IN OUR JURISDICTION.

AS YOU ALL KNOW FROM THE MEETINGS YOU HAVE BEEN TO, YOU KNOW THAT WE ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION ACROSS THE COUNTY TO FOSTER COLLABORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF POLICIES RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HERE'S OUR REALLY COMPLICATED ORG CHART. THE THREE OF US WHO ARE IN THE WHITE BOXES ARE FUNDED BY A REGULAR ONGOING FUNDING THROUGH SB 1145. WE ARE YOUR REGULAR FTES AND OUR PROJECT MANAGERS ARE OUT MANAGING PROJECTS. THEY ARE LIMITED DURATION ASSIGNMENT EMPLOYEES AND HAVE BEEN IMMENSELY HELPFUL. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON OUR BUSES, BUT SOMETIMES, THERE'S NO ONE DRIVING. AND A PROJECT MANAGER HELPS US GET TO OUR DESTINATION AND I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM FOR AS LONG AS I AM ABLE.

Ms. Stamp: HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE DONE. CHRISTIAN'S WERE MUCH PRETTIER AND DIFFERENT COLORS, BUT I GOT GRAY. WE LAUNCHED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION. WE CONTINUED TO OVERSEE AND FACILITATE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM AND WE HAVE FACILITATED AS A TEAM OVER 450 MEETINGS IN A GIVEN FISCAL YEAR, AND I THINK THAT'S A GOOD AVERAGE TO INDICATE THAT'S A LOT OF MEETINGS. WE CONTINUE TO FACILITATE SHIFTS IN POLICY AROUND DECREASING RELIANCE ON JAIL AND I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND THANK COMMISSIONER STEGMANN. I THINK YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SOME OF OUR WORK HAS LIT A BIGGER FIRE UNDER A POT THAT HAS BEEN SIMMERING, THAT HAS BEEN NEEDING TO OIL SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE CONTINUE TO ENHANCE COLLABORATION AMONG PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERS. THAT IS MY JOB I BELIEVE AS THE DIRECTOR IS TO FACILITATE THE WORK AND CONTINUE TO MOVE IT FORWARD AND TO KEEP IT FROM SIMMERING FOR TOO LONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE ARE ALSO THE LIAISON TO THE OBAMA WHITE HOUSE, TO THE MCCARTHUR FOUNDATION AND THE ARNOLD FOUNDATION AND CONTINUE TO BE A NATIONAL CONTACT FOR OTHER AGENCIES LIKE THE JUSTICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AND OTHER NATIONAL THINK-TANKS AROUND PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

WE HOST OUR YEARLY WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE, COLLABORATING WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, HOSTING 825 PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF ADDICTION AND HOW ADDICTION IS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND NOT A CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. [INAUDIBLE] THAT IS PART OF THE HOUSE BILL 3194 LAW, MAKING SURE THAT WE DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO VICTIMS SERVICES, NOT JUST TO SERVICES THAT SUPPORT SO YOU'RE AND SO I HAVE A CONTRACT PROCESS WHERE I'M ABLE TO MONITOR THE WELLNESS OF THOSE CONTRACTS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE BEING ADMINISTERED EFFECTIVELY. WE ALSO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP ON DATA DRIVEN POLICY AND DECISION MAKING. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WELL HOPEFULLY ALWAYS, ALL OF OUR DECISIONS ARE BASED IN DATA AND IN EVIDENCE. SO FOR NEXT YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO BE HERE MORE OFTEN. WELL, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO DO, NOT BECAUSE IT'S A REALLY GOOD TIME BRIEFING YOU ALL, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT NOT JUST TO HAVE CONTINUED ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH NOT ONLY THIS BOARD, BUT OTHER CITY COUNCILS, BUT TO HAVE A GROUP DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE LPSCC AND TOPICAL INTERESTS FOR ME ARE JAIL USE, MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MCCARTHUR FOUNDATION.

HAVING DASHBOARDS WHICH ARE GENERATED THROUGH A SOFTWARE CALLED TABLEAU WHICH AMANDA IS BECOMING AN EXPERT IN ALLOWING MORE TRANSPARENT AND READY DATA AT YOUR FINGER TIPS. I WANT TO REFINE A MEETING STRUCTURE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE

NEED TO BE AROUND THE RIGHT TABLE WITH THE RIGHT CONTENT, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO GROW OUR NETWORK OF NATIONAL PARTNERS. SO OUR FUNDING. THREE SOURCES, GENERAL FUND, STATE AND OTHER. SO OUR GENERAL FUND ONLY GOES TO THE, YOU'LL SEE IN OUR PROGRAM OFFERS THAT IS INTERNAL SERVICES TO THE COUNTY I.T. TO HELP SUPPORT THE DATABASE, WHICH IS DSFJ, AS INDICATED 1145 DOLLARS SUPPORT US. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT DOLLARS GO THROUGH VICTIM SERVICES. WE DO NOT USE IT FOR ANYTHING ELSE. AND THEN THE FOUNDATION. WE HAVE THE LEAD PROJECT MANAGER AND SHE IS SOLELY FUNDED BY MCCARTHUR DOLLARS. WE ALSO FUND MCCARTHUR RELATED TRAVEL AND COSTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS.

Ms. Stamp: WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF DINNERS AND ARE CONTINUING THAT WORK AND CONTINUE TO PURCHASE FOODS AND STIPENDS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ADDITION TO FACILITATORS FOR THOSE PROCESSES. I WANTED TO PUT CHALLENGES, NOT JUST FUNDING RISKS. SO THE RISKS ARE SIMPLE. ONE IS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN YET WITH THE STATE BUDGET. IT'S LOOKING LIKE 1145 IS PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE A DECREASE AND THAT WILL IMPACT US DIRECTLY. IT'S PROBABLY A MANAGEABLE DECREASE, BUT IT'S A DECREASE NONETHELESS AND WE WILL NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT OR SOMETHING SMALLER. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ALSO IS A CONTINUED UNKNOWN. SO FAR WITH THE COCHAIR'S BUDGET IT'S LOOKING PRETTY GOOD, BUT AGAIN, IT CONTINUES TO BE AN UNKNOWN. BUMPING BACK UP TO COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS, WANTED TO QUICKLY MENTION THAT THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND DOES ONLY FUND THE WAREHOUSE.

