

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Shiprack was excused.

ES.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Contact: Jenny Morf, County Attorney. Presenters: Jenny Madkour, Lindsay Kandra and Joanne Fuller.

Executive Session was held and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, June 20, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack was excused.

Jacqueline Weber, Deputy County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk, were also in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-13-19 Authorizing six (6) Position Re-classifications within Various Divisions of the Health Department.
- C.2 Reappointment of Jeannie McPherson and Appointment of Michael Fung to the Audit Committee.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kafoury, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Board Briefing on the Financial Condition Report of Multnomah County, Oregon for 2013. Presenters: Steve March, County Auditor & Judith DeVilliers, Principal Auditor.

Dr. March provided the opening remarks and gave an overview of what they would cover.

Ms. DeVilliers stated that this is the eleventh biennial report completed by the Auditor's Office on the financial condition of the County. She explained that during this audit, the auditors looked at trends in revenues and spending for the County and financial health indicators over a ten year period, which demonstrates the ability to fund services on an ongoing basis. These indicators include the County's revenue base and economy; demographic trends, such as population and poverty indicators, and evaluations of how the indicators affect or reflect the others; and what recommendations they can provide.

Ms. DeVilliers reviewed past financial indicators and gave a summary of the audit results. She said that the current financial health of the County is a result of difficult decisions made by the Board over the years. They've responded to these challenges by creating and following sound financial policies while providing better service to the public. The County's past commitment to solid financial policies has put the County in a good financial condition to serve constituents as conditions improve. The Auditor's office believes the County has met the standards and is in good financial condition.

Ms. DeVilliers and Dr. March responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their work.

R.2 Freedom Fighter Exhibit Presentation. Sponsor: Commissioner Kafoury, District One. Presenters: Kate McPherson, Roosevelt High School Writing and Publishing Center & Invited Guests.

Ms. McPherson provided the opening remarks and explained that the mission of the Roosevelt High School Writing and Publishing Center is to partner with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Freedom Rider's exhibit to share the stories of local Freedom Fighters. Students from Roosevelt High School and University of Portland's School of Education (UP) worked together to collect additional local freedom fighter stories, photographs from the Oregon Historical Society Library, and helped design graphic and written materials for the exhibit. This program has helped Roosevelt students improve their writing skills and understanding of the historical and current push for social justice. UP students gained knowledge and skills for their future careers as teachers.

The Roosevelt students in attendance spoke about the positive influence this program has had on them. The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

R.3 Informational Board Briefing about Greater Portland, Inc. (GPI). Presenter: John Tydlaska, Economic Development Director & Sean Robbins, President & CEO, GPI.

Mr. Tydlaska provided the opening remarks.

Mr. Robbins explained that GPI is a public/private partnership that helps companies expand and locate to the area and drive quality economic expansion and job creation in the Portland-Vancouver region. The counties covered under GPI include: Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia, Washington, and Yamhill in Oregon, and Clark and Skamania in Washington. He explained that GPI's mission is to position this region as one of the nation's most competitive and vibrant metropolitan economies. Their economic development work plan comprises of: business development; marketing and branding; and regional strategy and coordination. He said that their 2013 objective is to drive a retention, expansion and targeted recruitment program, securing over 200 new traded-sector jobs to the region. The retention, expansion and recruitment will focus on business in four sectors: athletic and outdoor apparel and gear; high-tech/software; advanced manufacturing; and clean technology.

Mr. Robbins discussed business development highlights from 2012; marketing highlights; regional strategies and coordination; and increasing the region's exports to increase jobs and revenue. He responded to Board questions and comments.

The Board thanked Mr. Robbins for his leadership.

R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-01 Appropriating \$139,278 from the Department of Justice for the Albina Neighborhood Crime Reduction Project. Presenters: Chuck Sparks, Chief Deputy and Adam Brown, Business Services Manager.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.4.

Mr. Sparks explained that the goal of this grant is to reduce crime in the Albina neighborhood by dedicating resources to implement existing strategies to reduce crime and apply novel approaches to revitalize and create lasting change in the neighborhood. He provided examples of these strategies, including the "11:45" Church Pastors and Community Volunteers mentorship program who work with misdemeanor gang members to set them in a positive direction and the review and aggressive prosecution of all street drinking and drug usage/dealing cases in the target area for prosecution.

Mr. Sparks explained that the DA's office will use \$139,278 of the \$599,995 award in FY 2013. The grant provides funding for this project through September of 2015. This revenue is one-time-only, lasting for 36 months, but success of the project will be leveraged for future grant opportunities. The grant period runs from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015. There are no matching requirements.

Messrs. Sparks and Brown responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod DA-01 was unanimously approved.

R.5 Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently (MORE) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Equipment, Materials and Services between Oregon Public Entities. Presenters: John Niiyama, Interim Road Maintenance Manager & Tom Hansell, Transportation Finance & Asset Manager.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.5.

Mr. Niiyama explained that this IGA is the third version of the original 1996 agreement Multnomah County Transportation entered into that established a multi-agency exchange of equipment and services for routine maintenance practices and assistance during emergency events. Each version has continued to provide for increased government agency participation beyond just the Portland Metro Area and ODOT. It's also improved language to respond to mutual aid for emergencies and expand allowance for engineering services. This agreement allows shared equipment, materials and services that may be useful to other public works, municipal, transportation, engineering, construction, operations, maintenance, service districts, management and related activities. This third version of the IGA removes reference to a city or region and allows for non-road agency participation. This agreement reflects the input of operational and legal staff from several Oregon cities, counties and other public entities.

Messrs. Niiyama and Hansell responded to Board questions and comments.

The IGA was unanimously approved.

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 11:20 a.m.

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

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