

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH BUILDING, BOARD ROOM 100
501 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD., PORTLAND, OREGON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016**

BUDGET WORK SESSION #15

CHAIR DEBORAH KAFOURY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:31 P.M. WITH VICE-CHAIR JULES BAILEY AND COMMISSIONERS LORETTA SMITH, JUDY SHIPRACK AND DIANE MCKEEL.

ALSO ATTENDING WERE JENNY MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND LYNDA OR MARINA, BOARD CLERK.

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BWS-15 DEPARTMENTS FOLLOW UP BRIEFINGS (IF NEEDED). PRESENTER: MICHAEL JASPIN, INTERIM BUDGET DIRECTOR AND COUNTY ECONOMIST; AND, INVITED OTHERS (2 HRS)

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED. WELCOME BACK TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE HERE THIS AFTERNOON WITH SOME NON-D OFFICES, NONDEPARTMENTAL. OUR FIRST UP IS ONE OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, STEVE MARCH, THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

DR. MARCH: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I'M STEVE MARCH, THE COUNTY AUDITOR. WE'RE HERE TO GIVE YOU A PRESENTATION ON OUR OFFICE. MOST OF OUR DUTIES ARE OUTLINED IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER. WE DO PERFORMANCE AUDITS OF COUNTY OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, FOLLOW GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS, AND WE PERFORM STUDIES TO MEASURE AND IMPROVE PERFORMANCE. THERE'S A FEW OTHER DUTIES THAT WE'RE CHARGED WITH. EVERY TEN YEARS WE REDISTRIBUTE THE COMMISSION. WE ALSO APPOINT A SALARY COMMISSION EVERY TWO YEARS, AND IN THE CODE WE SUPPORT THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE EXTERNAL AUDIT AND MANAGE THE AUDIT CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE ADOPTION RATE. LOOKING BACK OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, 90.9% OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EITHER ALREADY IMPLEMENTED OR IN PROCESS OF BEING IMPLEMENTED. SOME OF OUR MORE RECENT REPORTS, TAX EXPENDITURES IS THE FIRST REPORT OF ITS TYPE FOR THE COUNTY, AND IT KIND OF SET THE STAGE FOR NEW GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS REQUIRING US TO REPORT ON CERTAIN TAX EXPENDITURES. SO WE KIND OF HAVE GOTTEN AHEAD OF THE GAME ON THAT ONE. WE DID AN AUDIT ON PAY

EQUITY LOOKING AT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SALARIES AND FOUND THAT THEY'RE GENERALLY PAID ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS BASED ON TENURE AND JOB CLASSIFICATION. WE'VE DONE TWO RECENT AUDITS ON ANIMAL SERVICES. ONE ON OUR FINANCIALS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY SERVICES' RESPONSE. IT'S VERY CLEAR, STRONG, AND SPECIFIC AS TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THEY'RE TAKING. ANIMAL SERVICES OPERATIONS, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE AS THE NEW DIRECTOR IS ABLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF OPERATIONS THERE.

DR. MARCH: AND WE DID ONE ON LARGE CONTRACTS, AND WE'VE GOT A BETTER GOVERNING STRUCTURE GOING AHEAD TO BETTER MANAGE AND MONITOR CONTRACTS, WHICH IS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEW JOINT OPERATIONS OFFICE. IN THE WORKS WE'VE GOT A COUPLE OF REPORTS TO MANAGEMENT. SORT OF SMALLER REPORTS WITH AGING DISABILITY VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION, ONE UNDER COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OPI AND CONTRACTED SERVICES AND ALSO ON THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN. WE'RE DOING SOME NON-AUDIT WORK HELPING THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM LOOK AT THE DATA THEY HAVE WITHIN THEIR SYSTEM SO THAT THEY CAN WORK ON ANY KIND OF IMPROVEMENTS. WE'VE STARTED ONE ON INTERNAL SERVICES. THE RATE-SETTING AND ET CETERA. YOU'LL SEE THAT IS IMPORTANT LATER ON. AND WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT THE BEGINNING STEPS OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION. KIND OF A PROCESS REVIEW. WE MAY COME OUT WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DO SOME ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION AUDITS WITH A FIRM THAT DOES CONSTRUCTION AUDITS TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCESSES ARE WORKING CORRECTLY.

AUDITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ANNOUNCED HERE FIRST THAT WE'VE HAD THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON OUR SCHEDULE FOR SOME TIME, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE KICKING INTO THAT PRETTY SOON. PROBABLY LOOKING AT SOMETHING RELATED TO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING OF THE COUNTY, AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE KIND OF TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE GET A REALLY FIRM PICTURE OF WHAT WE'VE GOT GOING INTO THE SYSTEM AND MAP OUT ALL THE COMPONENTS. NOT JUST THE DIRECT CONTRACTORS BUT THE PEOPLE THAT THEY SUBCONTRACT WITH AND DO THE SUBCONTRACT AGAIN. I KNOW THAT PURCHASING HAS DONE A GREAT JOB PULLING TOGETHER ALL THE CONTRACTS FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY. I'VE APPROACHED THE CITY TO GET FINANCIAL DATA ON THEIR CONTRACTS SO WE CONTRACT THE -- WE CAN TRACK THE MONEY SPENT IN FY '16 AND HAVE A GOOD PICTURE OF WHERE THINGS GO FROM THERE. WE THINK THAT -- WE ALSO WANT TO LOOK AT FISCAL COMPLIANCE. WE'RE NOT SURE HOW WELL THE CITY DOES THAT, BUT AS WE BLEND ALL THESE POOLS OF MONEY TOGETHER, THERE'S A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD THAT THERE WILL BE FEDERAL FUNDS INVOLVED, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FISCAL COMPLIANCE

OF ALL OF OUR CONTRACTORS MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS AS WELL AS THE SUBCONTRACTORS AND KIND OF LOOK AT THE RISKS GOING FORWARD. I'VE TALKED WITH MARK JOLIN A BIT ABOUT THIS. IT'S OUTSIDE OF THEIR SCOPE, BUT IT WILL ADD VALUE AS WE EMBARK ON THIS. I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME POTENTIAL, POSSIBLE EFFICIENCIES TO BE GAINED OVER TIME. WE'RE NOT GOING TO GAIN IT IN THE FIRST YEAR. WE HAVE TO GET A HANDLE ON IT. AS IS WITH TWO ENTITIES DOING THE CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES, YOU CAN'T REALLY GET A HANDLE ON IT. NOW THAT IT WILL BE IN ONE GROUP,

DR. MARCH: WE'LL HAVE ALL THESE CONTRACTS TOGETHER AND WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE BETTER -- BETTER PICTURE OF WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO. SO ARE WE HAVING -- ARE WE CONTRACTING WITH A VENDOR, AND THEM SUBCONTRACTING WITH ANOTHER VENDOR, WHOM WE ALREADY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH? SO THERE'S SOME POSSIBILITIES. I KNOW BRIAN SMITH IN PURCHASING IS LOOKING AT THE CONTRACTING SIDE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE US A LITTLE TIME TO GET THAT ALTOGETHER, BUT I REALLY THINK THERE'S POTENTIAL MOVING FORWARD FOR BOTH EFFICIENCIES AND BETTER PERFORMANCE AND BETTER MEASUREMENT OF THE PERFORMANCE. SO I'LL BE ACTUALLY TALKING WITH THE COO AND DCM SOME MORE ABOUT THE APPROACH THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IN THAT. IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME, BUT WE HOPE TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD REPORT OUT OF THAT. IT'S KIND OF THE LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP TO OUR HOUSING INVENTORY REPORT. WE'LL DO SOME FOLLOW-UPS OF OTHER PAST AUDITS AND SOME NEW ITEMS THAT I'M STILL TAKING INPUT ON. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE AUDITS, PLEASE SEND THEM OUR WAY. WE'LL CONSIDER THEM ON OUR AUDIT LIST.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I SO UNDERLINE AND ENDORSE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR ASPIRATIONAL AUDIT OF HOUSING TO GET A HANDLE ON ALL OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING THAT IS GOING INTO KIND OF A PIECEMEAL DELIVERY OF SERVICES. INFRASTRUCTURE, YOU KNOW, -- YEAH.

DR. MARCH: YEAH. I THINK IT'S OUR -- I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS TO BRING THIS ALTOGETHER UNDER THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP. IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO MAKE THE SYSTEM REALLY WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND REALLY GET TO THE HEART OF THE PROBLEMS OUT THERE. SO I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AND WE WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN DO THAT. OUR BUDGET IS BASICALLY A CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL BUDGET, 1.575 MILLION. OVER THREE QUARTERS OF IF IS PERSONNEL. 10.6 FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT MOSTLY, AND THEN INTERNAL SERVICES, 10.3%. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT INTERNAL SERVICE CHARGES. A LITTLE HIT OFF THE TOP. AND WE HAVE VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES. WE HAVE 8.78 STAFF. I HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON REDUCED FTE AT THEIR REQUEST. WE HAVE A VERY PROFESSIONAL STAFF. WE'VE GOT FOUR CERTIFIED INTERNATIONAL AUDITORS, TWO CPAS, ONE CERTIFIED FRAUD

EXAMINER. EVERYBODY BUT ONE MEMBER OF MY STAFF HAS ONE OR MORE ADVANCED DEGREES. SO PRETTY GOOD GROUP.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THIS IS HOW YOU BRAG ABOUT WHETHER YOU STARTED THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEIR CERTIFICATION?

DR. MARCH: I HAD NO SUCCESSION PLAN BECAUSE NOBODY IN MY OFFICE LIVED IN THE COUNTY AND WAS CERTIFIED. I NOW HAVE FOUR PEOPLE THAT COULD QUALIFY TO RUN, SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO. AND, OF COURSE, THERE'S OUTSIDE PEOPLE, TOO. TIME FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO GET CERTIFIED. I WANTED TO COMMENT DURING THE CBAC PRESENTATION THEY MENTIONED A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AN INTERN POSITION. I HAD CONSIDERED THAT. I DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE IT DUE TO THE CONSTRAINTS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. I MAY COME BACK NEXT YEAR WITH A PROPOSAL FOR EITHER A ONETIME OR AN ONGOING, BUT BASED ON THE CONSTRAINTS WE'RE ALREADY PUSHING UPWARD BECAUSE OF THE AUDIT CONTRACT, WE JUST WENT OUT FOR NEW CONTRACT, AND THAT'S GONE UP SLIGHTLY. SO THAT'S WHERE WE ARE ON THAT. AND THAT'S THE SHOW. ANY QUESTIONS?

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I HAVE A QUESTION. TALK ABOUT THE INTERN POSITION AND WHAT THEY WOULD DO IN YOUR OFFICE.

DR. MARCH: I WAS ENVISIONING AN INTERN POSITION THAT WOULD ASSIST IN AUDITS. IT WOULD BE ALMOST LIKE AN AUDITOR IN TRAINING COURSE THAT WOULD MAKE USE OF STUDENTS FROM PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, MAYBE UNIVERSITY PACIFIC, AND OTHER SURROUNDING UNIVERSITIES FOR THOSE IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS EITHER IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OR ACCOUNTING AND USE IT AS A TRAINING GROUND FOR AUDITORS IN THE FUTURE AS WELL AS HELPING WITH THE WORKLOAD.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: OKAY. GOOD. GOOD IDEA.

THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU.

DR. MARCH: OKAY. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY NEXT. THAT'S A LONG WALK.

MS. MADKOUR: EXACTLY. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, JENNY MADKOUR, YOUR COUNTY ATTORNEY. GOOD AFTERNOON. IT SEEMS

LIKE MORNING STILL. I DON'T HAVE A POWER POINT PRESENTATION TODAY, BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SOME OF THE SUCCESSES AND OPPORTUNITIES WE HAD TO PARTNER WITH OUR INTERNAL ORGANIZATION TO PLAN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S FUTURE. IN OUR OFFICE WE HAVE 26 EMPLOYEES NOW. THAT'S 19 ATTORNEYS AND 7 SUPPORT STAFF. OUR BUDGET IS 96% PERSONNEL AND INTERNAL SERVICES, SO AT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE YOU HAVE OUR BRAINS. THAT'S WHAT WE PAY FOR IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

WE DEFEND AND REPRESENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN ALL ASPECTS OF COUNTY GOVERNANCE. FROM BASIC POLICY LEVEL QUESTIONS, ADVISING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON POLICY DIRECTIONS, AND DEFENDING THE COUNTY IN ANY LAWSUIT OR LEGAL MATTER THAT COMES BEFORE US. THAT CAN BE ANYTHING FROM A SMALL CLAIMS MATTER OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER BETWEEN -- WITH THE STATE REGULATORY AGENCY ALL THE WAY UP TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST COURT IN OUR LAND. SO WE HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY ADVISE ALL ASPECTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO TO BE INVOLVED IN LITIGATION AND ADVISORY WORK IN ALL OF THE MULTIPLE AREAS OF EXPERTISE, EMPLOYMENT LAW, CONSTRUCTION LAW, IT, BUDGET LAW. IT'S A LOT OF FUN THIS TIME OF YEAR. AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH EVERYBODY WITHIN THE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR OPERATIONS ARE AS SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE, THAT WE PLAY BY THE RULES AND THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, THAT WE KNOW THE RULES AND PLAY BY THEM. WE'RE HERE TO ADVISE ON THAT, ON ALL OF THOSE TOPICS. SOME OF THE MOST VISIBLE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOES IS LITIGATION.

WE DEFEND THE COUNTY AGAIN IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS. WE'VE TAKEN SEVERAL CASES TO TRIAL IN THE LAST YEAR. WE'VE HAD SUCCESSES. WE'VE HAD AN EMPLOYMENT DEFENSE VERDICT, WHICH WAS FULLY IN FAVORITE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE, AS YOU MAY RECALL, HAD LITIGATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MORRISON BRIDGE. THIS REPRESENTED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY TRY A COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION IN STATE COURT, BUT TO PREVAIL IN LARGE PART AND TO SEND THE PUBLIC POLICY MESSAGE THAT WHEN YOU CONTRACT WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CONTRACTS. IF IT GOES WRONG, WE WILL BE THERE TO ASSERT OUR RIGHTS. SO THAT WAS ANDY JONES IN OUR OFFICE AFFILIATED WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON THAT VERY COMPLEX LITIGATION. WE HAD A FANTASTIC RESULT AND HOPEFULLY WE NEVER HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN. OTHER CASES. BIG CASES. MERS, THE MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC RECORDING SYSTEM. THIS WAS ANOTHER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT WE HAD TO STAND UP AGAINST LARGE CORPORATIONS ENGAGING IN PRACTICES WHICH WE FELT VIOLATED THE LAW AND DID NOT BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF

MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO IN THOSE TWO CASES THAT I JUST SPOKE OF, WE ACTUALLY BROUGHT MONEY INTO THE COUNTY SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET. THOSE DOLLARS CAN BE ALLOCATED NOW BY THIS BOARD IN THIS BUDGET PROCESS IN AREAS OF POLICY DIRECTION THAT YOU HAVE FOUND IMPORTANT.

MS. MADKOUR: SO WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH OUR SERVICES. WE ALSO IDENTIFY NEEDS THAT ARE COMING OR HAVE ARRIVED AT THE COUNTY. WE IDENTIFY -- OUR POLICYMAKERS IDENTIFY THE NEEDS, AND THEN WE IDENTIFY THE WAY TO HELP SUPPORT THE LEGAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THOSE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE LAST YEAR WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT SECURITY AND PRIVACY BOTH IN HIPAA, WHICH IS A LAW THAT PROTECTS MEDICAL INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY, AND IN OUR I.T. SECURITY AND CONTRACTING, THERE'S A LOT OF NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY LIABILITY. WE MOVED OUR MULTNOMAH HAD A HIPAA COMPLIANCE OFFICER. CINDY HAHN IS HER NAME. SHE WORKED IN HUMAN RESOURCES. IN RECOGNITION WITH THE HIGH LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH BREACHES OF ELECTRONIC DATA AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THEIR HEALTH INFORMATION BE KEPT SAFE AND SECURE, WE WORKED WITH HUMAN RESOURCES AND WITH THE COO'S OFFICE AND THIS BOARD TO MOVE THAT PRIVACY AND SECURITY OFFER OVER TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THIS ALLOWED SIGNIFICANT SYNERGIES, BECAUSE WE CAN NOW ACCESS MORE QUICKLY AND MORE EFFICIENTLY HER BRAIN, WHICH IS MASSIVE, AND HER SKILL SET TO HELP INTERACT WITH OUR OTHER AGENCIES.

