

**TRANSCRIPT FOR THE MEETING OF THE
MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH BUILDING, BOARD ROOM 100
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 @ 9:30 AM**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jessica Pederson, Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Loretta Smith and Lori Stegmann present.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification HD 37-17 Authorizing Two Position Reclassifications within the Health Department
- C.2 Budget Modification HD 38-17 Authorizing Reclassification of OA Sr. and Program Supervisor within the Health Department
- C.3 Appointments to the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee

CHAIR KAFOURY: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the board room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

BOARD CLERK: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO SIGNED UP. MR. LIGHTNING AND JOE WALSH PLEASE COME FORWARD.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

LIGHTNING: GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG MULTCO. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO HAVE A DISCUSSION IS ON THE SUPERFUND CLEANUP, WHEN WE'RE TALKING TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, VARIOUS ENTITIES, I WANT TO SEE HOW YOU ARE GOING TO SHOW ME THE MONEY. HOW YOU ARE GOING TO RAISE THE MONEY ON THIS \$1 BILLION TOXIC DISASTER TO OUR RIVERS. WHY THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED. WHO IS THE ENFORCEMENT. WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE STOPPING THIS FROM HAPPENING TO OUR RIVERS. MY UNDERSTANDING, MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL GETS AN \$800,000 PLUS GRANT FROM OREGON MARINE BOARD. IN THOSE TERMS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN. IS THAT NOT A VIOLATION OF THEIR GRANT?

IF YOU TAKE MONEY AND YOU SAY I AM GOING TO KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN, WHO IS PATROLLING THE RIVER? WHO IS OUT THERE TRYING TO KEEP THIS RIVER CLEAN? WHO IS GOING TO KEEP IT CLEAN AFTER WE DO A \$1 BILLION PLUS DOLLAR BILLION DREDGING JOB ON THIS RIVER LIKE THEY DID ON THE HUDSON RIVER IN NEW YORK, AND TRUST ME IT DOES NOT STOP AT A BILLION DOLLARS. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ONGOING MAINTENANCE SITUATION ON THE WILLAMETTE NUMBER ONE, THE TEN-MILE PORTLAND HARBOR SUPERFUND CLEANUP AREA, AND I AM WORKING ON THE COLUMBIA RIGHT NOW WITH THE EPA, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO STOP AT THE WILLAMETTE. WE CURRENTLY HAVE PERMITS GOING TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND FROM THE OREGON MARINE BOARD TO DREDGE THE PORTLAND PARK BOAT RAMP, AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, THEIR SOLUTION, THEY COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING TO -- ANY LOCATION TO TAKE THE CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT, TAKE IT TO THE LANDFILL. WHAT DID THEY DO? THEY GOT A SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE WILLAMETTE, PUT IT ON A BARGE, AND DUMPED IT INTO THE CENTER OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER. WELL GUESS WHAT, THOSE TIMES ARE GOING TO CHANGE. THAT'S A CRIME.

I AM GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT OREGON MARINE BOARD WANTS TO TALK ABOUT WHY THEY ALLOW PEOPLE TO TAKE CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT FROM THE WILLAMETTE AND DROP IT INTO THE CENTER OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER LIKE THEY THINK THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO POLLUTE THESE RIVERS AND NOT HAVE ANY CONCERN. GUESS WHAT. \$1 BILLION, OREGON MARINE BOARD, \$1 BILLION MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND RIVER PATROL, AND \$1 BILLION CITY OF PORTLAND, \$1 BILLION MULTNOMAH COUNTY. \$1 BILLION PORT. \$1 BILLION METRO. NOW SHOW ME THE MONEY! YOU WANT THE TAXPAYERS TO PAY THIS? GUESS WHAT, WHO IS LIABLE FOR THIS? THE TAXPAYERS? THE PEOPLE SITTING HERE? DID YOU POLLUTE THE RIVER? I DON'T THINK SO. DO YOU WANT TO COME UP WITH THE BILLION DOLLARS? GUESS WHAT, GET READY, BECAUSE WE'RE BEGINNING TO DO A SUPERFUND TAX, AND YOU ARE GOING TO ALL PAY FOR IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