IN A MOMENT I WILL JUST PUT A PIN IN SOMETHING THAT I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU COMMISSIONERS, ONE ON ONE ABOUT OUR DATA AND DATA SHARING. SO THE FOUNDATION LASTLY IS WE ARE IN THE PROCESS TO APPLY TO THE FOUNDATION FOR ANOTHER \$1 MILLION. ALL FINGERS AND TOES CROSSED. AND THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE \$1 MILLION A YEAR, I'VE HEARD TWO AND I'VE HEARD TWO TO FIVE YEARS, WE'RE GOING TO DENVER NEXT WEEK AND WE'LL HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF WHAT THAT WILL BE. THIS WILL BE A MONUMENTAL TASK, NOT ONLY TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, WE JUST GOT THE RFP YESTERDAY, BUT IF WE GET THE MONEY IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK, BUT IT'S A GREAT RELATIONSHIP TO HAVE AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE IT.

SO LASTLY, I DID SUBMIT TWO OUT OF TARGET PROGRAM OFFERS BECAUSE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE DATA WAREHOUSE WAS EVALUATED BY AN EXTERNAL ASSESSOR AND IT WAS SUGGESTED WE MAKE ONGOING AND ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS BECAUSE WE ARE IN A CONSTRAINT, THAT'S SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO DO RIGHT NOW, BUT I DO THINK THAT DATA SHARING IS IMPORTANT AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THOSE SPECIFICS ANOTHER TIME OR IN ANOTHER FORM, BUT I WANTED TO

MAKE SURE I MENTIONED THE TRUE IMPORTANCE OF DATA SHARING AND COLLABORATION TO MAKE SURE THAT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE GOING AS PLANNED. AND THAT'S IT. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? COMMENT?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU DO. I REALLY FEEL THAT LPSCC, IT'S A MODEL, YOU HAVE CREATED A MODEL FOR COORDINATION AND ENGAGEMENT BASED ON SOUND DATA, EVIDENCE AND BEST PRACTICES. YOU WORK ACROSS SILOS AND RECOGNIZE THOSE INTERCONNECTIONS WHICH ARE SO FOUNDATIONAL TO FIGURING OUT HOW WE DEAL WITH A LOT OF THE DOWNSTREAM CONSEQUENCES IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND OTHER SYSTEMS AND HOW IT ALL RELATES. I COULD NOT BE MORE SUPPORTIVE ALSO OF THE NEED FOR DATA SHARING AND COLLABORATION AND AGAIN, FEEL THAT THIS JUST ENHANCES THE SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR TEAM AND THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. WELL, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND HELPING ME GET UP TO SPEED ON MANY OF THE PROGRAMS, I REALLY ENJOYED THE WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE, THAT WAS A GREAT CONFERENCE FOR ME TO GO TO AND I RAN INTO COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND IT WAS JUST GREAT TO SEE HER. SHE'S A GREAT ROLE MODEL FOR ME AND HER LOVE TO REFORM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS KIND OF SNUCK UP ON ME. IT'S GREAT TO SEE HER AND KIND OF HOPEFULLY CARRY THAT TORCH A LITTLE BIT MORE AND OF COURSE, I LOVE BEING ON THE JAIL BED REDUCTION COMMITTEE. WE HAVE SOME AMAZING FOLKS ALONG WITH JUDGE JONES AND, YOU KNOW, WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, I THINK YOU JUST KEEP US SO ON TRACK AND JUST SO PURPOSEFUL IN OUR WORK AND OUR GOALS AND JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AMANDA AND CHRISTINA, THOSE TWO, I COME IN EARLY SOMETIMES AND THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS HERE FIRST SO I KNOW THEY'RE WORKING REALLY HARD AND GOOD LUCK. GO GET 'EM.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. GREAT PRESENTATION. AND I KNOW YOU HAVE A SMALL, BUT MIGHTY TEAM. WHENEVER PEOPLE I'M OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE TALK ABOUT OH, LPSCC IS DOING THIS AND LPSCC IS DOING THAT, WHICH YOU KNOW YOUR NAME IS BIGGER THAN JUST YOUR STAFF. I THOUGHT WOW, LPSCC IS US, IT'S ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Mr. Duncan: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. BEN DUNCAN, CHIEF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY OFFICER. I'M EXCITED TO SPEAK TODAY ABOUT WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED BOTH AS AN OFFICE AND AS AN ORGANIZATION AND TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR TEAM AND THE TEAM OF EMPLOYEES ACROSS THIS

ORGANIZATION THAT REALLY CARRY A LOT OF THIS WORK EACH AND EVERY DAY. I JUST REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, YOU KNOW, I'M SURROUNDED BY FOLKS THAT POUR THEIR HEART INTO THIS WORK AND EVERY DAY IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT SO I JUST WANT TO LIFT THAT AND HOLD THAT SPACE. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LANDSCAPE THAT WE'RE OPERATING IN LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY, AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE SEE AN INCREASE IN FEAR IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THE RISE OF HATE AND BIAS INCIDENTS, CONCERN ABOUT THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THIS COUNTRY.