IT'S JUST A CHANGE IN STRUCTURE, BUT SOMETIMES A CHANGE IN STRUCTURE CAN REALLY ELEVATE AND HIGHLIGHT THE RISK THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIPAA BREACH. THOSE RISKS ARE REAL. THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS DOES DO AUDITS, AND THEY DO ISSUE SUBSTANTIAL FINES WHEN THERE ARE BREACHES AND THOSE FINES CAN BE IN THE MILLIONS. SO HAVING THAT SKILL SET WITHIN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS A REAL BENEFIT TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE BROUGHT IN WILL GLASSEN, AN I.T. SPECIALIST IN CONTRACTS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS. HE'S WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR CONTRACT AND PROCUREMENT FOLKS TO STREAMLINE PROCESSES BUT TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE -- WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. WHEN IT COMES TO I.T. AND WHEN IT COMES TO INTERNET SECURITY, WHAT WE DON'T KNOW CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL. THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT CAN BE DEVASTATING. SO BY BRINGING BOTH WILL AND CINDY -- THIS IS THE I.T. AND HIPAA COMPLIANCE FUNCTION WITHIN THE OFFICE -- NOT ONLY DID WE INCREASE OUR NERD AND GEEK FACTOR BY SEVERAL TIMES, BUT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES. NOW WE DON'T HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR ANY OF THOSE FUNCTIONS, SO WE'RE PRETTY PROUD OF THAT. FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO TALK ON SOME OF OUR ADVISORY WORK. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS HAD -- RECOGNIZED MANY CHALLENGES IN THE

COMMUNITY OR BY ISSUES HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY. SOME OF THOSE EXAMPLE INCLUDE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION AND WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE REGION TO CREATE NEW STRUCTURES OF GOVERNANCE AND WAYS TO PROVIDE SERVICES -- MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MS. MADKOUR: WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PARTNERS TO GET THE LEGAL PROCESSES, WORK WITH THE TEAMS, IDENTIFY THE RISKS, AND SET THOSE STRUCTURES SO WE'RE SUCCESSFUL MOVING FORWARD. YOU KNOW, WE TALKED ABOUT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT EARLIER TODAY. THAT LIBRARY DISTRICT WAS FORMED AND IN THE LAST YEAR OUR OFFICE ACTUALLY EFFECTUATED THE TRANSFER OF ALL THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY. THAT'S A REAL TASK WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT A PORTFOLIO, YOU KNOW, A SUBSTANTIAL REAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO, WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY BUILDINGS LIKE THIS CENTRAL LIBRARY BUT IT INCLUDES ALL THE LEASES ASSOCIATED WITH OUR -- IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITH OUR MAKER SPACE AND WITH OTHER PROJECTS WITHIN THE LIBRARY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT OUR OFFICE HELPED DO, AND THOSE REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS ARE THE -- THE PAPERWORK THAT GOES BEHIND IT TAKES A SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE OF TIME.

BUT IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IMPORTANT THAT WE TRANSFER OUR RIGHTS IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS OF RIGHTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT ALSO THAT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT CAN RECEIVE THEM IN A WAY SO THAT MOVING FORWARD PEOPLE THAT WANT TO USE THOSE SERVICES AND BE INVOLVED IN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES HAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE LIBRARY, YOU KNOW -- THE SOUNDNESS OF THE STRUCTURE ITSELF. FINALLY, WE REALLY CAN'T TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE CHANGES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND THEN SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO, AGAIN, WE DON'T MAKE THE POLICY, BUT WE HELP MOVE THAT POLICY INTO ACTION. AS THE BOARD CONTINUES TO CONSIDER ITS BUDGET ALLOCATION, WE'LL WAIT ON THE OTHER SIDE TO MOVE ALL THE POLICY DECISIONS IN ACTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. HOW MANY ATTORNEYS DO WE HAVE?

MS. MADKOUR: 19 ATTORNEYS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: 19. I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLAUD YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO, AND IT IS SUCH TOUGH WORK, PARTICULARLY WITH THE RANGE OF KIND APPLICATIONS THAT YOU ALL HAVE TO DO. ONE NOTABLE LAWSUIT THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT IN HERE, CORRECT? THE MERS IN PARTICULAR. WERE THERE ANY OTHER COUNTIES THAT FOLLOWED SUIT LIKE US WHERE WE WERE THE PRECEDENT-SETTING COUNTY?

MS. MADKOUR: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, COMMISSIONER SMITH. YES, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE MERS, THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING SYSTEM ASSOCIATION. IT WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF OREGON, IN FACT THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL COUNTY IN THE NATION TO RECEIVE MONEY ASSOCIATED WITH A LAWSUIT OF THIS NATURE. I WILL NOTE THAT OUR SISTER COUNTIES ARE CONSIDERING FILING ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS. I WISH THEM GOOD SUCCESS, BUT THEY HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO FILE EARLIER AND CHOSE NOT TO. SO THIS BOARD MADE A VERY BOLD MOVE IN APPROVING THAT LITIGATION. WE REAPED THE BENEFITS OF THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: DID YOU TELL THEM THAT YOU WILL NOT BE CONTRACTED OUT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENT? IT WILL NOT BE CONTRACTED OUT FOR THIS?

MS. MADKOUR: I'LL LET YOU DO THAT, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. ON THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE TRAVEL SUIT WE GOT ON ONLINE TRAVEL. THAT WAS HUGE. ALL THESE THREE THINGS HELP US MOVE THE DIAL ON HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH THIS HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND HOMELESSNESS. TELL YOUR FOLKS WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE FOR THEM BEING SO -- PAYING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO DETAIL. I KNOW I ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS EVERY YEAR SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, BUT I FORGET, YOU GUYS ARE PROS. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

MS. MADKOUR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: WITH REGARD TO THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I'M CURIOUS WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT CONSIDER FILING MERS LAWSUITS, ARE THEY ABLE TO CONTACT YOU AND RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ARE YOU BARRED FROM SHARING THE INFORMATION WITH THEM BECAUSE OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

MS. MADKOUR: THE PUBLIC RECORDS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS, WHICH ARE DISCLOSED UPON REQUEST. SO ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO OUR SISTER COUNTIES OR ANYBODY ELSE THAT ASKS FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: THAT INCLUDES ANY OTHER COUNTIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, BECAUSE THAT WAS A NATIONAL PHENOMENON?

MS. MADKOUR: ABSOLUTELY.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU, JENNY. I HAD A QUESTION AROUND, IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU HAVE THE I.T. PERSON AND THE OTHER -- THE TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE MOVED INTO YOUR OFFICE. IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY, YOU SAID SO NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO HIRE THAT SORT OF OUTSIDE WORK. SO IT JUST PROMPTED IN MY HEAD, TOO, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO MUCH TALENT IN YOUR OFFICE AT THE COUNTY. IS THERE EVER MUCH NEED FOR US TO HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR ISSUES THAT WE DEAL WITH IT?

MS. MADKOUR: SURE. THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION, COMMISSIONER. SOMETIMES YES. WE DO -- RISK MANAGEMENT HIRES OUT FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION. WE TAKE EFFORTS TO BRING IN ALL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE INTERNAL TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES THAT'S GOING TO BE IN A NUMBERS-SAVER AND DOLLARS-SAVER FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CITIZENS. HOWEVER THERE ARE TIMES WITH COMPLEX LITIGATION OR LITIGATION OF A SPECIFIC NATURE THAT IT'S NOT -- WE CAN'T HAVE THE INTERNAL EXPERTISE, BECAUSE IT'S AN ISSUE THAT JUST COMES UP ONCE IN A BLUE MOON. LAW ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU DABBLE IN. IF WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY, REALLY REQUIRING EXPERTISE, THEN WE GO TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL. BUT IT IS THE EXCEPTION. , YEAH. SO WE'VE BROUGHT I.T. THAT WAS -- WE HAD HIRED OUT FOR I.T. EXPERTISE, AND WE BROUGHT THAT IN. BANKRUPTCY WAS ANOTHER AREA WE HIRED THAT AND WE HAVE THAT BACK IN NOW BECAUSE WE HIRED SOMEONE WITH THAT LEVEL OF EXPERTISE AS WELL AS WHEN WE'RE HEARING, WE'RE LOOKING TO SEE WHAT SORT OF -- HOW CAN MEET A WHOLE RANGE OF SKILLS. WE BRING THINGS IN AS WE CAN.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THAT LOOK. YOU ARE ALSO AMAZING IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. YOU HAVE AMAZING EXPERTISE. YOU REALLY DO. SO THANK YOU.

MS. MADKOUR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR JENNY? THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: NEXT WE HAVE SUSTAINABILITY COMING BACK UP TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS FROM YESTERDAY.

MR. LYNCH: GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M TIM LYNCH A POLICY ANALYST ACTING AS DIRECTOR WHILE MY COLLEAGUE IS ON MATERNITY LEAVE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: DID YOU BRING PICS?

MR. LYNCH: I WAS TOLD NO POWER POINT. I FEEL A LITTLE UPSET DR. MARCH DID THAT. I WOULD HAVE PEPPERED IT WITH BABY PICTURES. SORRY. I WILL ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAD IN DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY, BUT I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A QUICK RUN DOWN OF WHERE WE ARE. OUR OFFICE WORKS WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS TO CREATE A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE DO THIS IN THREE WAYS. ONE THROUGH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT. WE DO CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUPPORT FOR BOTH INTERNAL COUNTY PARTNERS AND EXTERNAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND WE ALSO DO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. WE REALLY DO THIS ALL THROUGH A CLIMATE JUSTICE LENS. SO THIS IS LOOKING AT THE ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE WILL FALL FIRST AND WORST ON LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES, ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR LOCALLY AND AROUND THE GLOBE.

WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT SUSTAINABILITY WORK AND CLIMATE PLANNING HAVE NOT ALWAYS BENEFITTED ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, SO WE HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE POLICIES ARE EQUITABLE. WE ALSO HAVE TO ENSURE THAT PROCESS IS EQUITABLE, BECAUSE THESE INVESTMENTS ARE THE RESULT OF NOT EVERYONE AT THE TABLE. A LOT OF OUR WORK IS SUPPORTING COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO FIND THEIR VOICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE ISSUES. IN THE PAST YEAR SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES IN ADDITION TO ADOPTING THE 2015 PORTLAND MULTNOMAH CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, THE END OF LAST YEAR, START OF THIS YEAR, WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND OTHER MEMBERS PART OF A CAP EQUITY WORKING GROUP THAT TRY TO INSTILL THIS THROUGH THE PLAN. SOME OF WAYS WE SUPPORTED THAT IS INVESTMENTS THROUGH OUR AMERICORPS MEMBER AND SPANISH-SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE. WORKSHOPS ON HEAT AND OTHER IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN EAST PORTLAND. WE HAVE SUPPORTED WORK WITH WANDER LEARNING CENTER AROUND INCORPORATING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO THE CURRICULUM. WE CO-FATED A WORKSHOP. WE SECURED A DEQ GRANT FOR \$51,000 TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FOR THE OREGON FOOD BANK TO COLLECT

NEAR A MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD FROM RETAILERS IN THE COMMUNITY IN THE COMING YEAR.

MR. LYNCH: WE ALSO ARE SUPPORTING AN EPA GRANT FOR WORK WITHIN THE JADE DISTRICT AROUND GREEN SPACE AND AIR QUALITY AND ADDRESSING SOMETHING CALLED THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND, WHICH IS LOOKING AT PARTS OF CITY THAT ARE HOTTER THAN OTHER PLACES BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT OF ROADS AND BUILDINGS. SO THE JADE DISTRICT AT 82ND AND DIVISION IS AN AREA WHERE THERE'S A COMPOUNDING OF POOR AIR QUALITY, THE RISK OF URBAN TREE ISLAND, A LACK OF TREE CANOPY AND ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE CENSUS TRACKS IN THE STATE. THAT'S A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH. YOU HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE CROPS PROGRAM WHEN MY COLLEAGUE JERRY HUNTER WAS AWARDED THE EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE. HE'S AN AMAZING PERSON TO WORK WITH. HE GREW 20,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK AS WELL AS LEVERAGING 2,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND REALLY I THINK YOU HEARD IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT PEOPLE PUTTING THEIR HANDS IN THE GROUND BUT REALLY CONNECTING WITH THEM AND HELPING TO USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AS HUMAN BEINGS AND REALLY CHANGE LIVES. OTHER PARTNERSHIPS,

I REALLY WANT TO APPLAUD THE WORK OF DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE LEADERSHIP THEY HAVE SHOWN ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT OUR OFFICE IS SHIFTING MORE TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY FOCUS BECAUSE SO MUCH IMPORTANT WORK IS HAPPENING WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY LED BY THOSE DEPARTMENTS. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT. WE WORKED WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AROUND ISSUES OF AIR QUALITY. WE ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH RISK, WHICH THEY'VE BEEN LEADERS ON IN THE NATION. THEY INCORPORATE CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE COMP WORK THAT'S HAPPENING AND WORKING ON THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT THROUGH SUPPORT WITH EPA DOLLARS, WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE AND EXPLORE LOW CARBON BUILDING MATERIALS AND ONGOING WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE SUSTAINABLE JAILS PROJECT. IN LOOKING AHEAD, SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT IS CONTINUING TO CONVEENE THE ADVISORY BOARD, AND IT'S A GROUP OF SHARP PEOPLE. GET TO KNOW WHO REALLY PUSHED THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO LEAD ON ISSUES LIKE AIR QUALITY. CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND EAST COUNTY CARING COMMUNITIES INCLUDING WORKING WITH THE CITY OF ROCKWOOD TO DO A TREE CANOPY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT LEADS TO TREE PLANTING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS HOPEFULLY LATER THIS YEAR. WE ARE WORKING TO SECURE ADDITIONAL EPA DOLLARS FOR THE JADE DISTRICT TO WORK ON TREE CANOPIES AS WELL AS SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS.

MR. LYNCH: WE'RE LOOKING AT THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT WE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY THAT WILL HELP BUILDING OWNERS AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATE ADDITIONAL JOBS AND SAVE THEM MONEY. SO THE PROGRAM OFFER THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, THAT'S UNDER YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND IT WILL ENSURE THAT THAT WORK IS HAPPENING TO THE BENEFIT OF DISADVANTAGED MINORITY AND WOMEN CONTRACTORS WHO REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ANTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY RETROFIT SPACE AS MUCH AS THEY COULD. THOSE DOLLARS HELP THEM BE ACTIVE IN FOREFRONTS IN THE WORK THAT HAPPENS AS PART OF PROJECT. WE'LL BE WORKING TO DEVELOP MORE ROBUST SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING IN METRICS THAT CAN HELP GUIDE OUR OFFICE AND ALSO YOU IN TERMS OF AREAS WE WANT TO FOCUS ON IN THE FUTURE, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENTS TO BUILD A CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION. WE'LL BE TRANSITIONING THE CROPS FARM TO A NEW SITE PER OUR AGREEMENT, SO THERE'S PLANTING GOING ALONG WITH THAT. A LOT OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IF YOU'RE SO INTERESTED. WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH COUNTY, REGIONAL AND STATE PARTNERS AROUND THE ISSUE OF AIR QUALITY INCLUDING LOOKING AT A FORMATION OF A LOCAL AIR QUALITY DISTRICT AND ENSURING COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OR NOT.

CREATING ADVERSE AIR QUALITY IMPACTS. IF FUNDED AS WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, SUPPORTING RETROFIT OF EAST COUNTY SCHOOL BUSES IN THE CENTENNIAL AND DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SO SOME CLARIFICATION ON THAT, IN FACT, THOSE BUSES ARE OWNED ABOUT 1 THE DISTRICT. IF THIS IS A PRIORITY, IT'S A MIXED QUESTION. IT'S A PROBABLY THAT THE STATE MANDATED DISTRICTS HAVE TO RETROFIT EQUIPMENT BY JANUARY OF THIS YEAR OR ELSE THEY HAVE TO COMPLETELY REPLACE THE YEAR 2025. THAT'S A STRANGE THING. UNLESS THEY COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO DO IT NOW, THEY CAN DEFER THAT COST TO THE FUTURE. THEY HAVE TO HAVE MORE MONEY TO COME UP WITH THE CAPITAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THOSE BUSES. IT HASN'T BEEN FUNDED BY THE DISTRICTS THEMSELVES. THE FLEET MANAGERS SEE THIS AS A PRIORITY. IT'S IN THE SCHEME OF, YOU KNOW, PUTTING TEXTBOOKS IN THE CLASSROOM. THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN FUNDED BY THOSE DISTRICTS. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT TOTALLY ADDRESSES -- I THINK YOU HAD A QUESTION WHETHER THEY'RE USED FOR HIGH SCHOOLS OR YOUTHS? THE BUSES ARE ON ROUTES THAT ARE ASSIGNED SHIFTS CONSTANTLY SO THERE'S NO WAY TO DISCERN THAT. WE CAN GET YOU MOTHER NUMBERS AROUND A SPECIFIC NUMBER THAT USE THE BUSES AT ANY GIVE TIME. IF THAT'S HELPFUL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

MR. LYNCH: FINALLY WE'RE WORK TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WITH QUALITY HOUSING. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE INTERSECTION OF ENSURING AFFORDABLE

HOUSING INVESTMENTS ARE DURABLE SO WE DON'T CREATE MORE COSTS FOR OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS BUT NOT HAVING EFFICIENT PROPERTIES BUT ALSO THAT BALANCING WITH THE NEED TO BUILD AS MANY UNITS WE CAN TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS AS WELL AS WORK WITH DIFFERENT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO ARE SUPPORTING HEALTH AND OTHER INVESTMENTS IN LOW INCOME HOUSES TO BRING DIFFERENT PROVIDERS TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE WE ON DELIVER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. THAT'S KIND OF THE SCATTER SHOT. THERE'S ALWAYS A LOT OF THINGS WE'RE WORKING ON, AND IT CHANGES DAY BY DAY. THAT'S A SNAPSHOT OF KIND OF HOW WE WORK. I REALLY FEEL PRIVILEGED TO CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK. IT'S VERY PERSONAL FOR ME AND PERSONAL FOR OUR TEAM AND I HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR SUPPORT AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. WITH THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WE'RE HAVING, ARE WE DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL IN TERMS OF REQUIRES SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES TO BE DONE OR NOT DONE AS A RESULT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE?