JOE WALSH: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I HAVE A JOKE FOR YOU. THE OTHER DAY I WAS SITTING ON MY COUCH, AND THE DOG WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE ROOM -- WELL, THE ONLY LIGHT FORCE IN THE ROOM. AND I LOOKED AT HER, AND I SAID YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES JUST ELECTED A MAN WHO LIES, HATES WOMEN, CHEATS, AND WILL SAY ANYTHING. ANY TIME. AND WE ELECTED HIM TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU KNOW WHAT MY DOG DID? SHE BIT ME. THAT'S WHAT SHE DID. SHE WAS SO UPSET THAT SHE BIT ME. THAT'S HOW UPSET THAT WE SHOULD BE. YOU KNOW THAT HE SIGNED THE SANCTUARY. HE'S COMING AFTER THE SANCTUARIES. HE'S COMING AFTER THE GAYS. HE'S ONLY BEEN IN OFFICE A FEW WEEKS. THIS IS WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, AND WE SAID A POLITICAL TSUNAMI IS COMING. WHAT I SAID TO SOME OF YOU THIS MORNING IS THAT US ACTIVISTS ARE TERRIFIED. WE NEED YOU TO STAND WITH US.

I AM VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR BUCKLING UNDER THE PRESSURE. THERE IS GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ABOUT FUNDING. THAT'S HOW THEY ARE GOING TO GET TO YOU. THEY ARE GOING TO COME AFTER THE FEDERAL FUNDING, AND THEY CAN DO THAT. NOBODY IS TALKING THAT THEY CAN'T DO IT. THEY ARE TALKING, THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT. AND WE NEED YOU TO STAND WITH US. IT WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO, AND IF IMMIGRANTS ARE INSIDE OF THIS BUILDING, WE WILL SURROUND THIS BUILDING, THE ACTIVISTS, AND PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE. BUT WE WANT YOU TO STAND NEXT TO US. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE GAP. I COME HERE A LOT AND YELL AND SCREAM AT YOU. IT'S VERY HARD FOR ME TO TRUST POLITICIANS BECAUSE I DON'T. I HAVE TO DO THAT NOW. I NEED YOU. I NEED THE CITY COUNCIL. I NEED THE GOVERNOR. I NEED YOU TO STAND AND SAY, THIS IS THE HUMAN THING TO DO. I DON'T CARE WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SAYS. THIS IS THE HUMAN THING TO DO. THIS IS WHAT GOD, IF YOU ARE A BELIEVER, TELLS ME TO DO, AND I AM NOT A BELIEVER. I AM GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY. THAT'S THE WAY THAT I WAS BROUGHT UP. SO WE ARE FRIGHTENED, AND I KNOW THAT I GET THE RED LIGHT. WE ARE FRIGHTENED. PLEASE STAND WITH US. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Proclamation Proclaiming January 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenter: Natalie Weaver, Collaboration Specialist Sex Trafficking, DCJ Crimes Victim Unit (20 min)

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON APPROVES R1.

NATALIE WEAVER: HELLO. I THINK THERE THIS WILL BE A POWER POINT COMING UP IN JUST A MOMENT. SO I AM NATALIE WEAVER, AND I AM THE COLLABORATION SPECIALIST HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY

JUSTICE. THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS FOR LETTING US COME TODAY. TODAY AS WE LOOK TOWARDS OUR FUTURE, WE FOCUS OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION ON WHERE WE'VE BEEN, AND I AM GOING TO GIVE A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE COLLABORATIVE AND THE ROLE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS PLAYED SINCE 2009. THE STEERING COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE THAT WE WOULD DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING, PRIORITIZING RESTORATION OF THE VICTIM. OVER THE YEARS WE REFINED OUR WORK.

WE ARE PROUD THAT IT IS DATA DRIVEN, UTILIZES BEST PRACTICES, IS TRAUMA INFORMED, SURVIVOR CENTERED, STRENGTH-BASED, AND CULT RBI -- CULTURALLY COMPETENT. WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY. WE INTEGRATE NEW INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND LEARN. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED IS THAT WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK ALONE. IN 2009, 16 AGENCIES CAME TOGETHER TO SIGN THE ORIGINAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORM THE COLLABORATION. WE NOW HAVE OVER 150 PEOPLE WORKING TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. THESE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT GOVERNMENT AT EVERY LEVEL. FEDERAL. STATE. CITY. COUNTY NONPROFITS. SAFE DRIVEN ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND EVEN PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS LEADERS IN THIS WORK, AND HAS REPRESENTED THE COUNTY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. TODAY FOR THIS PRESENTATION I AM FOCUSING ON THE SPECIFIC AREAS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS FUNDING. WHEN WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST GRANTED IN 2009 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE, OR DCJ TOOK THE LEAD DEVELOPING THE COLLABORATIVE.