Mr. Duncan: I'VE BEEN DEEPLY MOVED BY THIS BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO TAKE A LOT OF THESE ISSUES HEAD ON AND I WANT US TO HOLD AS I TALK THROUGH OUR WORK ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES EVERY DAY AS WELL AS OUR CLIENTS. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO CHRISTIAN BECAUSE SHE IS ALWAYS THERE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS AND, YOU KNOW, JUST VERY THANKFUL FOR THAT. THIS PROPOSED BUDGET REFLECTS A TEMPORARY LINE ITEM AND THE \$994,056 BOTH MEETS THE 2% CONSTRAINTS AND REFLECTS THE SERVICE LEVEL. SO FROM RIGHT NOW, WE WOULD LOSE ONE FTE, BUT AS YOU SAW IN CHRISTIAN'S PRESENTATION, THE YEAR-TO-YEAR REDUCTION IS A REFLECTION OF FUNDS THAT WERE MOVED FROM ONGOING TO ONE-TIME ONLY BY LAST YEAR'S BOARD. I'LL JUST ADD THAT ADDITIONALLY THE BUDGET SUPPORTS \$15,000 FOR THE NORTHWEST PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVERSITY CONFERENCE THAT SUPPORTS 150 EMPLOYEES AS A STARTING POINT, MANY DEPARTMENTS SUPPLEMENT THAT TO SEND FOLKS TO THE CONFERENCE AND IT ALSO SUPPORTS OUR ONGOING MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNING ALLIANCE FOR RACIAL EQUITY UPON WHICH WE SIT ON A STEERING COMMITTEE AT A NATIONAL LEVEL.

WE PROVIDE A FOUNDATION FOR OUR ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS ON EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. WE DO THIS THROUGH PROGRAMS, THROUGH POLICIES AND PRACTICE AND HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS IN FOUR KEY AREAS. FIRST BEING ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND FAIR TREATMENT TO THE COMPLIANCE FUNCTIONS WITHIN OUR OFFICE. EXAMPLES INCLUDE DEVELOPING THIS PAST YEAR TWO COUNTYWIDE CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES, NONDISCRIMINATION AND THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL ACCESS POLICY. WE DEVELOPED ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE NATION I BELIEVE PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT SPECIFICALLY FOCUSES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE COUNTY'S AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, ADA TRANSITION PLAN AND ARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING OUR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. THE OFFICE ALSO MANAGES AND PARTNERS WITH DEPARTMENTS TO RESPOND TO CLIENT AND COMMUNITY CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AND MUCH OF THIS WORK REPRESENTS AN EXPANSION IN MANY WAYS AND A CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLE THAT ALSO REQUIRES

TRAINING AND PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION AS WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT WORK.

Mr. Duncan: WE ALSO CONSISTENTLY PROMOTE, SUPPORT AND WORK TOWARDS ADVANCING A DIVERSE WORKPLACE. WE PROVIDE TRAININGS ON EQUITY FOCUSED RELATED TOPICS AND SKILL BUILDING, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES, LGBTQ, WE'RE WORKING TO EXPAND ON AN INITIAL EQUITY STRATEGY THAT WE BROUGHT NOT TO THIS CONFIGURATION OF THE BOARD ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO TO REALLY EXPAND THAT WORK, WORKING WITH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS ON AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN THAT WILL CARRY THAT WORKFORCE EQUITY STRATEGY FORWARD IN THE FUTURE. WE'RE ALSO PARTNERING WITH HUMAN RESOURCES AND EMPLOYEE RESOURCES GROUPS TO DEVELOP PRACTICES AND APPROACHES THAT RESPOND TO THE FINDINGS IN THE EMPLOYEE SURVEY AND I WANT TO TOUCH ON THAT BECAUSE I THINK, FOR INSTANCE, IN OUR EMPLOYEE SURVEY, WHAT IT HAS SHOWN IS THAT FOR EMPLOYEES OF COLOR, FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE EMPLOYEES, FOR EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES IN PARTICULAR, THEY DESCRIBE THESE IDENTITIES AS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THIS ORGANIZATION.

OUR RESPONSE THEREFORE AS AN ORGANIZATION AND CERTAINLY AS AN OFFICE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. WE ALSO COORDINATE THE COUNTY PROGRAM WHICH WILL SUPPORT 33 POSITIONS, WE HAVE OVER 100 APPLICANTS REPRESENTING ACROSS VIRTUALLY EVERY DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY. THAT PROGRAM I'LL HIGHLIGHT IN PART, BUT THAT PROGRAM REALLY BUILDS CAPACITY BOTH FOR YOUNG PROMISING STUDENTS TO BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE THAT THEY NEED TO ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE, BUT ALSO IN 75TH THE CULTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION THE WAY WE MENTOR, THE WAY WE LOOK AT PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, THE WAY WE CAN LEARN HOW TO BETTER ENGAGE AND ON BOARD YOUNG PARTICULARLY PEOPLE OF COLOR INTO THIS ORGANIZATION. YOU KNOW, HER STORY THAT I'M SURE MANY FOLKS SAW WAS JUST ONE OF MANY OF COLLEGE COUNTY PARTICIPANTS AND HE LIKE MANY OF THOSE FOLKS REPRESENT THE FUTURE OF OUR WORKFORCE SO WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THAT PROGRAM AND THE SUCCESSES OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

THIRD AREA OF FOLKS IS WHAT WE MIGHT CALL UPLIFTING UNDERREPRESENTED VOICES WITH AND FOR SYSTEMS AND POLICY CHANGE. WE OVERSEE AND COORDINATE 10 EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS, PROVIDE COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MULTNOMAH YOUTH COMMISSION, WHICH IS THE OFFICIAL POLICY BODY OF THE STATE OF OREGON. THAT INCLUDES UP TO 42 YOUNG PEOPLE, 13 TO 21 YEARS OLD AND IMPORTANTLY THIS YEAR, AND AGAIN, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THIS PIECE, 85% OF THE COMMISSION ARE YOUTH OF COLOR, 30% ARE LGBTQ YOUTH, 60% ARE LOW-INCOME AND THEY REPRESENT EVERY SINGLE

SCHOOL DISTRICT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. OVER THE LAST 20 PLUS YEARS THE YOUTH COMMISSION HAS DEVELOPED A COMMUNITY ORGANIZING MODEL THAT INCORPORATES ACTION RESEARCH, POLICY CREATION AND ADVOCACY AND IS SEEKING YOUTH INPUT ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THROUGH YOUTH LED FOCUS GROUPS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS AND SUMMITS AND THIS YEAR HAS IDENTIFIED AND BROUGHT FORWARD SOME HIGH-LEVEL PATRIOTS, WHICH I'LL QUICKLY WALK THROUGH.