MR. LYNCH: THERE'S A FEW THINGS. ONE WE'RE WORKING AROUND AIR QUALITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT BEING USED ON COUNTY PROJECTS ARE CLONE. SO PART OF THAT IS A PILOT. WE'RE WORKING WITH DCS RIGHT NOW TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S TRACKING ON OUR SITES AND LOOKING LATER THIS YEAR TO WORK WITH METRO, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND SOME OTHER PARTNERS TO ESSENTIALLY BRING FORTH A POLICY THAT WOULD REQUIRE CLEAN EQUIPMENT ON THE PRODUCTS. GENERALLY I'M IMPRESSED WITH THE TEAM AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT TEAM IN TERMS OF HOW THE LEADERSHIP WORK ON SUSTAINABILITY. THESE WILL BE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS. COST-EFFECTIVE SMART PROJECTS ARE GREAT CASE STUDIES FOR OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW THIS. I'LL ASK SHERI. I KNOW WE HAD A POLICY IN TERMS OF GETTING THE ELECTRIC CARS. WE WERE GOING TO DO SO MANY A YEAR. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT IS?

MR. LYNCH: SO WE PUT CARS IN A FLEET HERE AND INSTALLED CHARGING STATIONS AT A FEW DIFFERENT SITES AROUND THE COUNTY FOR COUNTY STAFF TO USE AND LIBRARIES. WE'VE TAKEN A PAUSE ON THAT TO SEE WHERE THE MARKET IS GOING TO GO. IT MIGHT BE A QUESTION FOR SHERI IN FACILITIES. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I KNOW THE MONEY IS THERE FOR IT WAS A QUESTION OF WHERE WE WERE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE WILL WRITE DOWN THAT QUESTION FOR THE BOARD.

MR. LYNCH: I HAVE WORKED WITH THE FLEET MANAGER TO HELP A POLICY THAT WILL HELP TO GUIDE OUR DECISIONS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE COST-EFFECTIVE BUT SMART ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: CAN I HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR YOU?

MR. LYNCH: OF COURSE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: CAN YOU KEEP SOME OF THE MANUAL CARS THERE? IN DISTRICT TWO WE LIKE THOSE CARS. WE CAN'T QUITE GET THE ELECTRICAL RIGHT. KEEP SOMEBODY THOSE FOR US, OKAY.

MR. LYNCH: I'LL PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU, COMMISSIONER. YOU KNOW ABOUT MANUAL SHIFT?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES, SIR. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. IT'S EASY AND SIMPLE.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I HAVE THAT REQUEST, TOO, BECAUSE THE ELECTRIC CARS DON'T GO TO DISTRICT 4 AND BACK AGAIN. YOU RUN OUT OF ELECTRICITY.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I DID TEST THE LEAF DRIVING TO SALEM ONE DAY, AND I STOPPED OFF FOR HALF AN HOUR. IT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT BACK.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: YOU CAN'T GO TO BONNEVILLE DAM AND BACK. YOU JUST CAN'T. I DO HAVE A QUESTION, CHAIR. IS THERE A TIME LINE FROM MOVING THE COUNTY CROPS GARDEN?

MR. LYNCH: I BELIEVE IT'S AFTER THIS SEASON, SO WE'LL CONTINUE OUT THIS SEASON AND THEN LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SPRING IS THE TIME LINE FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: OKAY. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: THIS IS REALLY FASCINATING. AND A LOT OF IT IS NEW TO ME. THAT MAKES ME THINK THAT WE PROBABLY NEED TO EITHER HAVE A FORMALIZED REPORTING SYSTEM TO THE BOARD OR -- I DON'T KNOW. IT'S FASCINATING AND YOU'RE KIND OF ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO IT'S BOTH THE COMMUNICATION AND IT SEEMS LIKE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CLIMATE, AIR, ENERGY, YOU'RE KIND OF EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE. I'M WONDERING IF WE SHOULDN'T HAVE A REAL DISCUSSION ABOUT SIDEBARS ONLY BECAUSE I CAN SEE WHERE THIS COULD GROW OUTSIDE OF OUR ABLE TO DELIVER, PARTICULARLY WITH COMPLEX WORK ONE OR GOVERNMENTAL

PARTNERS. IT JUST RAISES ISSUES ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS A FORMAL PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF A WORK PLAN FOR YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT. WHETHER THERE IS SOME UNDERSTANDING BOTH BY THE DEPARTMENT AND BY US ABOUT WHAT THE EXTENT OF YOUR AUTHORITY IS IN COMMITTING MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN YOUR ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. JUST KIND OF THE RANGE. THAT'S A BIG RANGE OF ISSUES HERE. I THINK SOME AREAS WHERE POLICY DISCUSSION IS FRUITFUL, AND SOME AREAS WHERE POLICY IS -- NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED ON A REGULAR BASIS AGAIN TO THIS BOARD IN LIGHT OF A SORT OF DATA INFORMED WORK PLAN, PROJECT PLAN SO WE CAN GO BACK AND CHECK WHAT THE OUTCOMES ARE SO WE CAN KIND OF MONITOR WHAT OUR PROGRESS IS. IT'S FASCINATING. I'M JUST DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE SO ENGAGED IN D-3.

MR. LYNCH: WE'LL LET JOHN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF WHEN HE'S BACK. I WOULD REALLY WELCOME THAT. I THINK AS WE EXPLORE AN INTERSECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, IT EXPANDED THE SCOPE OF WHERE THE WORK CAN GO. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE MINDFUL OF. WHERE THE COUNTY HAS LEVERS AND HAS AN INFLUENCE WHERE WE DON'T. BEING PARTICULARLY MINDFUL THEY ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO CARRY THAT MESSAGE AND IT'S GOOD THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS MINDFUL. SO IT'S US SUPPORTING THEM IN THE WORK. I REALLY WELCOME THAT CONVERSATION. IT'S AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF GUIDANCE FOR THE BOARD. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE COMMUNICATION CLOSE SO THAT YOU DON'T OVERSTEP. AT THE SAME TIME IT'S TO YOUR BENEFIT YOU'RE COMMUNICATING ALL YOUR PROGRESS. IT'S ALL ABOUT COMMUNICATING.

MR. LYNCH: I WELCOME IT, YEAH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, AND I'M KIND OF GUILTY OF THAT, TOO. I SIT ON THE IMPACT BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT GO ON. ADAM BARBER AND I ARE TALKING TO EACH OTHER ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND MAKING DECISIONS. MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE ADAM COME BACK US ONCE A MONTH AND EVERY OTHER MOSS TO SAY THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING SO YOU ALL KNOW WHAT WE KNOW.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I AGREE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: AND ALSO WITH THE RDPO IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT, BUT WE SHOULD

PARTICULARLY WITH IMPACT, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON IN J-PACK WELL.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: WHAT IMPACT REALLY BRINGS IT HOME IN MANY WAYS BECAUSE METRO HAS A BIG SWINGS AND A BIG CLUB IN AREAS OF SUSTAINABILITY. AS WE HAVE OBSERVED MANY TIMES, THE IMPACT TABLE -- I WAS THERE BEFORE YOU AND YOUR STRONGER COMMISSIONERS AND I , COMMISSIONER SMITH, BUT I DO THINK IS ACKNOWLEDGES BENEFITS AND BURDENS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES THAT ARE SHARED OUT ON A REGIONAL BASIS. I REPRESENT A DISTRICT THAT FEELS THAT IT HAS SHOULDERED THE BURDENS OF THESE POLICIES. JUST TO BE COGNIZANT THAT THERE ARE COST SHIFTS AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS. THERE ARE JUST BROADER IMPACTS THAN YOU MIGHT EVEN BE AWARE OF. THE ADVICE OF THE BOARD IS HERE FOR A REASON.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR -- COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, WERE YOU EVER THE CHAIR OF IMPACT?

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I DEFER TO YOU ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I FEEL LIKE MIKEY WHEN I CAME HERE. I WAS PUT IN LINE FOR THE CHAIR. I THOUGHT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WAS CHAIR? THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR TIM. THANK YOU. WE WILL TELL JOHN YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB IN HIS ABSENCE, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY I THINK YOUR TEAM DOES A FABULOUS JOB. YOU'RE VERY QUICK TO RESPOND AND TO HELP OUT ON AIR TOXIC ISSUES IN VERY CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. A SMALL BUT MIGHTY TEAM.

MR. LYNCH: THAT'S RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: CHAIR, I WANT TO ADD TO THAT. I THINK YOUR TEAM IS REALLY SETTING THE STANDARD ON HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE INNOVATIVE AND ENGAGE ON SOLVING COMPLEX PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT US ALL, AND YOUR CREATIVE THINKING ABOUT HOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN BUILD PARTNERSHIPS IN ADDRESSING ISSUES IS A REAL CREDIT TO THE SMALL STAFF THAT YOU HAVE BUT ALSO TO THE ENGAGEMENT YOU HAVE WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUSTAINABILITY IN AND YOUR ABILITY TO LEVERAGE THEIR GOOD THINGS AND TALENTS TO SHARE A SHARED PATH FORWARD. AM I LOOK FORWARD TO ME. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I APPRECIATE IT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. ANOTHER SMALL BUT MIGHTY -- WELL NOT CHRIS. HE'S TALL AND MIGHTY. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. IS WILL.

CHRIS FICK: THAT'S CLAUDIA. WE'RE SMALL IN NUMBER BUT LARGE IN HEIGHT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WHICH IS HELPFUL WHEN YOU TRY TO WRESTLE THOSE LEGISLATORS.

CHRIS FICK: TRUE, LBJ TREATMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AS WAS NOTED EARLIER, WE HAVE A SMALL TIME, FIVE EMPLOYEES AND THEY REPRESENT IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. DOWN IN SALEM MYSELF AND THE DIRECTOR ARE THE LEGISLATIVE FACES AND ADVOCATES. OUR POLICY ADVISER HELPS TO COORDINATE THE TEAM, WHICH YIELDS IDEA FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES FOR YOUR OFFICE AND BRINGS A MENU OF OPTIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR IN SALEM AND WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS PAST YEAR WE EXCUSED -- IN SALEM WHEN SECURE THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A SURCHARGE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING CITATIONS ADJUDICATED AT THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THE PROJECT. OUR OTHER TOP PRIORITY WAS ON THE HOUSING FRONT WHERE WE LIFTED THE LOCAL PREEMPT SHUN ON ZONES AND SECURED FUNDING FOR SHELTER AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE. THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS ARE AT THE CENTER OF OUR 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS WELL. WE GENERALLY TRACK SEVERAL HUNDRED BILLS ANNUALLY IN A LONG SESSION. WE EXPECT THAT TO BE NO DIFFERENT.

SOME ARE WELCOME IDEAS AND SOME, OBVIOUSLY, UNFORTUNATELY ARE UNWELCOME. ISSUES THAT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ON OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN 2017 INCLUDE THE TOPIC OF AIR QUALITY, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDING, THE TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE, ADDITIONAL TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RENTAL PROTECTIONS, PUBLIC RECORDS AND POTENTIALLY THE TAXATION OF E-CIGARETTES. WE ALSO OVERSEE OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND MAINTAIN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE AGENCY. AS WI DISCUSSED BEFORE, THAT IS UNDERGOING SOMEWHAT OF A SHIFT THIS YEAR AS WE MOVE AWAY FROM OUR CONTRACT LOBBYISTS BUT SOLICITING RFPQS IN THE COMING MONTHS TO CHANGE OUR STRATEGY ABOUT HOW WE ENGAGE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. ACTIVITY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL BY MOST MEASURES HAS DECLINED, AND WE ARE SEEKING A MORE NIMBLE TYPE OF RESPONSE SO THAT WE CAN BE MORE STRATEGIC IN OUR OUTREACH. IDENTIFYING MULTNOMAH COUNTY-ONLY PRIORITIES AND MORE TIMELY PRIORITIES TO TRACK AND MONITOR THE SUCCESS WE HAVE. OUR GRANTS COORDINATOR THIS PAST YEAR HAS FORMED A CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR OFFICES. LAST YEAR THE COUNTY APPLIES FOR 57 NEWLY COMPETITIVE FEDERAL GRANTS AND SECURED 40 OF THOSE 57 FOR \$30 MILLION.

CHAIR KAFOURY: YAY. THAT'S EXCELLENT.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: DID YOU WORK ON A COMMISSION BASIS?

CHRIS FICK: THAT WORK CONTINUES THIS YEAR AS WE TRY TO FURTHER IMPROVE COORDINATION AND INCREASE OUR CAPACITY AND GRANT LITERACY AMONG DEPARTMENTS AND DEVELOP A TRACKING PLAN AND A WAY TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN OUR GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS. YOU ALL RECEIVE AID BRIEFING ON THAT ON DECEMBER 7TH. LASTLY, OUR EAST COUNTY LIAISON POSITION IN THE EAST COUNTY CARING COMMUNITIES GROUP THIS DECEMBER BRINGING TOGETHER OVER 100 DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT COLLABORATE ON NEEDS, LEVERAGE RESOURCES, DISCUSS IDEAS AND ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY. A LOT OF FOCUS IS ON THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WE KNOW IS IN DIRE NEED BASED ON CENSUS TRACK DATA. IT REALLY EXPANDING BEYOND THAT AS WELL TO SERVE ALL OF THESE COUNTIES. THE PAST -- OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THE GROUP HAS DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ISSUES. PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND HOUSING STABILITY HAVE BEEN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION AMONGST THAT GROUP. THE POSITION HAS HELPED TO SECURE 20 SUMMER WORKS POSITIONS IN EAST COUNTY FOR EAST COUNTY YOUTH UPWARDS OF 20. THE POSITION CURRENTLY SERVES AS ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE OREGON CONSENSUS PROJECT, SORT OF AN EXAMPLE OF THE WORK HE DOES AROUND HOMELESSNESS AND SPRING WATER CORRIDOR. IT AFFECTS CITY GOVERNMENTS, GRESHAM, MILWAUKEE AND ODOT IS INVOLVED AND NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS AND MULTIPLE PROVIDERS AND STATE LEGISLATORS ON AN ISSUE THAT HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON FOLKS LIVING IN THAT AREA. ANOTHER RECENT EXAMPLE OF THAT WORK THE PERSON DOES, THEY HELPED CITY OF GRESHAM TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AROUND PREVENTATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. SO THAT'S AN OVERVIEW OF THE WORK THAT OUR OFFICE DOES. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU GUYS HAVE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GREAT. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR CHRIS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH; JUST A QUICK COMMENT. WITH OUR RAMPING UP, WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT REBECCA HAS DONE TO HELP IDENTIFY THE SITES. WE ALREADY HAVE THE KIDS AND WE NEEDED SITES. YOU WERE GREAT IN IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL PLACES TO PLACE OUR NEW SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE FOR YOU, YOU INDICATE A NEW CHANGE ABOUT PHILOSOPHY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. I NOTICE YOU HAVE \$118,000 IN CONTRACTUAL SERVICES, SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT MONEY? THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY FOR OUR LOBBYISTS.

CHRIS FICK: WE'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN PERHAPS SPLITTING THE SERVICES. ONE WILL BE FOCUSED ON BRIDGE FUNDING FOR THE BURNSIDE

BRIDGE. THIS IS A LONGER TERM, SUSTAINED EFFORT THAT WE NEED IT FOR AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THAT WOULDN'T COME FROM TRANSPORTATION?

CHRIS FICK: NO. IN THE PAST OUR -- TO MY KNOWLEDGE, OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS GO THROUGH OUR BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT DOING A LOBBYIST, BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TWO. ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSPORTATION?

CHRIS FICK: CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY.

CHRIS FICK: THE OTHER WOULD BE SOME OF THE MORE RECURRING THEMES AROUND HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS AND JUSTICE REFORM AND THE LIKE. WE WANT TO MOVE TO A MODEL ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. THIS YEAR FOR EXAMPLE IN CONGRESS IT'S RELATIVE SLOW, BUT IF WE HAD A TIME PERIOD WHETHER A NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE WHERE THINGS MOVE QUICKLY, IT'S NICE TO RAMP UP AROUND THOSE SPECIFIC ISSUES. WE ALSO NOTE THERE'S SIGNIFICANT STAFF TURNOVER. A LOT OF THE FOLKS LEAVING THE BOARD ARE INVOLVED WITH NACO. HAVING THE ABILITY TO DO MORE TIMELY VISITS WITH OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION AND WITH THE AGENCIES WE THINK WILL BE OF REAL VALUE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: JUST TO KIND OF FEEDBACK, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HEARD PARTICULARLY GOING BACK WITH NACO AND THE WORK SYSTEMS BOARD, A LOT OF CONGRESSIONAL FOLKS WANTS TO MEET WITH US OUT THERE. MEETING WITH THEM OUT THERE IS -- THEY'RE SO TIME-RESTRICTIVE, AND YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU GET ENOUGH TIME TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. WHEN THEY COME IN THE DISTRICT, THEY HAVE 30 MINUTES TO AN HOUR TO DEFEAT SPECIFICALLY US. I KNOW IN THE PAST GOING TO THE WORKFORCE BOARD MEETINGS, DISTRICT 3 IN THE OFFICE, HE SAYS COME TO ME IN PORTLAND. HE DOESN'T WANT TO MEET WITH THE OREGON PEOPLE IN D.C. THE OTHER PIECE IS BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO DO THAT RFQ, CAN YOU BRING THAT TO THE BOARD FIRST SO WE CAN SEE IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION OUR PRIORITIES WANT TO GO AFTER? BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE PLANNING TO DO THIS. HAVE SOME SORT OF CONVERSATION WITH THE CHIEF IN THE CHIEF MEETING TO LET OUR FOLKS KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT BEFORE YOU GO OFF AND DO THAT. THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

CHRIS FICK: ON YOUR FIRST POINT I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR ABOUT THE DESIRE AND FRANKLY THE FREEDOM THAT OUR FEDERAL DELEGATION HAS HERE WE DON'T HAVE. WE JUST TALKED TO THE SENIOR SENATOR'S OFFICE

THE OTHER DAY. IF HE'S RANKING MEMBER AND CHAIR NEXT YEAR, HE WILL HAVE VERY LIMITED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH US IN D. KR. IT'S A WASTE OF TIME. HE HAS A LOT OF TIME HERE. THAT'S WHY BOTH ON THE ADVOCACY LEVEL AND IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, WE'RE ENVISIONS ANY TRIPS FOCUSES ON AGENCY FOLKS, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF OR OTHER COMMITTEE STAFF OUTSIDE OF OUR DELEGATION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: DON'T GET ME WRONG. I THINK WE NEED A FEDERAL LOBBYIST FOR SURE, BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON DEPENDING ON WHATEVER IS HAPPENING. WE PASSED THE OMNIBUS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY ON THE GROUND. UNFORTUNATELY, IT PUT THE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD IN PERMANENT FUNDING EVEN AFTER, YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT OBAMA IS WAITING. SO THINGS LIKE THAT, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE ON TOP OF, PARTICULAR FOR THE PRIORITIES THE BOARD HAS HAD OVER IT IS LAST COUPLE YEARS. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE NEED A GO-TO PERSON OR LOBBYIST. I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO CONTRACT BY THE HOUR, BUT SOMEBODY THAT KNOWS WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE.