AT THE COMPLETION OF THE GRANT DCJ SUSTAINED THE ROLE OF COLLABORATIVE LEAD AND EMBEDDED THE POSITION WITHIN THE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES UNIT. THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES TOOK THE LEAD FUNDING THE SURVIVOR SERVICES AND INSURING THAT THEY MEET THE STANDARDS AND VALUES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THEY, TOO, EMBEDDED THEIR SUPPORT INTO THEIR WORK AT THE COMPLETION OF THE GRANT, FUNDING TWO WELL RESPECTED SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIFIC SERVICES, [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAMS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER, WHICH YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT LATER. RECOGNIZING THAT SPECIAL AID SERVICES BETTER SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DEVELOPED A HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEVELOPED SPECIALIZED SERVICES WITHIN THE JAIL, IDENTIFYING OVER 80 ADULT AND MINOR VICTIMS THAT LAST YEAR IN 2016. AND DCJ DEVELOPED SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION FOR TRAFFICKERS AND MINOR SURVIVORS WHO MIGHT BE ON SUPERVISION FOR OTHER REASONS.

NATALIE WEAVER: SO WE KNOW THAT THE ROAD TO PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO -- COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING HAS NOT COME WITHOUT CHALLENGES. STAFF ARE OFTEN OVERTAXED AND THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. LAST YEAR DCJ PARTNERED WITH DCHS AND WROTE A SECOND GRANT TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULT VICTIMS. RECOGNIZING THAT THE VICTIMIZATION AND TRAUMA DOES NOT END AT THE AGE OF 18. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT SERVICES THE GRANT FUNDS PROVIDE TRAINING, CONSULTATION AND GUIDANCE TO THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO ARE NOT SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIFIC BUT DO SERVE THE SURVIVORS. THIS INCLUDES PARTNERS WHO FOCUS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND MANY MORE.

THE GOAL IS TO BETTER IDENTIFY AND SERVE THESE CLIENTS REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY CHOOSE TO ACCESS SERVICES OR HOW THEY IDENTIFY. I SHOWED THIS SLIDE TO SHOW THAT EACH OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IS CONNECTED. NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE BUT BECAUSE EACH PART IS ESSENTIAL. WE PLAY AN INTEGRAL AND INTER-DEPENDENT ROLE AND COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT EACH OTHER OR OUR PARTNER AGENCIES SUCH AS THE POLICE, DHS'S UNIT, [INAUDIBLE], AND COUNTLESS OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS WE WORK WITH. AS A COMMUNITY WE MAY NEVER KNOW THE TRUE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM OR THE HARM THAT IS CAUSED HERE IN PORTLAND. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT 470 MINOR VICTIMS WERE IDENTIFIED DURING A 2013 STUDY, AND OUR PARTNERS HAVE IDENTIFIED OVER 600 POSSIBLE ADULT VICTIMS. WE HAVE ALSO IDENTIFIED 70 SUSPECTED TRAFFICKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR PARTNERS WORK ENDLESSLY TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I HAVE INCLUDED DATA FROM OUR EXPANSION FUNDED WORK HERE ON THIS SLIDE. I HAVE OMITTED JANICE YOUTH FROM THESE STATISTICS ONLY BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUES JOINING ME TODAY, INCLUDING ROSE FROM DCHS AND DENNIS FROM [INAUDIBLE] WILL DIVE DEEPER INTO THESE SPECIFIC SERVICES. I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE THEM WITH ME TODAY TO SPEND THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME-SHARING ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE WORK BEING DONE TO SUPPORT THE SURVIVORS IN THE COMMUNITY. WITH ALL THE WORK THAT WE DO, NONE OF IT MATTERS, UNLESS WE TRULY IMPACT THE LIVES OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS CRIME. THAT IS WHY WE WILL CONCLUDE OUR PRESENTATION WITH A TESTIMONY FROM A SURVIVOR LEADER, BELL IS A GONZALES, WHO NOT ONLY UTILIZED THE FUNDED SERVICES BUT NOW SERVES AS THE LEAD RESIDENTIAL COUNCILOR AT ATHENA HOUSE. I INTRODUCE YOU TO ROSE ELLEN.