Mr. Duncan: ENSURING THAT YOUTH HAVE SAFE RELIABLE AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, PARTICULARLY TRANSIT SERVICE IN EAST PORTLAND AND EAST COUNTY. STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO EDUCATION BY INFLUENCING POLICIES FOCUSED ON CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM. IMPROVING YOUTH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS, JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY, ADVANCING YOUTH ANTI-VIOLENCE INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS THE FORMATION OF VIOLENCE, INCLUDING ANTI-GAY AND GENDER VIOLENCE, GANG, POLICE, HOME, SEXUAL AND DATING VIOLENCE AS WELL AS SCHOOL AND CYBER BULLYING. WE'VE ALSO INCLUDED INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND INVESTING IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT CONNECT YOUTH TO JOBS, INTERNSHIPS AND POSITIVE ACTIVITIES.

FINALLY, WE HAVE A ROLE IN EMBEDDING EQUITY INTO DAILY PRACTICE. IT INCLUDES BEING A RESOURCE, PROVIDING CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BOTH ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENTS AND TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS. WE LOOK AT BEST AND PROMISING PRACTICES AND HOW WE DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TOOLS AND MODELS FOR ACHIEVING AND ADVANCING EQUITY. THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, WE CREATED GUIDANCE FOR EQUITY AND DATA COLLECTION ON CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES, PROVIDE TRAINING ON YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYED OUR STAFF TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTATION ON POLICY ANALYSIS AND FACILITATED DISCUSSIONS AND USING AND APPLYING THE EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT LENS AND WE'RE CONVENING AND SUPPORTING AN EQUITY CORE TEAM MADE UP OF PRACTITIONERS AS WE SAW IN DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE HIRING MANAGEMENT LEVEL EQUITY LEADERSHIP TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, TO HAVE COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES AND TO BUILD OUR PRACTICE ACROSS THE ORGANIZATION.

TO CLOSE I'LL SAY THAT THIS BUDGET ON ITS FACE REPRESENTS ABOUT A 10% REDUCTION FROM OUR FY17 BUDGET FOR ODA, WHICH I WOULD SAY IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AS I BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY EXPANDING MANY OF OUR ROLES IN COUNTYWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND A CONTINUED NEED THAT WE SEE EVERY DAY FOR EXPERTISE NOT JUST ON APPLYING THE EQUITY LENS, BUT TO HAVE A TEAM OF EXPERTS WHO ARE ABLE TO IN THE ONE-ON-ONE AND GROUP SETTINGS BE ABLE TO HELP

FOLKS NAVIGATE THOSE CONVERSATIONS, RAISE ISSUES THAT THEY OTHERWISE WOULDN'T AND REALLY BE ABLE TO DO THE PRACTICE OF EQUITY IN OUR EVERYDAY WORK. I WILL SAY WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS OUR WORK IN THOSE 24 AREAS, BUT OUR CAPACITY TO CONTINUE TO EFFECT CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN PROVIDING THAT T.A. AND CONSULTATION AND BEING NIMBLE IN OUR RESPONSE TO EMERGING ISSUES THAT I CAN SEE EVERY DAY AND SOME THAT WOULD CHALLENGE OUR IMAGINATION TO KNOW HOW THEY MIGHT SHOW UP IN FRONT OF US WILL BE IMPACTED. SO I THANK YOU AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST A FEW COMMENTS. I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW IMPORTANT I THINK THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT AND YOUR WORK IS NOW MORE THAN EVER WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT AND INTENTIONALITY. IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE TAKE THINGS HEAD ON AND I'M REALLY EXCITED BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR FIRST MULTNOMAH COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION INTERN AND THEY'LL BE STARTING I THINK IN A WEEK OR SO AND JUST YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH, OFFERING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AS WELL AS I LOVE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS AND HOW WE CAN BE MORE ENGAGED. SO I JUST REALLY APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT YOUR DEPARTMENT SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK.

Vice-Chair Pederson: AND I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE TRAINING THAT YOU HAD DONE FOR MY TEAM LAST WEEK IN TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN INCORPORATE DIVERSITY AND EQUITY CONCEPTS AND PRIORITIES IN ALL THE WORK THAT WE DO. I FOUND IT REALLY VALUABLE AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO TAKE IT. THE ROLE THAT YOU HAVE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MAKING SURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES ARE BEING REMINDED THAT THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT, THESE ARE PRIORITIES AND THESE ARE THINGS WHAT WE ENGAGE IN.

Mr. Duncan: THANKS AND WE WILL, OF COURSE, MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE TO ANYBODY IN THE ROOM WHO WANTS TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS, BEN. MAYBE I'M TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T WE TALKING ABOUT YET BECAUSE THE AWARDS CEREMONY ISN'T UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ON ACCIDENT THAT THIS YEAR THE CHAIR'S AWARD FOR OUR MOST-EXCELLENT COUNTY EMPLOYEE WENT TO RAYMOND FOR HIS WORK AS THE HEAD OF THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR ERG. AND REALLY THESE ERGS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO HELP OUR EMPLOYEES FEEL THEIR WORTH AND UNDERSTAND THEIR WORTH IN OUR ORGANIZATION.