CHRIS FICK: GREAT. GREAT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR CHRIS? THANK YOU. I WANT TO WEIGH IN A LITTLE BIT ON THIS CONVERSATION OF OUR D.C. LOBBYIST CONNECTIONS, AND I WANT TO -- I APPRECIATE YOU THEY'RE CREATIVELY. IT'S EASY TO KIND OF GET INTO A PATTERN AND DO THINGS HOW WE'VE ALWAYS DONE THEM. WE DO KNOW WHETHER IT'S SOMETIMES BENEFICIAL, AND SOMETIMES WE WISH WE HAD MORE CONGRESSIONAL FOLKS THAN WE DO IN OUR LITTLE SMALL STATE, BUT WE KNOW THEM ALL PERSONALLY. IT'S KIND OF A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP, AND WE'RE IN CALIFORNIA AND WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS WHO WAS REPRESENTING US, WE HAVE THEIR CELL PHONE NUMBER. HAVING THAT CLOSER RELATIONSHIP CHANGES THE WAY WE UTILIZE LOBBYING POSITIONS AND LOBBYISTS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I WOULD SUGGEST YOU ALSO USE US ELECTED OFFICIALS AS LOBBYISTS. YOU ALL ARE WORKING ON STUFF WE DON'T HAVE AN I COULDN'T TELL YOU'RE WORK ON. IF THERE'S THINGS TO DO IN D.C. THAT YOU PUT US IN AND USE US AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. WE'RE FREE.

CHRIS FICK: YEAH, WILL DO. WILL DO.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: AND IF I COULD, MADAM CHAIR, JUST SORT OF UNDERLINE THAT AND SAY YOU AND I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS BEFORE, CHRIS. THAT COMMISSIONERS SMITH, MCKEEL AND I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE RESPONSIVENESS OF NACO, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST THREE YEARS TO OUT POLICY PRIORITIES WHEN WE ENGAGE OTHER LARGE, URBAN

COUNTIES INTO THOSE PRIORITIES. SO I THINK THAT THERE IS A REAL STRENGTH IN THOSE NUMBERS. THERE'S A REAL STRENGTH IN BEING ABLE TO WORK IN A RELATIVELY SMALL ROOM OF LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO GO AFTER THINGS LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MEDICAID EXCEPTION EXCLUDING PEOPLE WHO ARE TOLD PRETRIAL. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING. THEY STILL HAVE THEIR SKULL RIGHT INTACT INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, AND THEIR EXPECTATION OF HEALTH CARE IS TAKEN FROM THEM. AND NACO, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB OF LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES WITH REGARD TO THAT COST SHIFT TO COUNTY JAILS. AND ON OTHER THINGS AS WELL. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THERE'S A REAL VALUE IN THAT ASSOCIATION, AND THERE'S A REAL VALUE. THERE'S BEEN A REAL VALUE IN THAT PARTICIPATION. I THINK THAT'S KIND OF WHAT COMMISSIONER SMITH IS TALKING ABOUT. I KNOW MCKEEL GOT TREMENDOUS TRACTION ON VETERANS ISSUES AND STILL GOING IN HER FOURTH QUARTER TO GET MORE TRACTION. I SPEAK BECAUSE I'M REALLY NOT THE ONLY LAME DUCK IN THE ROOM. MAYBE NOT. I TAKE THAT BACK.

CHRIS FICK; I THINK WE'LL MAINTAIN OUR ASSOCIATION WITH NACO AND RELY ON THEM TO CONTACT US DIRECTLY FOR EMERGENCY ISSUES. WE HAVE GREAT ACCESS WITH OUR AND WE CAN BE NIMBLE IN CONTACTING THEM WHEN IT RISES TO THAT LEVEL. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRIORITIES LIKE BRIDGE FUNDING WON'T JUST BE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE CAN ASSESS OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS BECAUSE WE HAVE SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT AND MEASURABLE TO GO BACK AND HOLD OUR FEET TO THE FIRE ABOUT HOW SUCCESSFUL WE'VE BEEN.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I TOTALLY AGREE. I MEAN, EVERY LARGE, URBAN COUNTY IN THIS COUNTRY HAS HUGE INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS. THEY ARE ALL GOING TO CONGRESS AND TALKING TO THEM ABOUT IT. SO I'M JUST URGING US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT CHORUS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL; THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO PILE ONTO THIS, BECAUSE I AGREE ABOUT THE NACO CONNECTION. AS COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SAID, EVERY -- WITH OUR COMMITTEE EVERY COUNTY IS DEALS WITH THESE ISSUES. RIGHT NOW SEAN FROM MY STAFF AND ANDY SMITH FROM AOC ARE WORKING WITH OUR LIAISON JACK PETERSON TO GET VETERANS LANGUAGE INTO THE PLATFORMS AND POLICIES BECAUSE THERE ISN'T IN ANY THERE RIGHT NOW. WE'RE WORKING HARD TO DO THAT. I THINK ALL OF THE CONNECTIONS -- THE BETTER WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER AND I KNOW THAT YOU COMMUNICATE WITH SHAWN ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND SHAWN TRACKS BILLS. HE'S AN AMAZING BILL TRACKER. SO ANYWAY, YES, I AGREE. THE MORE WE ALL CAN WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP YOU AND YOU CAN HELP US. WE'RE STRONGER THAN WAY AND YOU WORK SO HARD. YOU DO. YOUR OFFICE WORKS VERY, VERY HARD. WE APPRECIATE IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST NOTICED SOMETHING ELSE. I SEE IN YOUR PROGRAM OFFER YOU HAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 OF FUNDING FOR ROCK OF BLOCK. IS THAT A PERMANENT LINE ITEM.

CHRIS FICK: I DO NOT KNOW, COMMISSIONER SMITH. I WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S IN YOUR PROGRAM OFFER. YEAH.

CHRIS FICK: I APOLOGIZE. I DIDN'T SEE IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S BEEN NOTED AT THE BOTTOM UNDER SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM CHANGES.

CHRIS FICK: I WON'T KNOW AFTER LOOKING AT IT. I WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU.

CHRIS FICK: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. COMMUNICATIONS. COME ON DOWN.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED TO NOTE TO SEE IF WE CAN PUT GOOD IN THE HOOD IN THERE, TOO, IF WE'RE DOING THAT FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU KNOW, PARADES.

SORRY. I WAS COMMUNICATING WITH THE TV STATION. I JUST SHUT OFF MY PHONE SO NOBODY CALLS ME DURING THIS PRESENTATION.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I'M SORRY. I WAS GOING TO MAKE A SMART ALEC COMMENT.

DAVID AUSTIN: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I APPRECIATE YOU HAVING US HERE. I ONLY HAVE A SHORT, 90-MINUTE PRESENTATION I'M GOING TO GIVE BECAUSE IT'S RIVETED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THAT'S SENATOR WYMAN'S FAVORITE JOKE WHEN HE GETS UP TO GIVE A SPEECH. AM I WRONG?

DAVID AUSTIN: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. MY NAME IS DAVID AUSTIN. I'M THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. I DO WANT TO SAY ONE THING RIGHT OFF THE BAT. I WAS A C MINUS STUDENT IN MATH, AND EVERY

YEAR AT THIS TIME I ALWAYS GET NERVOUS BECAUSE I LIKE TO HAVE EVERYTHING BALANCE TO THE PENNY. SO I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO CHRISTIAN ELKINS WHO HAS PUT UP WITH THE WHOLE COUNTY ON STUFF LIKE THIS, THE WHOLE NONDEPARTMENTAL SIDE OF THINGS, SHE PUT UP WITH ME. THE CARPET IS WORN FROM MY DESK TO HERS, AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR ALLOWING ME TO KEEP MY SANITY THIS YEAR.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I SHOULDN'T ASK YOU TO COUNT LIKE MIKE JACKSON IN PUBLIC?

DAVID AUSTIN: NO, IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL RUN.

CHAIR KAFOURY: LOCK THE DOOR.

DAVID AUSTIN: A COUPLE OF THINGS I WANT TO SAY. THE NUMBERS FOR MY DEPARTMENT ARE PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. WE'RE 100% GENERAL FUND. MOST OF OUR BUDGET IS FOR PERSONNEL. WE TRAVEL LIGHT. WE DON'T HAVE TELEPHONES. WE DON'T HAVE ADMIN SUPPORT. WE TOOK OUR 2% CUT PAINLESSLY. I GUESS I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THAT. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONS IN FTE THIS YEAR. I WILL REMIND YOU THAT THE METRO GOVERNMENT HAS 28 FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES AND WE HAVE NINE. THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS, AND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AT THE END I'M HAPPY TO GO THROUGH THAT WITH YOU. I HAVE A PRESENTATION YOU CAN PUT ON THE BOARD AND ON YOUR FANCY PANTS COMPUTERS. IT'S ABOUT OUR TEAM ON WHAT WE DO. WE'RE THE COUNTY'S NEWSROOM. THERE WE GO. I GUESS I CAN SIT THERE AND DRIVE. OKAY. ON THE FIRST PAGE, PAGE 1, WE'RE THE COUNTY'S NEWSROOM. WE TELL THE COUNTY'S STORIES. WE SHOW THE PUBLIC THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT THE WORK. WE SHOW THAT WE ARE TRANSPARENT AND CAN BE TRUSTED. THE "WE" IS THE COUNTY. OUR TEAM DOES THIS THROUGH STORIES, STORIES ON THE WEBSITE, STORIES THAT ARE MADE BY OUR VIDEOGRAPHER, MARK BAKER. STORIES THAT ARE PRESENTED THROUGH AN ARRAY OF VISUAL ELEMENTS BY RANDY COX. AND WE ARE PRETTY MUCH MISSION SIMPLE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE TAXPAYERS UNDERSTAND WHY THIS WORK AT THE COUNTY MATTERS. LIKE I SAID, WE APPRECIATE AS A NEWSROOM THAT WE'RE PROACTIVE AND THINK AHEAD AND TRY TO THINK ABOUT WHAT QUESTIONS ARE OUT THERE THAT SOMEONE IN THE PUBLIC MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE IMPORTANT WORK WE DO. HERE'S OUR TEAM. IT'S A TEAM WE ALL HAVE PORTFOLIOS. I'LL GO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. JULIE SULLIVAN HANDLES THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY'VE BEEN IN THE NEWS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, AND JULIE IS AT THE HELM OF THAT SPEARHEADING THAT COVERAGE. JESSICA SHIBLY HANDLES DCJ ELECTIONS AND ANIMAL SERVICES.

DAVID AUSTIN: ANDREA COGHLAN IS OUR WEB CONTENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT, AND SHE'S ALSO THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO DIRECT ME

IN A WAY WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOCIAL MEDIA STUFF. IT FRANKLY SCARES ME. MARK BAKER IS OUR VIDEOGRAPHER, AS I MENTIONED. HE DOES SHORT VIDEOS. HE DOES DOCUMENTARY-STYLE VIDEOS. HE PROVIDES THE SORT OF CAMERA MOTION STORIES AND RELY ON FOR THE WEBSITE. RANDY COX IS THE VISUALS COORDINATOR. HE HANDLES GRAPHICS, DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY. HE EVEN TOOK THIS PICTURE. YOU CAN ASK YOURSELF HOW HE DID THAT. JAQUETTA WIGHT IS OUR NEWEST ADDITION AND HANDLES DCHS AND ALL GOING ON WITH THESE DECISIONS. MIKE PULLEN IS OUR BRIDGE AND TRANSPORTATION EXPERT. YOU KNOW HIM QUITE WELL. KATE WILSON HANDLES COMMUNICATIONS TO IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES. SHE'S THE LIAISON TO DIFFERENT LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AND COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. THEN IN MY PORTFOLIO I HAVE D.A.R.T., THE MAJOR MEDIA AND DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE BOARD. SO THAT'S OUR TEAM. THEY'RE ALL SITTING OVER HERE, AND I HAVE TO GIVE THEM A BIG SHOUT-OUT, TOO. I'M SO PROUD TO WORK WITH SUCH A FINE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PRETTY MUCH WORK 24/7. ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THE COUNTY, WE'RE VERY PRIDEFUL ABOUT KNOWING ABOUT IT FIRST. THE NEXT PAGE? YES. JUST A LITTLE SLIDE. HERE WHAT THESE TEAMMATES OF MINE DO. THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT OUR BOARD IS AN ACTIVE BOARD. THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS THAT THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE ACTIVE. COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR US ISN'T JUST YOU FIVE SITTING BEHIND THE DESK. IT'S ABOUT YOUR DIRECTION AND WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE GET THINGS DONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT US SITTING BEHIND THE DAIS. I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY WITH THAT. DON'T DO IT. IT'S ALL ABOUT US.

DAVID AUSTIN: AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PICTURES, WHEN YOU ALL GET OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO BE THERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T MAKE THOSE EVENTS SHOW THE COUNTY FLAG. IF YOU LOOK AT THE SECOND LINE FROM MAY 15TH TO FEBRUARY 16TH, THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE WROTE AND REPORTED MORE THAN 190 STORIES. TO DATE THAT NUMBER IS 230. WE'RE PRODUCING CONTENT TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE DO IT THROUGH LIKE I MENTIONED THE VIDEOS, THE PHOTOGRAPHY, BEING ON THE GROUND. YOU CAN TURN TO PAGE 5. I'M GOING TO BREEZE THROUGH THIS, BECAUSE THERE'S ABOUT 27 PAGES. GIVEN THE CONTRACTION OF THE NEWS MEDIA, AS WE KNOW AND SEE AND COMPLAIN ABOUT ON A DAILY BASIS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE SURE THE COUNTY'S STORIES GET TRACTION WITH THE PUBLIC. WE DO THIS ON YOU'RE WEBSITE WITH DAILY NEWS CONTENT CHANGED AND CHANGES WHAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD ARE. WE ALSO HAVE A QUARTERLY MAGAZINE WHICH MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN. IT'S LONG FORM JOURNALISM AT IT'S FINEST, SOMETHING LACKING NOW FROM THE PRINT MEDIA. AND IT'S SO -- THAT MAGAZINE IS SO POPULAR THAT WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ASKING CAN THEY TAKE

THOSE STORIES AND RUN WITH THEM? SO I THINK YOU COULD SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE DOING THE MEDIA'S JOB FOR IT. GO TO PAGE --

CHAIR KAFOURY: WAIT. GO BACK TO THE BABIES. JUST KIDDING.

DAVID AUSTIN: WE PUT THIS UP HERE ON PURPOSE FOR YOU, BECAUSE WE KNOW. THESE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES OF STORIES WE'VE DONE WHERE THIS MAY NOT NECESSARILY MAKE IT ON THE FRONT PAGE OF "THE OREGONIAN," BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT AS IMPORTANT OF A STORY THAT DOES. WE'RE OUT CREATING CONTENT AND TRYING TO FIND THOSE STORIES. THE NUMBER CHANGE ON THIS ONE, IF YOU LOOK IN BOLD, IT SAYS MORE THAN 900 STORIES UP TO FEBRUARY 2016. THAT CHANGED TO 1160. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE PRETTY ACTIVE ABOUT THESE THINGS. THE BRIDGES, THE AIR TOXINS, INFORMATION THAT DIFFERENT CONSTITUENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT. HOW THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH. WE'RE ALL ABOUT EXPLORING AND EXPLAINING THOSE STORIES. ANOTHER ROLE OF OUR TEAM IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THE LIST PRETTY MUCH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. WE HAD TO EDIT THAT DOWN FROM TRIPLE THE SIZE, BECAUSE AGAIN, WHEN IT COMES TO OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC, WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY. WE NEED TO HELP THE DEPARTMENTS COMMUNICATE AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING. PAGE 9. BETWEEN MAY 2015 AND MAY 2016, WE'VE HAD 673,000 VISITS TO THE HOME PAGE. THE NUMBER BELOW THAT HAS RISEN FROM 8.7 TO 11.2 MILLION TO DATE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THAT INCLUDES LAST NIGHT?