ROSE BAK: GOOD MORNING, ROSE BAK, GLAD TO BE HERE. NATALI SHOWED THE DIAGRAM WITH THE GEARS, AND I WANT TO STRESS FOR A MOMENT HOW UNIQUE THE COLLABORATIVE IS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE GOT FOUR

COUNTIES WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER, AND AS -- OR FOUR DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE WORKING TOGETHER, AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE --

CHAIR KAFOURY: IT SHOULD BE FOUR.

ROSE ELLEN: IT'S FOUR CULTURES, AND FOUR DIFFERENT SETS OF ROLES AND APPROACHES TO THE WORK. ALL FOUR GROUPS WERE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON FOCUS, AND THE COMMON GOALS AROUND ALLEVIATING THE EXPERIENCE OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND IT'S AMAZING, AND WE JUST DON'T SEE THAT, AND OTHER PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FUND. WE FUND APPROXIMATELY 600,000 IN SERVICES FOR SHELTER, HOUSING, CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES, AND LONG RANGE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUTH UP TO AGE 21. IN ADDITION, WE ADMINISTERED THE 191,000 GRANT THAT EXPENDED THE OUTREACH UP TO AGE 25. WE BRING TO THE COLLABORATIVE OUR ASSERTIVE ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY. AND THAT IS A, A WAY THAT WE APPROACH OUR WORK THAT INCORPORATES A LOT OF THINGS. IT INCORPORATES MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING AND TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, RACIAL INJUSTICE, STRENGTH-BASED CASE MANAGEMENT.

WHAT IT REALLY MEANS IS WE BELIEVE IN APPROACHING OUR WORK THAT WE MEET PEOPLE WHERE WE ARE, THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE STRENGTH AND THE VALUE, AND THAT WE DON'T TAKE A COOKIE CUTTER APPROACH. THAT WE LET PEOPLE TELL US WHAT THEY WANT, WHAT THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS ARE AND WE HELP THEM TO MEET THOSE WITHOUT ASKING THEM TO CONFORM TO WHAT OUR MODELS ARE. IT IS A VERY IMPACTFUL WAY FOR US TO WORK WITH FOLKS, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE SEVERELY TRAUMATIZED. WE ALSO IN DCHS, HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO INCORPORATE OTHER DCHS SERVICES, TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO COME THROUGH THE PROGRAMMING, SO WE HAVE GOT OTHER SERVICES LIKE BENEFITS AND ACQUISITION AND LEGAL -- WHAT WE CALL THE LEGAL CLINIC PROGRAM THAT HELPS WITH THE EXPUNGEMENTS AND CLEANING THINGS OFF PEOPLE'S RECORD, THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REFER THE SURVIVORS TO. WE HAVE GOT HOUSING PROGRAMS AND JOBS TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND WE'RE ABLE TO REALLY BRING A MORE WHOLISTIC FOCUS TO SERVICES AND HELP PEOPLE ACCESS WHATEVER THEY NEED AND THEY WANT BECAUSE WE WANT TO CREATE A SENSE OF HOPE. WE WANT THERE TO BE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

ROSE BAK: I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE HEARING FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS GONE THROUGH THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION, BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE TYPICAL PERSON THAT COMES THROUGH THIS PIECE OF A PROGRAM, THEY ARE TYPICALLY A YOUNG WOMAN, ALTHOUGH INCREASINGLY WE'RE SEEING BOYS AND TRANSGENDERED INDIVIDUALS, BUT TYPICALLY A YOUNG WOMAN, AROUND 15 YEARS OLD WHO LEFT A SITUATION WHERE THERE'S BEEN POVERTY AND ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN THE HOME, AND

