

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214  
Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Testimony was given and received for the record.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**R.1 RESOLUTION Vacating a Portion of NW Arcade Avenue - a Local Access Road, Pursuant to ORS 368.326 to 368.366. Presenters: Matt Ryan, Assistant County Attorney and Patrick Hinds, ROW Mgr., LUT.**

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Vice-Chair Smith seconded approval of R-1.

Mr. Hinds provided the explanation. The Colemans are the petitioners and bought a house partially constructed in an existing Arcade Road right-of-way. Vacating this property will resolve the encroachment issue and may satisfy setback requirements. This portion of public road is located entirely within the County. Surrounding neighbors, the City of Portland Development Bureau, and the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District, all support vacating this land. The petitioner is responsible for all costs, so there is no public money being spent on this road. He responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution No. 2012-012 was unanimously adopted.

**R.2 RESOLUTION Supporting the One Key Question Program. Sponsor: Commissioner Kafoury, D-1. Presenters: Michele Stranger-Hunter, Exec. Dir. - Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health & NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon; Vanetta Abdellatif, Dir., Integrated Clinical Services & Robert Johnson, Mgr., Community Epidemiology Services - Multnomah County Health Dept.**

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Vice-Chair Smith seconded approval of R-2.

Commissioner Kafoury made opening remarks and introductions. The presenters discussed the One Key Question Program and the results of their study. They talked about the importance of educating primary care providers to ask the important question: "Would you

like to become pregnant in the next year." By asking this question, they can refer patients into programs that will help them with their future pregnancy or contraception needs. They reviewed the impacts that unplanned pregnancies have on the health and wellbeing of women. Multnomah County's Health Department will pilot this initiative in a health center beginning this Spring, as part of an evaluation of care for women and families. The Health Department will report back to the Board on the implementation and evaluation of the pilot in January, 2013.

The Presenters responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Resolution No. 2012-013 was unanimously adopted.

**R.3 2009 Climate Action Plan Implementation Briefing. Presenters: Kat West & Tim Lynch - Office of Sustainability; Lillian Shirley & Kari Lyons-Eubanks - Health Dept.; Dave Houghton & Joe Partridge - Emergency Management; Sherry Swackhamer - County Assets; Kent Snyder, Owner, Snyder & Associates & Member - Multnomah's Advisory Committee on Sustainability & Innovation; & Michael Armstrong, Deputy Dir., Portland's Bureau of Planning & Sustainability**

Chair Cogen made opening remarks. Ms. West made introductions. She said that in 2009, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the City of Portland Council adopted the Climate Action Plan to address the threat of climate change and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. She discussed the ongoing impacts of climate change and what Multnomah County is doing to be more efficient in operations. As an example, since 2001, energy consumption has been reduced by 20%, which has saved over \$1 million in energy costs. Those savings can be redirected into services for the community.

The presenters talked about the far-reaching impacts that climate change will have on global health risks, weather, the environment, and how the County is working to identify emerging issues and help the community anticipate and prepare for outcomes.

The Chair and Commissioners thanked them for their report and hard work.

**R.4 Outcomes from the Our Data, Our Voice Project at Wilson and Marshall High Schools. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Donna Libemday & Emily Moser, Oregon Partnership.**

Commissioner McKeel made opening remarks. The presenters talked about this peer and mentor counseling program for high school students and how it's being used to build youth and community capacity in creating community change. They discussed how it provides students with information about underage drinking and substance abuse. Students worked with team mentors and collected data about underage drinking and substance abuse using surveys and focus groups. They disproved a community perception that most youth were abusing. Campaigns using social media tools have proved helpful in supporting policy change; usage has decreased since the onset of the campaign two years ago. The outcomes show that this work has reduced perceived and actual drinking and substance abuse by students at Wilson and Marshall High Schools.

The Commissioners thanked them for their report and commended them for their hard work.

**R.5 Briefing on Multnomah County Library's 2012 "Everybody Reads" Community Reading Project. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel, D-4. Presenter: Vailey Oehlke, Library Director.**

Opening remarks were made by Commissioner McKeel. Ms. Oehlke talked about the *Everybody Reads* project coordinated by the Multnomah County Library and funded by the Library Foundation and Literary Arts. This program is designed to bring people together in a community-wide discussion of one great book and encourages people to talk to each other about issues and create a stronger community. This year's selection is: "The Girl Who Fell From the Sky" by Heidi W. Durrow. They distributed 2,300 copies to students in the County. She presented the Board with copies of the book.

The Board thanked her for her report.

**BOARD COMMENT**

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Comments pertaining to non-agenda items were made by the Board and noted in the record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Please note:**

**The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: [http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=3](http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3)**

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