DAVID AUSTIN: NO, WE DID NOT GET THAT. DOES IT INCLUDE LAST NIGHT? SORRY. IT DOES. I WISH I COULD ADD THAT ON. I DO WANT TO POINT OUT, YOU KNOW, ANDREA COGHLAN'S WORK ON THIS. I MEAN, WHEN I STARTED IN THIS JOB, THE COUNTY'S WEB PAGE WAS STAGNANT. THE CONTENT WAS SORT OF, YOU KNOW, JUST VERY STALE. AND ANDREA IS A TRAFFIC COP FOR OUR TEAM. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO ON THAT HOME PAGE AND SCROLL THROUGH THE SCROLLER. BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT MISS SOMETHING BECAUSE WE CHANGE IT OUT A LOT AT HER DIRECTION AND FILTERS INTO A NEWS FEED ON THE COMMUNICATION PAGE AND OTHER STORIES THAT YOU CAN FIND ELSEWHERE ON THE WEBSITE. BUT I DO SAY SHE WAS A MANAGER OF A SYSTEM THAT IS IN MY ESTIMATION DOING AS MUCH WORK AND MORE IMPORTANT WORK THAN WHAT WITH YOU SEE IN OUR PRINT MEDIA. SHOUT-OUT TO ANDREA. AGAIN, SOCIAL MEDIA. I'LL JUST BREEZE OVER THIS.

DAVID AUSTIN: I CAN GET YOU UPDATED FIGURES WHEN WE DO THIS, BUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT IS JUST SKYROCKETING, AND IT DOES. THE NUMBERS JUST KEEP GOING UP. ON PAGE 13 IF YOU LOOK AT HOW WE CONNECT ACROSS CULTURES AND LANGUAGES, MULTIGLOBAL HAS A WEBSITE THAT KATE WILSON CREATED. WHEN SHE STARTED HER JOB, SHE CAME RIGHT IN AND

IDENTIFIED SOME WAYS THAT WE AS A COUNTY -- WE DO AN OKAY JOB REACHING OUT TO IMMIGRANT AND DIFFERENT -- REFUGEE AND DIFFERENT LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES, BUT HER MANTRA IS IT'S NOT ENOUGH. WE CAN ALWAYS DO MORE. SO SHE CREATED A WEBSITE THAT HELPS TO LINK PEOPLE WITH SERVICES RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION. SHE'S DOGGED IN HER PURSUIT OF STORIES THAT CROSS OVER FROM THIS WEBSITE TO THE MAIN COUNTY WEBSITE. SHE'S DONE TONS AND TONS OF OUTREACH IN THESE COMMUNITIES AND HAS HELPED TO CHANGE POLICY AT THE COUNTY TO BETTER SERVE THE UNDERSERVED. SO WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THAT WORK. NOW I'LL TAKE YOU THROUGH A QUICK VISUAL GALLERY. THE ONE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT IS THE GUY WITH THE CAMERA THAT SHOOTS FROM ALL ANGLES. A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WAY OF HOW WE SHARE OUR STORY HAS TO DO WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WE USE.

AGAIN I GO BACK TO THE MAGAZINE, IT'S A GEM BECAUSE OF RANDY COX'S VISUAL ACUMEN AND HIS ABLE TO DESIGN SOMETHING THAT BRINGS PEOPLE INTO STORIES AND MAKES THEM WANT MORE. JUST SCROLL THROUGH SOME OF THESE PICTURES. IT CAPTURES THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE WHO DO THE WORK AND THE PEOPLE WHO WE AFFECT. RIGHT HERE -- I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY VIDEOS, BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO LOOK AT SOME OF THEM. MARK BAKER -- WE DID A PUBLIC SERVICE THING WITH KGW, AND BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE MONEY, THEY SENT THEIR BEST WHEELERS AND DEALERS TO TALK ABOUT THIS HOME FOR EVERYONE THING WE WERE STARTING AND HOW DO WE GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE LANDLORDS AND HOUSING THE HOMELESS VETERANS. THEY WERE PROS, AND THEY TOLD US IT WAS ONLY GOING TO BE THIS MUCH. IT WAS SOME GOD-AWFUL FIGURE. SO WE SAID TO THEM, WELL, WHAT IF WE USE SOME OF OUR CREATIVE ABILITIES TO KIND OF PARE DOWN THE COSTS AND WE CAN DO VIDEO AND WE HAVE TALENT AND FIND PEOPLE. THEY CUT US AN EVEN BETTER DEAL. WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE SOME MONEY, AND MARK WENT TO WORK WORKING WITH JESSICA SHIBLEY ON THIS VIDEO. THE HOME FOR EVERY VET VIDEO WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE BECAUSE IT HELPED US IN THE END AND NOT TAKING AWAY FROM THE WORK THAT MIKE AND HIS CREW DO, BECAUSE WE WORK CLOSELY HAND IN HAND WITH THEM TO GET THEM WHAT THEY APPROVED AND WHAT THEY WANTED AND NEEDED. IT WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CAN BLEND -- HOW OUR TEAM BLENDS IN WITH OTHER TEAMS TO GET THE BEST OUTCOMES. I THINK MARK AND JESSICA HELPED US TO GET OVER THE HUMP AND GET ENOUGH LANDLORDS TO COMMIT TO HOUSING THE HOMELESS VETERANS. IT WAS A REALLY COOL PIECE OF TEAMWORK. THERE'S A FAST MOTION VIDEO OF THE BRIDGE, AND THEN TAILING OUT WITH SOME DIFFERENT DESIGN WORK, THIS WORK DONE BY RANDY COX ABOUT HOW WE'RE REACHING PEOPLE AND REALLY BRINGING THEM IN. AND WORKING WITH SOME OF OUR PARTNERS TO HELP THEM AS WELL UP THEIR GAME IN THE VISUALS. SO WELL THAT WAS CHAPTER 11 OF -- CHAPTER 1 OF 20. I'M JUST KIDDING. I HOPE THAT'S ENOUGH.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, I WILL TRY TO ANSWER THEM. COMMISSIONER SMITH, REMEMBER MY MATH INABILITIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I REMEMBER THEM ALL. THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO FOR THE COUNTY AND THANK THE TEAM AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? YOU GUYS DO GREAT WORK.

DAVID AUSTIN: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. OUR NEXT PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON IS A MAN IN A SUIT. WHERE IS HE? HERE HE IS. THE MAN WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION. JIMMY BROWN. [APPLAUSE]

JIMMY BROWN: AGAIN. YOU ALL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME. NORMALLY I WOULD BE RECOVERING FROM A 7:00 TEE TIME AND BE MANY MY SLEEP PERIOD, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M NOT. I'M GOING TO BE QUITE HONEST WITH YOU FOLKS. AND MEGAN. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM, IN FACT, GOING TO SAY WHAT I SAID I WAS GOING TO SEE. MEGAN IS GOING TO LAUGH AT THIS. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS BAILEY, SMITH, SHIPRACK AND MCKEEL. FOR THE RECORD I'M JIMMY BROWN AND I'M STILL WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH'S OFFICE. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM. FIRST, I'M A STOLE STORYTELLER AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU A STORY. I WANT TO TALK YOU BACK TO A COUPLE OF TIMES IN MY YOUTH. FIRST STOP IN MY FIRST GRADE YEAR. WHEN STORY TIME CAME IT WAS UNCOMMON FOR THE TO HER TELLER TO SAY, IT'S STORY TIME. FEEL FREE TO PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN ON THE TABLE, SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE STORY. I ADD TO THAT, IF YOU SNORE, WE WILL TAP YOU ON THE WRIST. IF YOU SLOBBER, YOU'LL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. MEGAN, I TOLD YOU I WOULD SAY THAT.

JIMMY BROWN: THE NEXT STOP IS FROM A PERIOD 47 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS 16 AND A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE. IT WAS THEN I WAS PLACED IN MY FIRST SUMMER JOB. WHO KNEW 47 YEARS LATER I WOULD BE UP HERE IN FRONT OF YOU ALL SPEAKING TO THIS AUGUST BODY. AT THAT TIME IT WAS PLACED IN MY FIRST SUMMER JOB, AND IT WAS CALLED THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM. IT WAS A FEDERAL SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM. YES, SUMMER JOBS PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A VERY LONG TIME. SUMMER JOBS IS MORE THAN A PAYCHECK. YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY ARE THREE TIMES AS LIKELY AS THEIR PARENTS TO BE OUT OF WORK. SUMMER EMPLOYMENT IS AN INVESTMENT AND BRIDGES CLASSROOM LEARNING AND PROVIDES WORK EXPERIENCE AND WORK STUDIES AND REDUCES THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP THAT HAPPENS DURING THE SUMMER LEARNING PERIOD. A FEW STATISTICS OF NOTE FOR YOU. ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEY CONDUCTED

IN 2012, THE NUMBER ONE WORK CONCERN IS THAT OF YOUNG FOLKS. OREGON HAS THE HIGHEST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION. 1 IN 4 YOUTH AGE 16 TO 19 CURRENTLY HAVE A JOB AT ABOUT 25%. HOWEVER, AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES HAVE AN EMPLOYMENT RATE LOWER. THERE ARE 30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 16 AND 24 WHO ARE BOTH OUT OF SCHOOL AND OUT OF WORK IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN REGION. OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS THE EMPLOYMENT RATE OF YOUTH HAS DROPPED FROM 44% TO 26%. OF INTEREST TO NOTE IS THAT WHILE INDUSTRY IS CALLS FOR NEW WORKERS, OREGON EXPERIENCES UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW INCOME AND YOUTH OF COLOR.

WHY IS THE JOB THE SOLUTION? SO RESEARCH SAYS THAT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT LEADS TO HIGHER GRADUATION RATES AND INCREASES COLLEGE ENTRY. YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE RESULT OF THAT. MY 16-YEAR JOB, 16-YEAR-OLD JOB WITH AT THE TIME MCDONALD'S LED TO A JOB WITH KINNEY SHOE STORES THAT LED TO A JOB WITH BONNEVILLE POWER WHICH LED TO COLLEGE WHICH LET TO GRADUATION AND WHICH BROUGHT ME TO A 30-PLUS YEAR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY. SO IT DOES WORK. IT DEVELOPS WORKPLACE SKILLS AND EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS. IT BOOSTS SPENDING IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY. WE KNOW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SUMMER WORKS PROGRAM CONTRIBUTED ABOUT \$970,000 TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. EARLY WORK CONTINUES TO AND CONTRIBUTING TO LONG-TERM SUCCESS. IT REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF ENGAGING IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BECAUSE AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE VERY FEW DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS THAT OCCUR AT MCDONALD'S. THE INCREASES THE PROBABILITY OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. IT REDUCES THE NEED TO ACCESS OTHER TYPES OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. SO WHAT ARE THE RESULTS WE'VE HAD IN THIS THING CALLED SUMMER WORKS? WE KNOW THAT LAST YEAR 672 YOUNG PEOPLE WORKED 104,000 HOURS AND EARNED OVER \$970,000. 77% OF THE YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM, MEANING THAT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE COMPLETED OVER 80% OF PLANNED HOURS AND ALL HAD POSITIVE SUPERVISOR EVALUATIONS. 90% OF THE WORK SITES INDICATES THE PROGRAM WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT AND THEY WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE. SO WE KNOW THAT OUR WORK SITES THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN WANT YOUNG PEOPLE TO COME IN. THERE'S A VALUE TO WORK WITH A YOUNG PERSON AND BEGIN TO MOLD THAT YOUNG PERSON IN A WAY IN WHICH THE EMPLOYER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM OPERATE. WE KNOW THAT 81% OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM ARE LOW INCOME. SO WE ARE REACHING THE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE SERIOUSLY IN NEED OF WORK. 74% OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: JIMMY, WHAT'S YOUR DEFINITION OF LOW INCOME? WHAT'S YOUR TARGET?

JIMMY BROWN: I CAN GIVE YOU THAT NUMBER. I DON'T HAVE IT HERE IN MY NOTES, BUT WE CAN FIND WHAT WE DEFINE BY "LOW INCOME."

CHAIR KAFOURY: GREAT, THANK YOU.

JIMMY BROWN: ANYBODY THAT DOESN'T HAVE A JOB IS LOW INCOME, BUT THAT'S JUST ME. 74% OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM WERE YOUTH OF COLOR. 35% OF THEM WERE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND 31% OF THEM WERE HISPANIC YOUTH. 89% OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT PARTICIPATED SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH HER SUMMER JOBS. IN THE POST PROGRAM PLANS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT NOT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO FURTHER IN THE WORLD OF WORK INITIALLY. 44% OF THEM RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL. 37% OF THEM RETURNING OR ENROLLED IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR TRAINING AND 9% OF THEM OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT AFTER SUMMER WORKS. SO THE FUNDERS REPRESENT A PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND THEY'RE A HOST OF PUBLIC ENTITIES. AS I SIT HERE TALKING TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WE STEPPED FORWARD WITH 525,000 \$525,000 WORTH OF RESOURCES, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING THAT IN THE PRIOR YEAR. THE CITY OF PORTLAND PROVIDES SOME \$329,000 WORTH OF RESOURCES. WORK SYSTEMS, WHICH IS THE PARTNER ORGANIZATION FOR SUMMER WORKS, PROVIDED SOME \$420,000. AND THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES PROVIDED \$157,500. PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TOGETHER PROVIDED 160,000, WASHINGTON COUNTY PROVIDED SOME 29,000 AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE SUMMER WORKS EXPERIENCE, PROVIDES ABOUT \$101,000. THIS YEAR WE PROPOSE AT ABOUT \$418,000.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: EXCUSE ME. MADAM CHAIR. CAN I INTERRUPT. WHAT IS THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS? I'M NOT THAT GREAT AT MATH EITHER.

JIMMY BROWN: I DID GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOL. SO I WILL JUST KIND OF GIVE YOU A SENSE IT'S OVER 1. -- \$1,200,000 WORTH OF RESOURCES LAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NOT INCLUDING THE FEDERAL MONEY?

JIMMY BROWN: NOT INCLUDING THE FEDERAL MONEY.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: WHAT DOES THAT TRANSLATE INTO IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF YOUTH?

JIMMY BROWN: NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE? LAST YEAR WE HAD 6 72 YOUTH

WHO WORKED SOME 109,000, ALMOST 11 1 \$110,000 THROUGH THE SUMMER PERIOD.

CHAIR KAFOURY: IS IT JUST MULTNOMAH AND WASHINGTON?

JIMMY BROWN: IT'S MULTNOMAH AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, AND THEY PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS WELL AS THROUGH A HOST OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT SEND YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE WORK SYSTEM.

CHAIR KAFOURY: AND HOW MANY -- CAN YOU BREAK IT DOWN IN TERMS HOW MANY WERE MULTNOMAH AND CLACKAMAS?

JIMMY BROWN: I DON'T HAVE THAT PARTICULAR STATISTIC, BUT I CAN GET THAT FOR YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: EXCUSE ME. 250 WERE MULTNOMAH LAST YEAR.

JIMMY BROWN: MULTNOMAH COUNTY KIDS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THE REST OF THE 672 WERE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO. THE -- THE OTHER COUNTY -- THE OTHER CITY PIECE WAS LIKE 150. WASHINGTON COUNTY DOESN'T DO THAT MUCH IN THIS. I THINK THEY ONLY PAY FOR 15.

CHAIR KAFOURY: OKAY. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE. OUR DOLLARS AREN'T GOING TO ANY WASHINGTON COUNTY KIDS, RIGHT?

JIMMY BROWN: OUR DOLLARS AND RESOURCES ARE MORE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CITY OF PORTLAND KIDS.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I DID. I'M FASCINATING BY NUMBERS, AND I'M JUST NOT THAT AGILE. MIKE JASPIN IS. HE'S SITTING RIGHT THERE WITH A CALCULATOR. I KNOW HE DOES. I WANT TO GO BACK OVER THERE WITH YOU BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE UNDERESTIMATING YOUR OWN IMPACT. SO 500 -- THE FIRST NUMBER -- COULD YOU GO BACK TO THAT?

JIMMY BROWN: \$525,000 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUBMISSION TO THE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: AND THE NEXT IS 329?

JIMMY BROWN: 329,000 FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND. 420,000 FROM WORK SYSTEMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WAS 157,000. PORTLAND

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 159,000, 19 60,000. WASHINGTON COUNTY BY ITSELF THEY SUPPORT BY 101,000. WHEN YOU ADD IT ALL UP IT'S PROBABLY IN EXCESS OF 1.2, 1.3 MILLION.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE MIKE ON THE CASE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S CLOSER TO TWO.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I BET THAT IS CLOSER TO TWO. MY INTUITION TELLS ME THAT THAT -- THAT REALLY THE AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION INTO THIS PROGRAM IS IMPRESSIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL AND EVEN MORE THAN YOU MODESTLY PRO CLAIM.

JIMMY BROWN: WELL, THANK YOU. I WANT TO BE MODEST ABOUT IT, BUT ONLY IN THE SENSE OF THE AMOUNT OF QUITE VISIBLE RESOURCES WE PUT FORWARD. WE KNOW THAT WORK SYSTEMS INC. RECEIVES FEDERAL RESOURCES THAT GO INTO THIS PROGRAM. I STARTED OUT INDICATING THAT SOME 47 YEARS AGO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, AND MY SENSE IS THAT THOSE RESOURCES OVER THE 47 YEARS SHRUNK, NOT GROWN. AT A TIME WHEN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IS AS MUCH A NEED IN 2016 OR AT THAT TIME 2015 AS IT WAS IN 1966.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. DID YOU INCLUDE TRIMET?