HAVE BEEN CONVINCED BY FOLLOWING THIS GUY, THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE LOVE AND AFFECTION AND MONEY IN THEIR FUTURE, AND FIND THEMSELVES IN ANOTHER CYCLE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. OUR PARTNERS WORK WITH THEM TO CREATE TRUST AND HOPE AND EVENTUALLY ARE ABLE TO GET THEM OUT. AND SOMETIMES IT TAKES MULTIPLE TIMES. WE SEE VERY SIMILAR TO OUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POPULATION, SOMETIMES PEOPLE LEAVE AND COME BACK AND LEAVE AND COME BACK, AND WE THINK COMING BACK IS A VICTORY. EVERY TIME THAT THEY COME BACK THEY ARE A BIT CLOSER TO COMING -- TO STAYING PERMANENTLY AND MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR LIVES. FINALLY BECAUSE I WANT TO REALLY GIVE TIME FOR THE FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE ON THE GROUND. I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE NATALIE WEAVER AND SUZANE IN THE BACK ROW FROM DCHS. THESE ARE THE FOLKS FROM THE COUNTY WHO WORK DAY-TO-DAY ON THIS PROGRAM AND PUT THEIR HEART AND SOUL INTO IT AND THE GOOD WORK THEY DO SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: BEFORE YOU BEGIN I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FORMER COMMISSIONER DIANE MCKEEL WHO IS HERE TODAY. I SAW THE CHART AND I THOUGHT WHERE IS DIANE'S NAME BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER AND GETTING ALL OF THE FOLKS AROUND THE TABLE WHO NEEDED TO BE, AND REALLY I DON'T THINK THAT WE WOULD BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY HELPING THE SURVIVORS AND PROSECUTING THE JOHNS IF IT WERE NOT FOR HER GOOD WORK, SO I THINK THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE AWARE THAT SHE IS WITH US TODAY.

DENNIS MORROW: ABSOLUTELY. I AM DENNIS MORROW, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JANICE YOUTH PROGRAMS. THE SHORT STORY IS IT IS THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO YOUTH ON THE STREETS AND IN THE ENTIRE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. WE WORK WITH 6,000 KIDS EVERY YEAR, INCLUDING RUN AWAY, HOMELESS, AND VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. WE ARE THE ONLY SERVICES AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. SHE WAS JUST 21 WITH HER LIFE AHEAD. YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW HER NAME. SHE BREATHED HER LAST ON A COLDSTONE FLOOR OF A HOLLYWOOD ARCADE. IT PUTS A LOT OF PRESSURE ON YOUR FAITH AND TRUST. SHE WAS JUST A LITTLE GIRL, NOT OLD ENOUGH TO RAGE AGAINST THE DAY. HOW DID WE GET SO LUCKY? TARGETS ON THE RIFLE RANGE. WHO GETS TO CHOOSE, WHO GETS TO WIN AND WHO GETS TO LOSE? BLUES NEVER FADE AWAY. SIR ELTON JOHN'S LYRICS WRITTEN IN 2006 PROVIDED A FORESHADOWING OF WHERE WE ARE HERE TODAY, THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN WHO BECAME AND WHO STILL LIVE AS VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITY, THEN AND NOW. ACTUALLY OUR FIRST ATTEMPT TO FACE THIS ISSUE, AND OUR COLLECTIVE DENIAL ABOUT IT HAPPENED IN 1985. MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT. WE APPLIED FOR A FEDERAL GRANT, THE COUNTY DID, AND STARTED A PROGRAM CALLED PROJECT LUCK, WHICH STOOD FOR LINK UP THE COMMUNITY FOR KIDS. AND IT WAS A GROUND-BREAKING EFFORT TO TRY AND GET POLICE AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO

ELIMINATE A PROBLEM IN DOWNTOWN LABELED AS JUVENILE PROSTITUTION, AND IT WAS SO STRIKING THAT THE POLICE COULD TAKE YOU IN ONE OF THEIR VANS RIGHT DOWN OUT BY THE COURTHOUSE AND YOU COULD SIT IN THAT VAN AND WATCH IT GOING ON.

DENNIS MORROW: TWO ERRORS IN THAT APPROACH. THE FIRST WAS BY CALLING PROSTITUTION, IT INCLUDED CHOICE AND BENEFIT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO CHOICE IN A CHILD WHO IS RAPED MULTIPLES A DAY, SO HER PIMP CAN PARTY AT NIGHT. NUMBER TWO, AFTER THE FEDERAL FUNDS LEFT FOR TWO YEARS, WE QUIT. THE COUNTY GAVE UP, THE SERVICE PROVIDERS GAVE UP. AND THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY REPRESENTS REAL HOPE, HOPE FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT THE COMMUNITY NOW UNDERSTANDS AND THAT OUR CITY AND COUNTY AND OUR STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO MAINTAIN AN ONGOING INVESTMENT IN LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE THEM SAFETY AND A WAY OUT. NOW WE CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY TO FACILITATE THE ORIGINAL PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES THAT CREATED A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THAT MAP, AND WE WERE ASKED TO START THE FIRST SHELTER IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THESE WOMEN AND MEN. THE ATHENA HOUSE. IT WAS -- IT IS ONLY ONE OF 50 IN THE COUNTRY SPECIALIZING IN WORKING WITH THIS GROUP. ATHENA HOUSE WAS NAMED AFTER THE GREEK GODDESS OF WISDOM AND WAR NAMED BY THE FIRST YOUNG WOMEN IN THE PROGRAM. SINCE OPENING IN 2010, WE HAVE NOW WORKED WITH OVER 130 YOUTH. ONE-THIRD OF STILL UNDER AGE 16.