Chair Kafoury: SOMETIMES, IN YOUR DAY-TO-DAY WORK YOU DON'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY SO CARVING OUT A SPACE FOR THEM TO COME TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT ORGANIZE AROUND WHATEVER GROUP THEY FEEL MOST COMFORTABLE WITH, BUT THE EMPLOYEES OF COLOR GROUP HAS REALLY THIS YEAR HAD MORE IMPORTANCE THAN EVER I THINK IN THE FACE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL BUT ALSO REMINDING US ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS HOW WE NEED TO BECOME BETTER AND STRONGER AS AN ORGANIZATION. SO I KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY, BUT RAYMOND GOT THE AWARD. HE KNOWS ALREADY.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Mr. Wasiutynski: WELL GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I FEEL VERY HUMBLLED BY FOLLOWING SO MANY OF MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES. AND I'M STILL VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND TALK ABOUT OUR UPCOMING YEAR'S BUDGET AND ALL THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WE'VE ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST YEAR. WE HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST TODAY. MIRIAM LYNCH IS HERE. THAT'S TIM'S DAUGHTER. AND WE'RE VERY, VERY HAPPY TO HAVE HER HERE.

Chair Kafoury: A REMINDER OF WHY WE'RE DOING THE WORK.

Mr. Wasiutynski: ABSOLUTELY. IN ADDITION TO OUR MAIN BUDGET WE ALSO HAVE A SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY AND COORDINATING WITH DISTRICT THREE. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT ASPECT. 2018 PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING YEAR FOR US. IN ADDITION TO TAKING A DEEP DIVE IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORK WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SCALE AND DEVELOP OUR PROPERTY FIT PROGRAM, MOVE THE COMMUNITY FARM TO A NEW PERMANENT HOME, LAUNCH A MAJOR TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF GRESHAM THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. LAST YEAR, I COULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS THE BEST OF TIMES AND THE WORST OF TIMES. MY SON WAS BORN LAST YEAR. I WASN'T HERE LAST YEAR BECAUSE I WAS ON FAMILY LEAVE. BUT IT WAS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR ME TO BECOME A NEW PARENT AND ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS THAT I'VE EVER DONE, BUT ALSO ONE OF THE BEST.

ALSO BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE OFFICE. WE WERE SO PROUD, I WAS SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE RESPONSE TO THE AIR QUALITY ISSUES THAT EMERGED AS PART OF THE STUDY FROM THE FOREST SERVICE. IT WAS REALLY A COMING TOGETHER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TIME, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, INCLUDING THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO RESPOND TO THAT AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE REGULATORY REFORM EFFORTS I THINK HAVE BEEN

SPURRED BY OUR QUICK AND AGILE RESPONSE TO THAT CRISIS. WE RESPONDED THE PILOT. OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING PROPERTY FIT.

Ms. Wasiutynski: WE ENROLLED OUR FIRST CAPITAL PROVIDER INTO THE PROGRAM AND IF EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, WE'LL BE CLOSING OUR FIRST DEAL IN JULY. THE BOARD ALSO AUTHORIZED US TO INCLUDE SEISMIC UPGRADES AS A PART OF THAT PROPERTY FIT OFFERING AND WE'RE WORKING ON IMPLEMENTING THAT COMPONENT INTO THE PROGRAM, AND RIGHT NOW, DOWN IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE'RE GOING TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE PROPERTY FIT PROGRAM TO ALSO INCLUDE WATER EFFICIENCY AS AN ELIGIBLE MEASURE. THAT PASSED OUT OF THE HOUSE CHAMBERS WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. THAT SPEAKS TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE IDEA, AND IT'S OFF TO THE SENATE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. WE'VE ALSO BEEFED UP OUR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT. WE'VE ESTABLISHED TWO MARQUEE ENGAGEMENT EVENTS. SO OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE HAD 27 LUNCH AND LEARN EVENTS AND ENGAGED OVER 635 EMPLOYEES. WE CONTINUE TO LEAD WITH EQUITY IN OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. WE WORKED WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES TO OBTAIN A GRANT.

WE'RE SUPPORTING A COALITION OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS TO HELP DEVELOP JUST TRANSITION IDEAS FOR CAP AND TRADE PROGRAMS THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING. AND WE'VE STRENGTHENED OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS WITH APANO AND THE GREEN GRADE COLLABORATIVE AND SCORING A DESIGN RESOURCE FROM THE EPA TO DO SOME COMMUNITY VISIONING IN THE JADE DISTRICT. DESPITE ALL OUR HARD WORK, THINGS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL HAVE TURNED BLEAK AS YOU GUYS ARE WELL AWARE. JUST WHEN WE NEED TO BE SCALING UP OUR CLIMATE EFFORTS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MOVING THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'RE FEELING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THIS INCLUDES HOTTER, DRIER SUMMERS WITH MORE HIGH HEAT DAYS AND WARMER WINTERS WITH MORE INTENSE RAIN EVENTS AND MORE EXTREME WEATHER. WE CAN'T LINK ALL WEATHER TO CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT WHAT RECENT RESEARCH IS SHOWING US IS THAT EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS ARE MORE AND MORE TIED TO A WARMING CLIMATE. AND AS WE KNOW THIS PAST WINTER WAS EXTREME. GLOBALLY 16 OF THE 17 HOTTEST YEARS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE COUNTRY.

OREGON'S MEAN TEMPERATURE HAS INCREASED BY 2.2 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT ALREADY. AND THE WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD WAS IN 2015 HERE IN OREGON. 2016 WAS THE WETTEST WINTER ON RECORD AND FEBRUARY THE WETTEST FEBRUARY ON RECORD. I THINK WE CAN ALL ATTEST TO EXPERIENCING THE GLOOMY WEATHER. BUT THAT'S HAVING REAL IMPACTS ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, YOU'VE HEARD FROM KIM PEOPLES AND OUR HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL. WE'VE ALSO JUST

PASSED A GRIM MILESTONE. WE'VE RECORDED 410 PARTS PER MILLION OF CO2 IN THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH ARE LEVELS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN ON EARTH IN 5 MILLION YEARS.