JIMMY BROWN: I DID INCLUDE THEM AS PART OF -- ACTUALLY, I DID NOT INCLUDE TRIMET IN THIS PIECE. I DO BELIEVE I HAVE THEM IN IT. HOLD ON JUST A MOMENT. LET ME DROP THE MIC. THERE'S RESOURCES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THEY DO 30 KIDS. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH SUMMER WORKS IN TERMS OF LEVERAGING WHAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ABLE TO DO. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LEVERAGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND BACK IN 2012 I BELIEVE ONE OF OUR SUMMER WORKS -- YOU KNOW TRIA MCPHERSON ACCOMPANIED ME TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S INAUGURATION. SHE WAS GIVEN A SURPRISE TICKET FROM CONGRESSMAN BLOOMENAUER TO GO AND SIT UP FRONT. THERE ARE VERY FEW SEATS AND GENERALLY FOR THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND HE GAVE US ONE OF HIS. OF COURSE, I HAD TO LEVERAGE THAT GET FROM SENATOR WYDEN AND SAY HE GAVE US A SEAT. WE NEED ANOTHER ONE. BUT THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THAT TRIP, MR. BROWN, WAS WE HAD A CHANCE TO GO AND LOBBY THE UNDERSECRETARY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. AND SHE ASKED ME IMMEDIATELY THE FIRST QUESTION THAT SHE ASKED ME, SHE SAID, WHAT DO YOU WANT, COMMISSIONER? I SAID ABOUT \$35 35 \$5 MILLION. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY. WHAT ELSE CAN I DO FOR YOU? TELL

ME ABOUT WHO THIS YOUNG LADY IS. WE WERE SITTING IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S LONG CONFERENCE ROOM WITH A LOT OF THEIR UNDERSECRETARIES AND FELT VERY IMPORTANT. I HAD A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WITH ME WHO PRIOR TO TWO YEARS THAT SHE HAD WORKED FOR ME WAS NOT ON TRACK TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. IN FACT, SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON IN HER FAMILY TO GRADUATE. HER MOTHER NOR HER GRANDMOTHER OR SIBLINGS HAD A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, SO SHE WAS REALLY, REALLY EXCITED ABOUT BEING IN D.C. AND WAS NOT FAZED AT ALL BY TALKING TO THE UNDERSECRETARIES. SHE TOLD HER STORY ABOUT HER FAMILY AND WHAT SUMMER WORKS MEANT TO HER. SO AS WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS, SHE SAYS, WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU AN IDEA, COMMISSIONER. WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK AND TALK TO YOUR STATE DHS, BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE SOME LEFTOVER MONEY, AND SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS FOR THE TITLE FOUR. I DON'T MEAN TO GET REAL TECHNICAL ABOUT IT. FOR THE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, THERE MAY BE SOME MONEY LEFT. WHAT THEY'RE DOING ACROSS THE COUNTRY GOING BACK TO WHAT YOU SAID, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, OF US BEING ABLE TO GO TO D.C. AND TALK TO FOLKS. OTHER FOLKS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE USING THEIR UNUSED TITLE 4-E MONEY. SO, OF COURSE, I CAME BACK TO PORTLAND, CALLED THE LOCAL OFFICE AND IT KIND OF GOT UP TO LIESL'S HEIGHT, AND SHE SAID OKAY. LET ME CHECK. THAT \$150,000 IS THE RESULT OF THE WORK THAT OUR SUMMER WORKS INTERN AND OUR VERY OWN LIESL GOT THAT IN THERE. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR LIKE THREE YEARS NOW. IT'S A BIG DEAL. SO IN ADDITION TO GETTING THE MONEY FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE A BEACON FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. YOU KNOW, I WAS OVER AT TRIMET, YOU KNOW, BEATING THE DRUM. YOU GOT TO DO A COUPLE. YOU GOT TO DO THIS. THEY'RE UP TO 30. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR FIVE YEARS. THEY'RE UP TO 30. THIS IS MY COMMITMENT AND MY DEDICATION, BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THOSE KIDS WHO HAD A SUMMER JOB ON THE JTPA PROGRAM, THE OLD FEDERAL PROGRAM CALLED CITA. WE'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW ABOUT IT AND WHO WENT THROUGH THAT PROGRAM. FOR ME, THIS IS VERY, VERY PERSONAL, CAN AND IT WORKS, JIMMY BROWN. YOU AND I ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU HAVE A JOB AND YOU CAN CONTINUE TO GO TO COLLEGE AND USE THAT FIRST JOB TO KIND OF, YOU KNOW, CATAPULT YOUR TRAJECTORY TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BECOME A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. SO I'M SAYING THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND REALLY KIND OF OUTLINING WHAT WE DO. IT'S MORE THAN A JOB, BECAUSE SOME OF THESE KIDS, THEY'RE THE ONLY INCOME THAT THEIR FAMILIES HAVE.

JIMMY BROWN: I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR YOUR HELP IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. YOU CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SHOWN YOUR COMMITMENT TOWARD ECONOMIC EQUITY THROUGH MAKES A PLANNED COMMITMENT TO YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING. WE CAN'T GET BETTER THAN THAT EXCEPT TO

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THIS PROGRAM. I WILL TAKE QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY. I EXPECT THERE NOT, BECAUSE I SEE NOBODY PUT THEIR HEAD DOWN TO TAKE THE NAP.

CHAIR KAFOURY: YOU DON'T GET OFF THAT EASY. GO AHEAD.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: WELL, I'M CURIOUS, SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NUMBERS, WHAT IS THE COST PER PLACEMENT? WHEN WE -- WHEN WE PROJECT HOW THIS MONEY IS SPENT, IS THERE LIKE AN EXPECTATION THAT -

COMMISSIONER SMITH: 3300.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: IT'S 3300?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S A MAXIMUM OF 3300. WE PAY 2200, AND THE FEDS PAY 1100. THEY PAY ONE-THIRD OF THE COST. THE BEAUTY OF THIS, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK, IS WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY OF THE PAYROLL. THAT IS ALL DONE BY WORK SYSTEMS. SO WE JUST PUT THE TIME IN. THEY PAY THEM. THE OTHER PIECE THAT'S REALLY NICE ABOUT WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WORK SYSTEMS, THEY ARE ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING UP TO THE JOB. GIVING THE KIDS JOB READINESS SKILLS, SO THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TWO-WEEK JOB READINESS SKILL TRAINING BEFORE THEY CAN ACTUALLY COME ON SITE TO ANY SITE. I THINK IT'S GREAT.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: SO, AGAIN, LOOKING AT THE TRIMET NUMBERS, THEY HAD A \$63,000 CONTRIBUTION INTO THE PROGRAM, AND 23 PLACEMENTS. THAT'S ABOUT \$2300 PER --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S ACTUALLY 33, BUT THAT'S JUST THEIR BUY-IN. IT'S 3300. WE PAY TWO-THIRDS, AND THE OTHER IS 1100 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH WORK SYSTEMS. SO IT'S ACTUALLY 3300, BUT THE PIECE THAT WE'RE PAYING FOR THE KIDS AND THIS IS WHAT WE TRY TO EXPLAIN TO THE CBAC OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WE COULD OPEN UP OUR PROCESS, BUT THERE IS NO OTHER GOVERNMENT OR NONPROFIT WHO IS GOING TO GIVE US ONE-THIRD OF THE WAGES FOR THE KIDS, AND THAT'S WHY THE LEVERAGING OF OUR GENERAL FUND WITH THE FEDERAL'S GENERAL FUND IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO MORE THAN WHAT WE'VE DONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO DO WE DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE THE MONEY TO WORK SYSTEMS INC., OR IS IT TIED TO PER PLACEMENT?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YEAH. IT'S PER KID. WE ONLY PAY FOR THE KIDS THAT WE HAVE THAT START IN THE BEGINNING. FOR THE MOST PART MOST OF

THOSE KIDS FINISH, AND VERY RARELY DO WE HAVE ANY MONEY LEFT OVER. THE OTHER PIECE TO THIS IS THERE'S A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM, SO ANY OF THE -- LIKE IF THERE'S \$5,000 LEFT OVER OR THAT WE SEND OVER, WE SEND ONE, BIG LUMP SUM OVER. THEY'LL SUPPORT A KID WORKING SOME PLACE. THERE'S SOME KIDS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND WITH THEIR ALLOTMENT THAT WORK YEAR-ROUND. SO WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT SAVVY YET. I'M JUST CONCENTRATING ON THE SUMMER RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH WORK SYSTEMS INC. BECAUSE IT'S A LOT OF MONEY AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING REPORTS BACK FROM THEM BECAUSE WE KNOW ASPIRATIONALLY WHAT WE WANT THIS PROGRAM TO DO BUT WE'RE NOT RUNNING THE PROGRAM. WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT A PROGRAM ASPIRATIONALLY AND SENDING REAL MONEY TO WORK SYSTEMS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING REPORTING. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO FUNDS THAT AREN'T EXPENDED. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WE PUT MONEY IN JUST OUR MONEY, THE 525. SO JUST FOR A SECOND SUCCESS SPENDING ALL OF THE OTHERS, EVERYBODY ELSE'S CONTRIBUTIONS, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY, CHRISTIAN, THAT WAS NOT EXPENDED FOR THE SUMMER WORKS?

MS. ELKIN: IT WENT BACK IN THE GENERAL FUND.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: AND SO DOES WORK SYSTEMS INC. WRITE US A CHECK?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO, NO. WE ONLY GIVE THEM THE NUMBER OF KIDS THEY PAY FOR. SO IF -- LET'S SAY WE PAY FOR 100, AND WE ONLY HAVE -- AND SAY ONLY 92 USED IT. WE GET OUR MONEY BACK, AND THAT MONEY GOES BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND. WE DON'T PAY --

MS. SMITH: WORK SYSTEMS INC. SENDS US BACK THE CHECK.

COMMISSIONER SMITH : YES. WE PAY THEM IN INSTALLMENTS, SO WE GET A CHANCE TO CONTROL AND KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY KIDS WENT THROUGH. SO WE'LL ADJUST THAT FINAL PAYMENT TO ADJUST TO THE NUMBER OF KIDS THAT ACTUALLY WENT THROUGH.

JIMMY BROWN: I THINK -- I THINK THE OTHER PART OF THE QUESTION REALLY RESTS WITH OUR CONTRACT SECTION IN TERMS OF CONTRACTS IN PURCHASING AND IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH ARE THE BILLINGS COMING BACK FROM WORK SYSTEMS BEING -- HOW MUCH ARE WE PAYING ON THOSE BILLING?

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE WATCHING.

JIMMY BROWN: WE CAN GET THE REPORTS TO YOU TO BE SURE.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: YES.

JIMMY BROWN: IN MY TIME HERE, THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SPENT OUT IN ITS TOTALITY. AT ONE POINT I BELIEVE ONE YEAR WE HAD ABOUT \$20,000 THAT HAD NOT BEEN SPENT IN THE SUMMER THAT WE WERE ABLE TO UTILIZE FOR THE PLANNING PORTION OF THE NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE THE CONTRACT ITSELF IS ACTUALLY WRITTEN FROM JULY 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO JUNE 30, ALTHOUGH THE 90% OF THE PROGRAM YEAR IS ACTUALLY JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OR UP UNTIL -- THEY CAN DO THE 180 HOURS ANYTIME DURING THAT PERIOD. BUT IT'S NOT ONE -- IT'S ONE CHECK, JIMMY. I THINK IT'S SEVERAL DIFFERENT CHECKS. WE'RE NEVER PAYING MORE THAN WHAT WE ACTUALLY GET, AND JUST THE OTHER THING. THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE, SOMETIMES THREE WHO ARE ALSO ON TOP OF THIS. WE'RE WORKING WITH WORK SYSTEMS. I'M OVER THERE AT LEAST FOUR TIMES A MONTH. I ALSO HAVE A STAFFER WHO IS ACTUALLY GOING TO THE READINESS TRAINING AND WORKING WITH WORK SYSTEMS. THEY VALUE OUR PARTNERSHIP AND OUR RELATIONSHIP AND TRUST ME, THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO TAKE ANY MORE MONEY THAN WE ARE ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, PAYING FOR IN STUDENTS. JUST ANOTHER PIECE. WE ACCEPT ABOUT 125 TO 150 KIDS HERE, AND SOME OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE HE CAN UP AND DOWNED THEIR SUMMER WORKS INTERNS. BUT THE OTHER PIECE WE'VE DONE, WE WENT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, AND LIKE I WAS TALKING WITH CHRIS FITS, THEY HAVE MORE SITES OUT IN EAST COUNTY BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS WE LEARNED IS MANY OF THE KIDS THAT LIVE IN EAST COUNTY, THEY WANT TO DO JOB SHADOWING AND PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO WE MADE A HUGE EFFORT TO -- THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. SHE'S BEEN ON ME FOR THE LAST COUPLE YEARS TO MAKE SURE THAT I REALLY HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE SITES AND THE STUDENTS FROM EAST COUNTY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW LAURA PORTER PORTER'S SHOW A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. WE HAD A YOUNG MAN THAT CAME IN LAST YEAR FROM MT. HOOD AND WORKED AT GRESHAM CITY HALL. WE HAVE SEVERAL EXAMPLES IN PORTLAND, TOO. WE HIGHLIGHTED HIM. HE WORKED IN THE ALL-YEAR PROGRAM, AND NOW THEY'RE HIRING -- HE JUST GRADUATED FROM MT. HOOD, AND THEY'RE HIRING HIM IN THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY OF GRESHAM. THAT IS MY ULTIMATE, MY VERY SELFISH PLAN WHEN I TALK ABOUT SUMMER WORKS. I WANT THESE KIDS TO BE ABLE TO GO AND GET JOBS AFTER THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND FROM COLLEGE. THEY'RE WITH US FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LABOR SHORTAGE. AND WITH THIS WORKFORCE

SHORTAGE, THE ONLY PLACE WE HAVE AS EMPLOYERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR TO BRIDGE THAT GAP IS TO GO FIND UNDERSERVED STUDENTS AND WORKERS WHO DON'T TRADITIONALLY GO INTO PUBLIC SERVICE.

THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO KIND OF BRIDGE THE GAP. AND I AM SO APPRECIATIVE AND THANKFUL FOR ALL OF SUPPORT THAT YOU ALL HAVE GIVEN, AND I WANT TO SAY TO CHAIRMAN KAFOURY, 250 JOBS IN YOUR BUDGET WAS HUGE. I MEAN, WE ARE REALLY GOING TO TIP THE SCALE THIS YEAR. WE'RE NOT ONLY GOING TO HAVE 672 KIDS, BUT WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE 1,000 KIDS. SO I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. YOU ALL SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IN INNER NORTH AND NORTHEAST AND OUT IN EAST COUNTY. WE HAVE DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS AND A LOT OF GANG ACTIVITY, MORE THAN WE'VE EVER HAD THIS TIME LAST YEAR. I'M NOT SAYING THAT THESE KIDS ARE ALL GANG-RELATED KIDS, BUT I'M SAYING EVERY KID THAT WE COME IN CONTACT WITH, THEY'RE AT-RISK. THEY'RE AT-RISK. IF THEY DON'T HAVE SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO DO SOMETHING FALL GIVE THEM THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO AFFORD A HOME. WHAT WE DO IS WE OFFER THEM AN ALTERNATIVE. THOSE OPPORTUNITY YOUTH THAT YOU SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER, JIMMY, THOSE 33,000 KIDS, I DON'T THINK PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU WERE SAYING. THERE ARE 30,000 KIDS IN MULTNOMAH, WASHINGTON, AND CLACKAMAS FROM THE AGES OF 16 TO 24 WHO ARE NOT WORKING AND THEY'RE NOT IN SCHOOL. SOME OF THESE KIDS ARE PROBABLY THE KIDS THAT YOU COUNT IN THE TIME COUNT EVERY TWO YEARS. SO FOR ME, THOSE 30,000 KIDS, THERE ARE MORE MILLENNIALS HERE THAN BABY BOOMERS. IF WE DON'T FIND SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE KIDS, THEY'LL BE ON THE STREETS WHO NEED A PLACE TO STAY, AND I DON'T THINK THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT YOU CAN SAY, YOU KNOW, THIS OR THAT. WE CAN SAY, IN TERMS OF ALL THIS HOMELESS PREVENTION STUFF WE'RE DOING AND ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF GANG PREVENTION POLICIES WE'RE DOING, WE NEED A WORKFORCE COMPONENT TO IT. BY HAVING THIS PROGRAM THAT I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF, I THINK IT MOVES THE DIAL AND IT GIVES THEM ANOTHER TOOL IN THEIR TOOLBOX TO BE EMPLOYABLE AND KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO SOMETHING OR SOMEONE OTHER THAN THEMSELVES. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. WE HAVE DCHS HERE AS WELL. DO WE HAVE -- WE'RE COMING TO THE END OF OUR TIME FOR TODAY. DO WE HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR JIMMY?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I JUST DO, CHAIR. THANK YOU. I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR YOUR ADVOCACY AROUND THIS PROGRAM. IN MY MIND THIS IS A PREVENTION STRATEGY, AND IT'S SO NEEDED. I MEAN, I HAVE HEARD FOR YEARS OUT IN THE ROCKWOOD AREA, THE KIDS NEED SUMMER WORK AND NEED TO WORK IN THE SUMMER. AS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE TARGETED, AND SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR

ADVOCACY AROUND THIS AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THANKS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU. SUIT TOMORROW? YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU? ALL RIGHT. DCHS, COME ON DOWN. WHO WANTS TO START?

LEE GIRARD: MARYLI IS GOING TO START TODAY.

MARY LI: I THINK I'M UP. MARILEE, COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES IN THE MILL LAB. WE'RE HERE TO RESPOND TO A NUMBER OF VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT YOU ALL HAVE ASKED US TO OFFER SOME INFORMATION ON. I'M GOING TO START WITH A DIRECT RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT A PROGRAM OFFERED 25003, WHICH IS THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE. I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION WAS WHAT ARE THE RACIAL ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHICS OF WHO IS PARTICIPATING WITH US AS RESEARCH PARTNERS? I'M GOING TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THAT QUESTION AND ALSO JUST SAY THAT WE HAVE OR SHORTLY WILL HAVE ONE ON ONE BRIEFING SESSIONS SCHEDULED WITH EACH ONE OF YOU AND YOUR OFFICES IN THE NEXT WEEK TO DIVE INTO THE DETAILS OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE AND SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLKS HAVE ASKED ABOUT UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER. JUST AS A BACKGROUND, THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE WAS A TEST THAT WE BEGAN THIS YEAR AND IS SLATED IN THE BUDGET FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF ONETIME ONLY MONEY TO EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER FOR FAMILIES LIVING ON A LOW INCOME.