Mr. Wasiutynski: THE LACK OF FEDERAL LEADERSHIP COUPLED WITH THE CLEAR URGENCY TO ACT MAKES THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN CLIMATE ACTION AND THE WORK THAT WE DO MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE'RE SHOWING RESULTS. CARBON EMISSIONS ARE DOWN 20% FROM 1990 LEVELS AND THE PER CAPITA EMISSIONS ARE DOWN 41% BECAUSE OUR POPULATION HAS INCREASED SINCE 1990. SO OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, WE UPDATE IT EVERY FIVE YEARS, OF THE 171 ACTIONS IN THAT PLAN, 85% ARE ON TRACK TO BE COMPLETED BY 2020, WHICH I'M EXCITED TO REPORT. WE'RE CHARTING A BATH FOR HOW WE CAN RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD IS WATCHING US. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WAS RECENTLY RATED ONE OF THE BEST CLIMATE ACTION PLANS IN THE WORLD AND WHAT WE DO HERE HAS REVERBERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. SO WITH THE BIRTH OF MY SON I FEEL MORE COMMITTED AND MORE EXCITED ABOUT THIS WORK THAN EVER BEFORE. I FEEL A GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY. AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF WORK SO WITH THAT I'LL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. JOHN I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT AND SEE THE CROPS FARM WITH JERRY AND IT WAS AMAZING AND JUST HOW IT ALL INTERSECTS AND HIS LOVE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND MOTHER EARTH AND FOOD AND IT WAS JUST REALLY, REALLY INSPIRATIONAL. BUT IT DID RAIN THAT DAY. SO IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE GLOBAL WARMING THAT WOULD BE GREAT. SO ANYWAY JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THAT WE'RE PURSUING. IT'S AN UPHILL BATTLE, BUT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP FIGHTING.

Mr. Wasiutynski: SINCE IT'S VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION MONTH I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE HAD 3,895 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER LABOR AT THE FARM IN 2016'S GROWING SEASON.

Vice-Chair Pederson: WHAT A PLEASURE IT'S BEEN TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR TEAM ON A LOT OF THOSE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES AS WELL AS WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOO, GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GOOD WORK INCLUDING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUMMIT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Commissioner Meieran: WE ALL WANT TO GET TO LUNCH. BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT YOU HAVE TAKEN TO EDUCATE ME ABOUT THESE ISSUES. IT REALLY HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO ME PERSONALLY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANOTHER SMALL, BUT MIGHTY TEAM. WE COMPETE BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS COMPETITION WITH THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND THEIR LARGE TEAMS OF FOLKS WHO WORK ON THESE ISSUES AND REALLY WE'VE BEEN LEADERS EVERY TIME AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND ALSO WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY! [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Wasiutynski: THANK YOU, CHAIR!

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Ms. Elkin: SO WE HAVE ONE LAST INVITED GUEST, ELOISE DAMROSCH, WE'VE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST. SHE'S BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH US. IF NOT FOR THE CUTE KIDS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHT ON TIME.

Ms. Damrosch: THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. YOU'VE HEARD A LOT TODAY ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK THAT YOU DO, AND I THINK I WILL ECHO WHAT I'VE HEARD SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE SAY IS GIVEN ALL THE UNCERTAINTY AND STRUGGLES THAT WE'RE FACING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WE ALL HAVE TO FOCUS WHERE WE ARE. WE HAVE TO DO THE WORK LOCALLY AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE REALLY FOCUSING ON AND TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE'S SPIRITS UP THROUGH ENJOYING ARTS AND CULTURE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY. I WAS GOING TO BRING ALL KINDS OF GREAT PICTURES BECAUSE HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THE ARTS WITHOUT PICTURES? I KNEW I WOULD GO ON WAY TOO LONG. I'M GOING TO TALK BRIEFLY.

I WANT TO KNOWLEDGE HOW THRILLED WE ARE TO HAVE COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AS OUR OFFICIAL LIAISON TO THE BOARD AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. WE'VE HAD WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I THINK, ESPECIALLY THE LAST 10 OR SO YEARS AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE ORGANIZATION A LONG TIME AND I HAVE SEEN THE MAKEUP OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOARDS BEFORE AND IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL TREND TOWARDS REALLY EMBRACING ARTS AND CULTURE AS PART OF YOUR CORE VALUES AND WORK. JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY SINCE SOME OF YOU ARE NEWCOMERS. WE STARTED BACK IN THE '70S AS THE METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION. WE WERE A JOINT BUREAU OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND. AND FAST FORWARD TO 1995, WE DID AN EXHAUSTIVE CULTURAL PLANNING PROCESS AND DECIDED WE WOULD BE BETTER SUITED AND MORE ENTREPRENEURIAL IF WE BECAME A NONPROFIT.

Ms. Damrosch: SO WITH THE BLESSING OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, WE ENTERED INTO AN IGA WITH ALL THREE COUNTIES AND METRO AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO BECOME A TRI-COUNTY NONPROFIT ARTS COUNCIL AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GROW AND DO ALL KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT I'LL TOUCH ON VERY BRIEFLY AS A RESULT OF THAT. AS YOU KNOW NONPROFIT STATUS GIVES YOU ALL KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO GREATLY INCREASE WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE REALM OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THIS REGION. YOUR INVESTMENTS CREATE VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS, ENHANCE KIDS' EDUCATION AND FUEL THE CREATIVE ECONOMY WITH MEASURABLE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH YOU BY THE END OF JUNE A BRAND-NEW ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY WITH ALL THE NUMBERS THAT SUPPORT THAT STATEMENT.

I ALSO WANT TO MENTION UP FRONT AND YOU'VE HEARD FROM YOUR OWN CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER OUR EQUITY INITIATIVE, WHICH SPANS ACROSS EVERY PROGRAM AT RACC. FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS WE HAVE STUDIED, WE'VE LEARNED, LISTENED, ENGAGED, ANALYZED, QUESTIONED, WE DESIGNED AND DIVERSIFIED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HOW WE SERVE EVERYONE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE'VE MADE PROGRESS AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. BUT IT IS A SERIOUS PRIORITY FOR ALL OF US, BOARD, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND YOU'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS IN A MINUTE. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY RUN THROUGH OUR CORE PROGRAMS AND GIVE YOU EXAMPLES OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND IDEA ABOUT WHERE WE'RE HEADED MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ADVOCATE TO DIVERSIFY OUR FUNDING STREAMS AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS AND WE'VE MADE SOME BIG STRIDES.