MARY LI: THIS PROJECT WORKS WITH 160 RESEARCH PARTNERS WHO ARE WORKING FAMILIES WHO ARE GETTING THEIR TAX RETURNS PREPARED FOR FREE AT CASH OREGON AND BEING OFFERED FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES SERVICES THROUGH INNOVATIVE CHANGES. WE INVITED FAMILIES TO BECOME RESEARCH PARTNERS WITH US. WE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED THEM INTO ONE OF TWO RESEARCH GROUPS. ONE GROUP ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES AND THEIR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING, COMPENSATED FOR THAT. THE SECOND GROUP ANSWERS THE SAME SET OF SURVEYS COMPENSATED FOR THAT BUT ALSO RECEIVED \$1,000 UNCONDITIONAL CASH PAYMENT. WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF GATHERING THE THIRD AND FINAL SURVEY FOLLOWING THEIR RECEIPT OF THEIR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND THE UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PIECE. THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF WHO HAD BEEN SERVED IN PROJECT OF 160, 70% OF OUR RESEARCH PARTNERS OF THOSE 160 WORKING FAMILIES WERE WOMEN, AND 34% OF THOSE WERE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.

SO SINGLE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS WOMEN. 62% OF THE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING AS RESEARCH PARTNERS ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. 38% ARE

WHITE. OF THAT 68%, 30% ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 11% LATINO, 8% ASIAN, 7% MULTI-ETHNIC AND 6% A VARIETY OF OTHER FOLKS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHO IS PARTNERING WITH US IN THIS RESEARCH IS WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, SINGLE-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE WORKING AND ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT. WANT TO JUST SHARE A COUPLE OF OTHER EARLY ANECDOTAL FINDINGS WHAT PEOPLE SPEND THE DOLLARS ON. THE RESEARCH SHOWS A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY INTO A FAMILY'S BUDGET EARLY ON IN A CHILD'S LIFE HAS LASTING IMPACT INTO THEIR ABILITY TO EARN AS AN ADULT. IN SOME CASES THE RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THAT'S AS IMPACTFUL AS HAVING A MASTER TEACHER THROUGHOUT ALL OF YOUR GRADE SCHOOL, IS A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY. HERE'S EXAMPLES AS PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE IMAGE OF PEOPLE LIVING ON LOW INCOME. THERE MAY BE JUDGMENTS ABOUT WHAT SOMEBODY MIGHT USE THE MONEY FOR. HERE'S WHAT FAMILIES USE THIS MONEY FOR. IT HELPED TO REDUCE MY DEBT AND IT CAME IN A PERFECT TIME TO FIX MY CAR OR I WOULD BE OUT OF A JOB BY NOW. WE BOUGHT A WASHER AND DRYER FOR OUR HOUSE. THAT WAS HUGE HELP SINCE I HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND HAVE DIRTY CLOTHES EVERY DAY. I'M VERY HAPPY THAT I WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE THEM AND I ALSO SAVED TIME AND ENERGY. I'M GOING TO SAY THAT'S THE INFAMOUS OR FAMOUS AIR CONDITIONER EXAMPLE, RIGHT? THAT WASHER AND DRYER IS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THAT MOTHER TO SPEND TIME WITH HER CHILDREN NOT SCHLEPPING ON BUSES HER LAUNDRY AND SHE'S WITH THEM IN OTHER WAY. SHE HAS MORE ENERGY TO BE WITH THEM. I SPENT IT ON A TUTOR FOR MY DAUGHTER HOPING A GOOD EDUCATION AND SUPPORT WILL HELP HER NOT BE IN THE SAME SITUATION AS ME.

MARY LI: YOU SEE A FUTURE ORIENTATION AND A DESIRE TO END GENERATIONAL POVERTY. I DEPOSITED IT INTO MY SON'S SAVING ACCOUNT. I PUT IT INTO MY SAVINGS ACT TO BE USED IN THE FALL WHEN I PLAN TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. I PUT ASIDE FOR MY DAUGHTER'S DENTAL WORK AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS REGARDING HER LUPUS. SO THESE ARE ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR RESEARCH PARTNERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE ACTS AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES, THE RESEARCH SHOWS IT HAS LASTING IMPACT IN THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE FUTURE CHOICES AND THE FUTURE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN AS ADULTS. AGAIN, WE'RE MEETING WITH YOU NEXT WEEK TO GIVE YOU SOME MORE INFORMATION, BUT WANTED TO POND TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. ONCE WE GET THE DATA, WHAT DO WE DO THE DATA? THIS IS ONETIME ONLY MONEY. IS THE PLAN OR HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS ONGOING?

MARY LI: WELL, SO WE NEED TO SIT DOWN AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE DATA AND SEE WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM IT. THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE NONPROFIT WORLD AND ALSO SOME OF THE RESEARCH FOLKS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO. THERE'S MANY RESEARCH THAT'S INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT. WE'RE GOING TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT WHAT YEAR TWO MAKES SENSE FOR US FOOD IN A ONETIME ONLY ENVIRONMENT, RIGHT? IS IT THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT INTO THE FAMILY'S BUDGET THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE? IS IT A ONETIME ONLY THING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE? DO WE LOOK AT A SECOND COHORT THAT IS NOT THESE FAMILIES? ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED BECAUSE WEE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM HERE TODAY. I UNDERSTAND TO RESPOND TO A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT AROSE REGARDING FIRST ONE BEING SUN EXPANSION, AND I WAS A LITTLE UNCERTAIN. THERE'S NO EXPANSION PLANNED IN THE SUN SERVICE SYSTEM NEXT YEAR. NO NEW SUN SCHOOLS. THERE'S ONETIME ONLY MONEY REQUESTED TO SUPPORT CULTURALLY SPECIFIC YOUTH ADVOCACY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IS THAT 300 --

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: 304,000 AND ODD CHANGE.

IT'S CALLED SUN EXPANSION.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: IT WAS CALLED ENHANCEMENT. SOUNDS LIKE EXPANSION, YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I THOUGHT IT WAS EXPANSION. I WAS THINKING WE JUST DID THE RFP FOR THE SUN, SO WHY ARE WE EXPANDING THIS?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: GOOD QUESTION. SO IT DOES SAY -- THE TITLE IS ADVOCACY PROGRAM FUNDING ENHANCEMENT. IT KEEPS WHOLE AT THE SERVICE LEVEL WITH A MOVE FROM 33% TO 60%, AND THEN USING NEW PERCENT ALLOCATIONS FOR EACH CULTURALLY SPECIFIC POPULATION RESULTED IN AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN REDUCTIONS IN TWO COMMUNITIES, ONE BEING THE NATIVE AMERICAN

COMMUNITY AND OTHER ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDERS. IT RESTORES THAT FUNDING TO THE CURRENT LEVELS FOR '17 GOING FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THESE ARE FORMER SUN SCHOOL --

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: IT'S SUN CONTRACTORS IN THE YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THEY'RE CURRENT CONTRACTORS. THEY'RE CURRENTLY NOW AND WITH THE NEW RFP ON JULY 1ST, THERE'S NEW CONTRACTORS GOING FORWARD AS WELL.

ARE THEY ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS GIVEN THE PERMANENT --

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHY WEREN'T THEY A PART OF THE REGULAR SUN AUTHORIZATION?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE ALLOCATED RESOURCES OVERALL FOR THE SYSTEM, THERE ENDED UP BEING TWO AREAS OF REDUCTION IN THESE YOUTH ADVOCACY IN THAT PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY. FOR THE NATIVE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER. GOING FORWARD WITH THE CURRENT NEW ALLOCATION AS OF JULY 1, THOSE TWO COMMUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM HAD LESS MONEY JULY 1 THAN THEY HAVE NOW. THIS FUNDING KEEPS IT WHOLE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY. WASN'T THAT THE PURPOSE OF WHY WE DID THE FORMULA? SO ARE WE GOING TO CONTINUE TO KEEP IN?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THIS IS ONE TIME ONLY FUNDING FOR THIS NEXT YEAR, '17. I IMAGINE WE WILL HAVE DISCUSSION WHETHER IT CONTINUES OR NOT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. BECAUSE WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM OUT IN DAVID DOUGLAS. IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, METROPOLITAN OFFERED PART OF A -- NOT FOR THIS YEAR BUT THE PREVIOUS PROVIDERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DAVID DOUGLAS, AND SO THEIR ACTUAL ALLOTMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY. THEY WANTED US TO KEEP THEM ON. IF WE'RE MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE FOR ONE OR TWO OF THESE FOLKS AND WE DON'T GIVE THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY TO SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE, THEN HOW CAN WE BE GOOD WITH THE -- I MEAN, WE SAID WE'RE GOING TO RENEW AND WE RE-AUTHORIZED IT AND GAVE IT TO WHO WE GAVE IT TO US. FOR US TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE ON THE FORMULA DOESN'T SEEM FAIR.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ONE THING BETWEEN WHAT THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM OFFER DOES IS WHEN WE RFP'D THE ENTIRE SYSTEM, WE CHANGED ENTIRE

PROVIDERS IN SOME CASES. THESE ARE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. IF THESE NONPROFITS OR COMMUNITY PARTNERS DON'T GET THESE DOLLARS, KIDS WON'T BE SERVED THAT WERE SERVED LAST YEAR. IT'S NOT THE CASE IN DAVID DOUGLAS WITH THAT SWITCH. THOSE KIDS STILL GET SERVICES. THEY JUST HAVE A DIFFERENT PROVIDER. THIS PROGRAM IS NOT THE OVERALL LIKE YOUR SUN PROVIDER IN THE SCHOOL. THIS IS A SPECIFIC YOUTH ENGAGE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM. THESE 200 KIDS WON'T GET SERVICES UNLESS WE HELP THEM OUT WITH THIS.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: AS A RESULT OF OUR FUNDING ALLOCATION CHANGE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: UNLESS THEY GO TO THIS SUN PROVIDER WHERE THEY LIVE.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: WELL, THAT'S POTENTIALLY. THEY COULD GO TO ANOTHER PROVIDER WITHIN THE SYSTEM IF THEY SO CHOSE, YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO I'M JUST SAYING --

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: I HEAR THAT.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I WANT TO WEIGH IN ON THIS. I'VE BEEN ENGAGED WITH THE DAVID DOUGLAS SUN SCHOOL KIDS. WENT TO A MEETING. YOU WERE THERE, PEGGY, AND THE CHAIR WAS THERE. I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, COMMISSIONER. I THINK THAT NOW AT THIS POINT WITH THIS DESCRIPTION AND THIS MUCH SORT OF MEAT ON THE BUDGET BONES, SO TO SPEAK, THAT WE HAVE GOT A REAL POLICY ISSUE IN FRONT OF US. THERE'S TWO MAJOR POLICIES IN FRONT OF US. ONE OF THEM IS THE SUN SCHOOLS SHIFT TO CULTURAL SPECIFICITY AND CHANGING THE CONTRACTOR AT DAVID DOUGLAS. THAT CHANGE HAS BEEN MET WITH JUST SOME -- MOSTLY GENERAL, SOME SPECIFIC CONCERNS MAINLY RELATING TO CHANGE. IT'S FROM METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES TO SCI.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: YES.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK; SO THOSE PEOPLE ARE NAVIGATING THAT TERRITORY. I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH NICOLE MAHER, WHO HAD RAISED THESE ISSUES THAT YOU ARE BRINGING IN FRONT OF US TODAY. I THINK THAT THEY ARE POLICY ISSUES, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE POLICY DISCUSSION WITH MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK -- AND I APPRECIATE YOU JUST SORT OF LAYING OUT THE BUDGET ASPECTS FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: LET ME ASK YOU THIS. ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROGRAMS ALSO EXPERIENCING A REDUCTION IN AN ALLOTMENT BECAUSE OF OUR FORMULA CHANGE?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: NO, MA'AM. OKAY. SO REALLY IT WAS THESE TWO POPULATIONS AND THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, THE SUN YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH; WHO ARE THE PROGRAMS?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: THE NATIVE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS WELL AS ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT WAS A PARTICULAR PROGRAM?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: IN THE PROGRAM CALLED SUN YOUTH ADVOCACY, WHICH IS 52 --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHO IS THE PROVIDER.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: NATIVE-AMERICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER AND IRCO. SO I CAN GO INTO A LITTLE MORE DETAIL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THE OTHER THING IS WE CAN -- YOU CAN ALSO MEET PERSONALLY WITH FOLKS AND DISCUSS THIS AND SHOW THE -- I THINK SOMETIMES THESE ARE EASIER -- MORE EASILY EXPLAINED WITH THE VISUAL CHARTS.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: WE HAVE SPREADSHEETS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: AND GOING THROUGH THE CHANGES WITH THE GRAPHS. I LOVE YOU DO THAT. IT'S EASIER TO UNDERSTAND. ALSO, THIS IS A POLICY DECISION, AND IF PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE THE MONEY OUT, WE HAVE THAT OPTION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I WAS GOING TO ASK COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK IN TERMS OF THE POLICY DECISION, WHEN WE ORIGINALLY DID THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUN PROGRAM, DID WE INITIALLY PUT A PROVISION IN THERE IF THERE WAS SOME -- IF THERE WAS SOME FORMULA CHANGES AND KIDS OR PROGRAMS HAD THEIR PROGRAMS REDUCED THAT WE WOULD MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE? WE.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: WE DID NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC STATEMENT ABOUT THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. SO FOR THE MOST PART IF THEY HADN'T SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT, THERE ISN'T A POLICY. GO AHEAD AND MAKE THESE FOLKS WHOLE?

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: YES. IT MADE US SICK TO SEE IT HAPPEN, BUT YES. THERE WAS SOME ADVOCACY THAT RESULTED IN THIS, VERY MUCH SO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE HAVE THIS POLICY CONVERSATION AT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I THINK WE HAVE IT RIGHT HERE.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: YEAH, I THINK WE'D BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT IT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I THINK THAT THE WAY -- I MEAN, IT'S POLICY BUT IT'S ALSO BUDGETARY. THE WAY THAT WE MAKE THE CHANGES WITHIN THIS POLICY IS WE MAKE IT AN AMENDMENT TO EITHER TAKE THE MONEY OUT OR HAVE --

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: WITH OTHER RFPS LOOKING TO REALLOCATE RESOURCES SIMILARLY TO HOW SUN HAS DONE IT, THIS UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE COULD EMERGE IN OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY'RE PLACE FACED WITH THE SAME ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YOU TOOK THE WORDS OUT OF MY MOUTH. IN OTHER ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS THAT IF WE CHANGE OUR POLICY WILL WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR THESE? THAT'S WHY WE CHANGE THE POLICY.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT, MA'AM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO, NO. THAT'S WHY WE CHANGE THE POLICY? NO, NO. THAT'S WHY WE CREATED A NEW SUN SCHOOL POLICY SUN SCHOOL POLICY FOR ALLOCATION, AND THERE WAS NO PROVISION IN THE ALLOCATION FOR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND THEY'RE ACROSS THE BOARD OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE ECO-SYSTEM AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: IN THIS POPULATION, YES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I THINK WE'VE KIND OF COVERED THIS, BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT THOSE WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS. WE HAVE CHANGED THE POLICY AROUND THE ALLOCATIONS.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: YES. IF I MAY BE BOLD, WE CAN SORT OF EXAMINE WHAT SUN DID AND TALK ABOUT IT HOW IT'S A FRAME FOR OTHERS AND WHAT

PEOPLE NEED TO CONSIDER. WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IS DOING AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT DID WE DO AND HOW DID THAT WORK? THE FUNDING IS ONE THING, BUT ALL THE OTHER PROCESS ISSUES SO WE CAN, IN FACT, INFORM OTHERS AS THEY MOVE FORWARD.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I'M HAPPY WITH THE WORK YOU ALL DID. I'M HAPPY WITH ALL THE LONG HOURS YOU SPENT ON THIS. ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT WHEN YOU CREATE A POLICY, YOU NEED TO CREATE SOME BACK DOOR FOR SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT'S IN LANGUAGE SO THAT PEOPLE WHO WE KNOW DON'T CALL US AND SAY THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AND IF OTHER FOLKS HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THEY GET THE SAME RIGHTS AS EVERYBODY ELSE. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: FAIR ENOUGH.

CHAIR KAFOURY; ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

PEGGY SAMOLINSKI: THANK YOU.

LEE GIRARD: LAST BUT NOT LEAST. GOOD AFTERNOON. LEE GIRARD WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AGE AND DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES. I BELIEVE I'M HERE TO ANSWER A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT RELATE TO PROGRAM OFFER 25020. THE FIRST ONE AND I'M LOOKING AT COMMISSIONER SMITH TO CONFIRM THAT I'M GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS TO REALLY TALK ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL IMPACT IF THERE WAS AN AMENDMENT TO OUR PROGRAM OFFER TO ADD 400,000 ONETIME ONLY FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE OPI WAIT LIST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THE CONSEQUENCES.

LEE GIRARD: YES. SO I CAN ANSWER THE DIRECT QUESTION AND THEN I WAS THINKING IF THERE ARE KIND OF DETAILS AROUND HOW WE ENDED UP WITH AN OPI WAIT LIST, I CAN ALSO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WELL, AGAIN, I'M HAPPY WITH THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DO AND THE POPULATION THAT YOU SERVE. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES WITH IT IS THAT NOW WE CREATED A WAITING LIST AND I THINK IT'S ABOUT 140.