FOR EXAMPLE, WORK FOR ART IS A WORKPLACE GIVING PROGRAM WHICH EMPLOYEES MAY ELECT THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE TRI-COUNTY REGION. LAST YEAR IN OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON WE RAISED OVER \$900,000. THIS ON TOP OF THE OPERATING AND PROJECT GRANT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED FROM RACC AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ONE OF OUR FIRST CAMPAIGNS 11 YEARS AGO IS ALWAYS WITHIN THE TOP 15 WORKPLACES IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH YOU RAISE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE. AND THAT'S OUT OF OVER 70 WORKPLACES. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPPORT. WORK FOR ART PARTICIPANTS WHO GIVE AS LITTLE AS \$5 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO AN ARTS CARD GIVING THEM TWO FOR ONE TICKETS TO A WIDE RANGE OF ARTS OFFERINGS AND I CAN ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT IT'S GREAT. YOU CAN PICK UP THE PHONE AND HAVE TWO HALF-PRICE TICKETS.

Ms. Damrosch: THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO BUILDS ARTS CONSUMERS AND ACTIVE ADVOCATES, EVEN COMPANIES LIKE BURGerville, MOST OF WHOSE EMPLOYEES ARE MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS ARE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENGAGED IN THIS EXECUTING OPPORTUNITY AND THEY'RE ALWAYS ONE OF OUR TOP PARTICIPATION NUMBERS IN THE CAMPAIGN. GRANT MAKING IS ONE OF OUR OLDEST PROGRAMS DATING BACK TO THE '70S AND WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE GROWN THE GRANTS OVER THE YEARS BOTH IN TERMS OF MONETARY SUPPORT AND HOW BROADLY WE DISTRIBUTE THESE VITAL FUNDS. WE'RE CONSTANTLY WORKING ON MAKING GRANTS AVAILABLE TO THE WIDEST SLICE OF OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITIES AS POSSIBLE FROM THE LARGEST ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE OREGON SYMPHONY DOWN TO THE SMALLEST LOCAL THEATER AND DANCE COMPANIES. THANKS TO AN INCREASE IN OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY GENERAL ALLOCATION LAST YEAR, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

TOGETHER WITH SOME ARTS TAX DOLLARS WE LAUNCHED A NEW CATEGORY THAT WE'RE CALLING ARTS EQUITY GRANTS. A MUCH BROADER NET OF ORGANIZATIONS NOT NECESSARILY ARTS AND CULTURE BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT TO USE ART AND CULTURE TO BUILD COMMUNITIES OF ALL KINDS. SOME RECENT EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE NATIONAL INDIAN PARENT INFORMATION CENTER, CERTAINLY NOT AN ARTS ORGANIZATION PER SE RECEIVED A GRANT TO PRODUCE INCLUSIVE CULTURE DAYS FOR YOUTH WITH CHALLENGES. THE RUSSIAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY LEADERS GROUP WAS FUNDED TO PRESENT FILM, MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES AT THE 2016 SLAVIC FESTIVAL, A WEEKEND OF SLAVIC CELEBRATIONS TOGETHER WITH PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION AND WE FUNDED MORPHEUS YOUTH PROJECT TO OFFER EIGHT WEEKS OF BREAK DANCING WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH IN THE DONALD E. LONG JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERING.

PUBLIC ART HAS BEEN A MAJOR FOCUS OF OUR SERVICES TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SINCE THE FIRST ART ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN 1980. THANKS TO THIS REQUIREMENT THAT 1% OF COUNTY FUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MUST BE SET YOU HAD FOR PUBLIC ART, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS AN EVER GROWING COLLECTION OF SOME OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. THANKS TO COUNTY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT WE NOW SET ASIDE 2% FOR ART, WHICH ENABLES US TO TAKE CARE OF THE COLLECTION AS WELL AS ADDING TO IT. SO WE'RE PROTECTING A VALUABLE AS FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT EVER SINCE THE NEW JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER WAS BUILT MANY YEARS AGO, WE HAVE SAVED SOME OF THE PERCENT FOR ART MONEY AND USED IT FROM THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION TO SUPPORT A BROAD RANGE OF ARTISTS RESIDENCIES WITHIN THE CENTER, TEACHING YOUTH IN THE SYSTEM ABOUT FILM MAKING, SELF-PORTRAITURE, POETRY, HIP HOP MUSIC AND DANCE AND SO MUCH MORE.

WE'RE EXCITED TO BE MANAGING WITH YOU MAJOR PUBLIC ARTS EFFORTS FOR THE NEW DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH HEADQUARTERS.

Ms. Damrosch: I'M SURE YOU'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT ONCE THE ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS GETS FURTHER ALONG. THESE LARGE PROJECTS DON'T COME ALONG VERY OFTEN AND THEY'RE SUCH A GREAT COMMUNITY TO COMMISSION AND PURCHASE A PROD RANGE OF PUBLIC ARTWORKS TO ENGAGE PEOPLE. ARTS EDUCATION HAS BECOME A MAJOR FOCUS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE RIGHT BRAIN INITIATIVE. DESIGNED TO SERVE EVERY ELEMENTARY STUDENT IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA, SMALL GOAL, THIS PROGRAM IS THE MOST EQUITABLE OF ALL THAT WE DO GIVEN HOW DIVERSE OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME AND THE FACT THAT WE STARTED PRIMARILY WITH TITLE ONE SCHOOLS SINCE THEY'RE THE MOST IN NEED OF THIS ENHANCED LEARNING PROGRAM AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOCUSING ON TITLE ONE AND FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH POPULATIONS AND WE'RE HOPING TO HIT 70 SCHOOLS IN THE COMING YEAR. TEACHING ARTISTS WORK DIRECTLY WITH ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO USE THE ARTS FOR BASIC CURRICULUM LEARNING.