LEE GIRARD: APPROXIMATELY 140. IT DOES GROW DAY BY DAY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: AND SO WITH THESE DOLLARS SENIORS ARE ABLE TO GET \$350 TO \$400 A MONTH.

LEE GIRARD: YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: TO HELP THEM WITH COOKING, LIGHT CLEANING, TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOMES. WHAT MY INTENT WAS TO CLEAR THE WAITING LIST OF THE 140. AND I WAS A LITTLE DISTURBED AT HOW WE INITIALLY WERE GOING TO CLEAR IT. I THINK WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND WE SHOULD CLEAR THE 140 AND NOT DO IT 10 A MONTH WITH THE HOPES THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE FOLKS PASS AWAY AND WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM. THAT'S NO WAY TO DO PUBLIC POLICY. I THINK WE HAVE THE -- WITHIN THAT \$400,000 THERE'S AN ADMINISTRATIVE -- AN ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DOLLARS WITHIN THAT \$400,000 TO ACTUALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN PROCESS ALL OF THE BACKLOG OF THE WAITING LIST. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT.

LEE GIRARD: GREAT. YES, YOU'RE CORRECT. THE FUNDING WOULD GO OUT ALL IN CONTRACTS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I'M SORRY. CAN YOU BACK UP A LITTLE BIT. I HAD A PERSONAL CONVERSATION AND FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE ELSE ROLL IT BACK A LITTLE BIT, OPI, WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW DID WE GET TO THAT POSITION? YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WEEDS AWFUL QUICK.

LEE GIRARD: SO WHAT HAPPENED WAS THERE WAS FUNDING THAT WAS ALLOCATED TOWARDS THE END OF LAST FROM THE STATE, SO THIS IS ALL STATE FUNDED. SOME OF THAT MONEY WAS NOT CONTINUED INTO THE CURRENT YEAR. SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TOOK A REDUCTION FOR OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: FROM THE STATE.

LEE GIRARD: FROM THE STATE, YES. IT STARTED JULY 11, 2015. WE KNEW THAT WE WERE IN THE PLACE BECAUSE WE WERE GETTING A FUNDING REDUCTION. WE WERE NOW EXPENDING AT A HIGHER RATE THAN WE HAD FUNDS FOR, SO WE BEGAN WATCHING THAT ALLOCATION VERY CLOSELY IMMEDIATELY. WE ACTUALLY STARTED A WAIT LIST IN OCTOBER BECAUSE WE COULD SEE OUR FUNDING WASN'T GOING DOWN AS QUICKLY AS WE WOULD LIKE, AND WE HAD SOME ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS IN THAT ONE OF OUR COST DRIVERS, WHICH IS THE COST OF THE ACTUAL HOME CARE WORKERS THAT DO THE ACTUAL WORK, THAT COST IS INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR BASED ON FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CHANGES. SO NORMALLY WE WOULD HAVE AN ATTRITION RATE AT A FASTER RATE THAN IT CURRENTLY IS. WE ANTICIPATE WE MAY HAVE TO KEEP OUR WAIT LIST IN PLACE SO WE CAN SERVE THE CLIENTS ON THAT PROGRAM WE CURRENTLY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, WITH MY AMENDMENT I SUGGEST THAT WE CLEAR THE WAIT LIST WITH THE \$400,000 I ASKED FOR YESTERDAY AND

NOT WAIT A WHOLE YEAR FOR ATTRITION. THOSE FOLKS NEED HELP RIGHT NOW.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE -- THAT -- I MEAN, IF THIS AMENDMENT IS APPROVED --

COMMISSISONER SMITH: IF IT'S APPROVED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE WILL BE IN A POSITION IN SIX MONTHS WITH ANOTHER WAIT LIST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO, BECAUSE WE GET NEW MONEY ON TOP OF THAT. WE GET THE NEW ALLOCATION.

CHAIR KAFOURY: CAN YOU LET HER --

COMMISSIONER SMITH; BECAUSE I DID THE AMENDMENT, I'M TRYING TO PLAIN IT TO YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

LEE GIRARD: THE BUDGET WE'RE OPERATING UNDER IS A TWO-YEAR BUDGET SO THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED IS WHAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY. IT GOES OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME. WE TRY TO STRETCH IT 50/50 BUT BECAUSE OF FUNDING REDUCTIONS WE DIP INTO WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY USE FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE COULD BE IN A POSITION WHERE NEAR THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST STILL IF GOES THROUGH.

LEE GIRARD: WE COULD PROBABLY DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO INTO A WAIT LIST FOR NEXT YEAR. THE CONCERN THAT I WOULD HAVE IS THAT WE WOULD SPEND -- WE WOULD ALLOCATE THE FUNDS OUT IN SUCH A WAY THAT STARTING JULY 1ST OF 2017, WE DON'T END UP KIND OF WHERE WE WERE AT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.

LEE GIRARD: LAST YEAR. SO WE HAVE TO DO IT IN A THOUGHTFUL WAY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, GOING BACK TO MY AMENDMENT. WHAT I SAID IN MY AMENDMENT YESTERDAY, LIKE RENT ASSISTANCE WE COME BACK TWICE A YEAR TO GIVE HOMELESS RENT ASSISTANCE ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS. I'M SUGGESTING DOING THE SAME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE

WITH OUR SENIORS WHO CAN'T WAIT A YEAR. SOME OF THESE FOLKS ARE GOING TO PASS AWAY. MAYBE IF THEY'RE ABLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES A LITTLE LONGER, THEY WON'T PASS AWAY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I'M JUST ASKING -- IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU'RE TELLING ME THE TRUTH. I JUST WANT TO HEAR IT FROM LEE.

LEE GIRARD: I DO THINK THERE'S SOME FEASIBILITY ISSUES ABOUT HOW QUICKLY WE CAN BRING PEOPLE ONTO THE PROGRAM. IN CASE MANAGERS IT DOES TAKE TO GET OUT TO THE HOME TO MEET WITH PEOPLE AND SET UP IN-HOME SERVICES AND WE RELY ON COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH STAFFING LEVELS SO I THINK WE COULD DO IT QUICKER THAN A YEAR. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE COULD GET EVERYBODY ON THE OF WAIT LIST IN THE FIRST MONTH. I THINK WE COULD WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THAT'S IN THE FIRST MONTH. CAN YOU DO MORE THAN THE 10? THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT YOU TALKED TO MY STAFF ABOUT I THOUGHT WE COULD DO A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN JUST TEN EXTRA A MONTH. WE GET -- IT INCLUDED CASE WORK MONEY IN THERE. IF WE GOT ANOTHER CASEWORKER, WE CAN DO FOR WORK, RIGHT?

LEE GIRARD: WE CAN DO IT IN A MUCH FASTER PROCESS AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THAT'S WHAT MY AMENDMENT WAS ASKING FOR. IT ASKS NOT TO DO THE 10 A MONTH.

MRS. SHIPRACK: I'M FASCINATED BY THIS CONVERSATION, AND I'M ALSO FASCINATED BY THE CONVERSATION OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. MY CONCERN IS THIS. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS AN EVENLY PACED PASSING THROUGH COMMUNITY. IN 2030 I WILL BE 80. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE A LOT OF ME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, BUT YOU MAY BE HEARING FROM ME. AND I EXPECT THAT THERE IS A COHORT, A DEMOGRAPHIC, A BUBBLE OF SENIORS THAT ARE GOING TO -- IF WE SET THIS PRECEDENT THAT WE CANNOT HAVE -- I MEAN, I'M SURE THERE'S AN ALGORITHM AND APPEAR FOR THAT, RIGHT? THAT WE CAN'T HAVE FEWER OPI POSITIONS THAN WE HAVE WAITING LIST PEOPLE, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE. YOU GET TO THE -- YOU GET TO THE END, AND YOU, YOU KNOW, NEED HELP URGENTLY BECAUSE YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR FOUR YEARS.

LEE GIRARD: I AGREE.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I REALLY AM CONCERNED THAT IF WE SET A PRECEDENT THAT SAYS WE NEED TO RUN AFTER THIS PROBLEM WITH THIS

PROGRAM SO THAT WE ARE -- WE'RE JUST KIND OF CHASING OUR TAIL AND THAT THIS WILL COLLAPSE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT WILL COLLAPSE IF WE DON'T DO WHAT WE'RE DOING AND THAT'S WHY WE SPEND THE SUGGESTED \$11.1 MILLION ON HOMELESSNESS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO MESS WITH THE SENIORS AND NOT PAY TO WHAT THEY NEED AS WELL, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. WE SHOULD GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE CAN HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. THIS IS A VERY APPROPRIATE CONVERSATION JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHER ONES.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I HAVE A REQUEST. I GUESS WHAT I HAVE IS -- TO BE -- WE SERVE AS LIAISONS TO ELDERS IN ACTION. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS COME UP, AND WE'VE LET IT SLIDE. IT'S COME UP AND WE LET IT SLIDE. I THINK THAT IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE A LOOK SOMETIME THIS FALL. BECAUSE IF IT'S AFTER JANUARY IT'S KIND OF IRRESPONSIBLE TO ASSIGN WORK FOR OTHER PEOPLE. THAT WE DO AN ANALYSIS LIKE THE ECONOMIC FORECAST ANALYSIS. I'M LOOKING AT YOU, MIKE. WE CAN PREDICT HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COHORT ARE GOING TO ARRIVE, AND I DO NOT WANT TO BE COMPRESSED INTO A ONE-YEAR LOOK WITH THESE BLINDERS ON. I WANT TO LOOK OUT 30 YEARS. THIS IS AKIN TO AN ECONOMIC FORECAST. WE CAN GET -- I'M NOT BEING CYNICAL, COMMISSIONER SMITH. I AM ACTUALLY BEING A LITTLE BIT POLLY ANNISH THAT I HONEST DO BELIEVE THAT IF WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEM THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH RATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON OUR DOORSTEP AND WE WILL BE ON OUR DOORSTEP.

CHAIR KAFOURY: HAVE WE BEEN IN THIS SITUATION BEFORE? I THINK THAT THE LEGISLATURE, JUDY DID, AS WELL AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, THE DOLLAR SEEMS TO EBB AND FLOW FROM THE STATE. WHENEVER THERE'S A BUDGET CRUNCH AT THE STATE, THEY PUT OPI ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK BECAUSE IT'S GENERAL FUND DOLLARS IN THE STATE. HAVE WE BEEN IN THIS POSITION BEFORE, A, AND B, HAVE WE BACKFILLED -- BASICALLY WE'RE BACKFILLING STATE DOLLARS.

LEE GIRARD: WE HAVE BEEN IN THE POSITION BEFORE. IT'S NOT BEEN THIS SEVERE, BUT I THINK IT'S PART OF THAT PERFECT STORM THAT BOTH COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK HIGHLIGHT WITH THE GROWING NEED WITH THE GROWING POPULATION. THEN YOU TIE THAT IN WITH INCREASING COSTS FOR THE WORKERS, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ADDRESS. SO I THINK WE'VE HAD THE ISSUE IN THE PAST, BUT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE IT MUCH QUICKER THROUGH WAIT LISTS AND ATTRITION, AND IT'S A MUCH MORE TIME LIMITED PROBLEM. WE'RE PROJECTING MOST OF THE

TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND I THINK THAT'S A DIFFERENCE NOW. I THINK TRYING TO BE MORE PROACTIVE AND PLAN AHEAD WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE AND COULD WORK WITH BOTH OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I WASN'T ASKING FOR ONGOING MONEY. THIS IS ONLY ONETIME ONLY MONEY JUST TO GET US EVEN. AND TO MAKE SURE IT WENT FORWARD ON THEM. WE HAVE TO BE VERY STRATEGIC AND WE NEED A 30,000-FOOT LEVEL LOOK OF ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROGRAMS. WE CAN'T JUST FOCUS ALL OF THE MONEY IN ONE PLACE AND DO INVESTMENT HERE, BECAUSE WHAT YOU DO IS YOU MAKE IT UNEVEN. AND I THINK THAT OFTENTIMES WE OVERLOOK OUR SENIORS. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM THE RESPECT AND DIGNITY. THEY'RE PAYING PROPERTY TAXES, HOUSE RICH AND CASH POOR. WE WANT THEM IN THEIR HOUSES. IF THEY GO TO SKILLED NURSING HOMES, IT COSTS \$18,000 A MONTH, THAT'S \$600 A YEAR. I WOULD MUCH RATHER PAY \$400,000 THAN \$18,000 A MONTH PER AMERICAN. IT'S RIDICULOUS.

LEE GIRARD: SO I THINK THERE'S ONE LAST QUESTION ABOUT REGARDING SOME OF THE POTENTIAL SENIOR CENTER REDUCTIONS THAT ARE PART OF OUR CONSTRAINT BUDGET. SO WE HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ADVSD DOES HAVE KIND OF LIMITED AREAS WHERE WE CAN MAKE COUNTY GENERAL FUND BASED ON THE LENSES WE USE RELATED TO RISK AND EQUITY. AND SO WE DON'T -- WE'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN PROGRAM. WE DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO TAKE IT OUT OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES. WE DID DEFINITELY TAKE SOME OUT OF THE SVSD ADMINISTRATION, BUT IN ADDITION WE PROPOSED TO TAKE A RELATIVE SMALL AMOUNT, ABOUT \$18,000 THAT WOULD REDUCE THE DISTRICT SENIOR CENTERS. WE PROVIDE THEM WITH A RANGE OF \$3,000 TO \$4,000 PER YEAR FOR A CENTER TO COVER I.T. NETWORK FACILITATION COSTS. THE LENS WE USE TO MAKE THAT PARTICULAR DECISION WAS REALLY FUNDING INEQUITIES.

WE PROVIDE THAT TO THOSE CONTRACTORS, BUT WE DON'T PROVIDE IT TO OUR ENHANCING EQUITY CONTRACTORS OR NUTRITION SERVICE CONTRACTORS. SO THAT WAS OUR RATIONALE FOR MAKING THAT REDUCTION. THEN WE ALSO WERE PROPOSED TO MAKE SOME LEASE REDUCTIONS. WE HAVE SOME PARTNERS THAT ARE CO-LOCATED IN EITHER IN OUR BUILDINGS OR IN OUR LEASED BUILDINGS WITH US. WE CURRENTLY PROVIDE ABOUT \$585,000 IN COUNTY GENERAL FUND IN LEASES, AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO MAKE A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 98,000 FROM THAT ALMOST 600,000. THAT'S ABOUT A 17% REDUCTION. ABOUT 90,000 IMPACTS MEALS ON WHEELS ON THREE LOCATIONS AND THE YWCA TAKES A REDUCTION AT EAST COUNTY AND RIDE CONNECTION TAKES A \$1,000 A YEAR REDUCTION. THE ISSUE THERE WAS ALSO A SIMILAR TYPE OF LENS WHETHER WE MADE THOSE SUGGESTIONS.

THERE ARE DEFINITELY INEQUITIES IN HOW WE DO OUR LEASE SUBSIDIES. WE DON'T APPLY THIS AND PROVIDE THIS FOR ALL THE CONTRACTORS. WE ACTUALLY -- WE ONLY HAVE ONE ENHANCING EQUITY THAT GETS SOME LEASE SUBSIDIES, AND THEY ONLY GET ABOUT 2% OF THAT LARGER FUNDING. SO WE FELT THAT THAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO START MAKING SOME ADJUSTMENTS. IDEALLY, IT WOULD BE NICE TO DO THAT IN A GRADUAL WAY. SO THAT'S WHAT WE PROPOSE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE'RE DOING IT IN A GRADUAL WAY IF WE PAY RIGHT NOW 575 AND TRIMMING IT A BIT. FOR SOME I IMAGINE IT DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY.

LEE GIRARD: YEAH. NO KIND OF REDUCTION FEELS VERY GOOD AT THIS POINT FOR MOST OF OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES, MADAM CHAIR. THE MONEY THAT WE TOOK OUT THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, '16, THAT WAS THE MONEY THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN PUTTING BACK. WE HAD GOTTEN MORE MONEY FROM THE STATE, AND WITH THE MONEY THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, THE REDUCTIONS THAT YOU TOOK, .

LEE GIRARD: SO FOR THE LEASE REDUCTIONS OR FOR OTHER --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: NO, NO. THEY SPREAD THAT OVER THROUGH A COUPLE DIFFERENT PLACES, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE EXACT NUMBERS ARE. THAT'S WHAT I WAS INTERESTED IN.

LEE GIRARD: OKAY. SO THAT MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT QUESTION. HOW ABOUT IF AFTER THIS I KIND OF CHECK IN AND SEE WHICH AREA YOU WERE LOOKING AT AND I COULD ADDRESS THOSE DIRECTLY?

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANYTHING ELSE IN DCHS SINCE WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES FROM DCHS HERE WHO ARE POISED READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE ON OUR MIND? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANKS SO MUCH.

LEE GIRARD: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL RIGHT. WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE -- WE'RE FINISHED FOR TODAY BUT WE DO HAVE A BRIEFING, A PUBLIC SAFETY ROUNDTABLE BRIEFING TOMORROW AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING. SO WE WILL BE BACK HERE AT 9:30 FOR THE BOARD MEETING. WE WILL MAKE IT SNAPPY AND HAVE A PUBLIC SAFETY ROUNDTABLE. IS THAT CORRECT? MIKE IS NODDING AT

ME. I SAID THE RIGHT THING. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.
SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:30.

ALL RIGHT. HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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