AN EXAMPLE HAPPENED WHEN A DANCE EDUCATOR FROM OREGON BALLET THEATER CAME IN WITH SOME TINY LITTLE KIDS, FIRST GRADERS WHO ARE STUDYING THE WATER CYCLE AND INSTEAD OF SITTING TIGHT IN THEIR SEATS QUIETLY LISTENING TO THEIR TEACHER, THEY WERE OUT OF THEIR SEATS, COLLABORATING WITH THEIR PEERS, AND CHOREOGRAPHING WHICHEVER PIECE OF THE WATER CYCLE THEY HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AND THOSE KIDS WILL NEVER FORGET THAT LESSON AND THAT'S WHAT RIGHT BRAIN IS ALL ABOUT. ALSO STUDENTS SHOW MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN MATH AND READING TEST SCORES AND THE RISE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS IS TRULY DRAMATIC AND TEACHERS REPORT HOW OFTEN THEY USE THESE NEW STRATEGIES IN THEIR WORK LONG AFTER THE ARTISTS LEAVE THE BUILDING. RIGHT BRAIN IS IN 36 MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOLS SERVING ALMOST 14,000 STUDENTS A YEAR AND 992 TEACHERS. IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA THE PROGRAM IS IN 67 SCHOOLS. SO CLEARLY MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS A LEADER IN SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF THIS IMPORTANT WAY FOR KIDS TO LEARN AND THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED WITH 50-50 PUBLIC-PRIVATE SUPPORT.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LEVERAGING MORE FUNDING TO DO MORE GOOD. GETTING BACK TO THE POTENTIAL THREAT AGAIN, GIVEN TRUMP'S ANNOUNCED PREFERENCE FOR CLOSING DOWN THE NEA, THAT WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS EFFECT ON THE STATE COMMISSION BECAUSE THEY ARE FUNDED DIRECTLY FROM THE NEA WHO THEN FUND OUR RIGHT BRAIN INITIATIVE PROGRAM AND OUR GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. SO IT'S A TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT THAT COULD REALLY CAUSE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HARM TO OUR LOCAL ARTS

ORGANIZATIONS. BACK TO ARTS EDUCATION FOR A SECOND. OUR GOAL REMAINS TO HELP CREATE THE BEST POSSIBLE ARTS EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR ALL OF OUR REGION'S SYSTEM. AND THEN IN CLOSING, I'LL MENTION THAT THE GOAL FOR RACC IS TO DO ALL THAT WE DO TO ENGAGE AND CAN THRIVE AND CELEBRATE WHO WE ARE AS HUMANS BOTH SIMILAR AND DELIGHTFUL VARIED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Stegmann: ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE YOU AND I LOVE INTERACTING WITH RACC, AND I THINK MY CHIEF OF STAFF, ARE YOU ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE COURTHOUSE? SO AND JUST A PLUG FOR YOUR WORK FOR ARTS, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE EMPLOYEES GET INVOLVED FOR AS LITTLE AS \$5 A MONTH. THAT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND SOME OF THE PLACES ARE LIKE THE PORTLAND OPERA, THE PORTLAND ART MUSEUM, PORTLAND CENTER STAGE, YOU WANT HALF-PRICE TICKETS AND YOUR MONEY TO GO TO A GREAT NONPROFIT, I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN ON SOME ART COMMITTEES OUT IN EAST COUNTY, WE HAVE THE ROCKWOOD RISING, WHICH IS A BIG KIND OF FAN THAT ILLUMINATES AT NIGHT. AND I LOVE THAT. AND I MEAN I JUST THINK THAT ART IS FOR EVERYBODY. AND ESPECIALLY FOR FOLKS THAT DON'T HAVE THE ACCESS TO ART, THAT WAS A REALLY IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND I KNOW EVERY TIME I DRIVE PAST THAT, IT MAKES ME SMILE. AND I THINK THAT'S JUST A THING THAT ART DOES, IT CAN JUST BRIGHTEN SOMEBODY'S DAY, VERY HUMAN LEVEL, AND SO GIVING THAT ACCESS TO ALL PEOPLE, I REALLY SUPPORT THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

Vice-Chair Pederson: I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE IN PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE. YOU'RE GOING TO BE RETIRING AT THE END OF JUNE AND WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU. I THINK YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE LEGACY THAT YOU'VE LEFT HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK AND EFFORT.

Chair Kafoury: I'M GOING TO ECHO THAT. IT'S A LITTLE BITTERSWEET HAVING YOU HERE FOR THE LAST TIME. I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AND I THINK IT'S BEEN ESPECIALLY EXCITING BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SO MANY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT WE'VE HAD REALLY A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO WORK WITH RACC AND ARTISTS TO CREATE SOME AMAZING, AMAZING PIECES AS YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT. AND ONE OF THE EXPERIENCES THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET WAS WHEN THE ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE WHO HAD WORKED WITH THE YOUTH CAME AND TALKED ABOUT AND PERFORMED SOME OF THEIR READINGS AND THEIR MUSIC. IT WAS JUST REALLY THE AMAZING IMPACT THEY HAD ON THE LIVES OF THE YOUTHS THEY WERE WORKING, THAT PROGRAM REALLY STUCK OUT FOR ME SO THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. I HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO GO DO SOME FABULOUS THINGS DURING YOUR RETIREMENT.

Ms. Damrosch: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THOSE ARE ALL THE UNICORNS I HAVE FOR YOU TODAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, THAT WAS A VARIED TRIP THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY THIS MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR COMING AND WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. RIGHT? WHEN WE CONTINUE? TUESDAY 9:30 AS WE CONTINUE OUR FY 2018 BUDGET. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 12:19 p.m.

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