THE OLDER YOUTH THAT WE SERVE GENERALLY STARTED IN THE PROGRAM AT A YOUNGER AGE SO MANY SEE THIS AS AN ADULT PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS JUVENILE ABUSE. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THIS IS CHILD ABUSE. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. WE WORKED WITH 23 YOUTH IN 2016, INCLUDING THREE OF THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAD NEWBORN INFANTS WITH THEM WHEN THEY CAME IN. EVEN MORE REMARKABLY WE NOW HAVE FIVE SURVIVORS ON STAFF WHICH DEMONSTRATES OUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING VICTIMS MOVE NOT JUST TO SURVIVORS BUT TO BECOMING LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY. I WILL TELL YOU THAT WE DID THAT SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THE FIRST COUPLE YEARS WE RAN THIS PROGRAM, I AM NOT GOING TO SAY IT SUCKED, BUT WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING. NOBODY HAD EVER WORKED WITH THESE KIDS BEFORE AND THERE WAS NO ROAD MAP IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER TWO YEARS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR SAID WE NEED TO HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON AND WE HAD A FOCUS GROUP AND THEY TOLD US WHAT WAS WRONG. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY SAID CLEARLY IS WE NEED TO SEE PEOPLE LIKE US WHO HAVE MADE IT. WE DON'T NEED A PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PERSON. WE NEED TO SEE THAT, AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO. I ALSO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT JANUS COULD NOT AND DOES NOT DO THIS ALONE. WE HAVE A UNIQUE INNER AGENCY COLLABORATION THAT BRINGS TOGETHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FAITH COMMUNITY, POLICE,

CHILD WELFARE, CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PLAN AND FUND AND DELIVER THE SERVICES.

DENNIS MORROW: I'VE BEEN ON SEVERAL NATIONAL CONFERENCES, AND PEOPLE COME UP AFTERWARDS, AND I HAVE DONE JOINT PRESENTATIONS WITH PORTLAND POLICE, AND THEY SAY YOU WORK WITH THE POLICE? AND THE COPS WILL GO UP TO THE POLICE AND YOU SAY YOU WORK WITH THE SOCIAL WORKERS, AND THEY SAID YEAH. IN 2010, DAN RATHER BROKE OUR COMMUNITY DENIAL ABOUT THE ISSUE OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN PORTLAND, WHO IS DOCUMENTARY, ENTITLED PORN LAND, STILL ON HIS WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT, YOU MUST. IT NAMED US AS THE SECOND LARGEST HUB FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE ARE KNOWN FOR OUR INNER AGENCY COLLABORATIVE SYSTEM AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE BUT WE CANNOT RETURN TO DENIAL BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS STILL -- HAS NOT GONE AWAY. I WAS HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE FIRST ICE STORM WHEN THE FORMER COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVED A PROCLAMATION TO MAKE US A SANCTUARY COUNTY. THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY IS A STATEMENT BY THE NEW COUNTY COMMISSION THAT WE TRULY ARE A SANCTUARY, A PLACE OF SAFETY OFF THE STREETS FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, ALWAYS. WHO GETS TO CHOOSE, WHO GETS TO WIN, AND WHO GETS TO LOSE. TODAY YOU DO. CHOOSE WISELY.

NATALIE WEAVER: WE WILL HAVE BELLA SHARE. BELLA IS THE LEAD COUNCILOR FOR ATHENA HOUSE.

NATALIE WEAVER: GOOD MORNING.

BELLA: I WANT TO TALK MORE, SO WHEN I WAS 17, I WAS IN THE LIFE, AND I DIDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO. SO JANUS HAD JUST OPENED UP ATHENA HOUSE. I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CLIENTS TO ACTUALLY LIVE IN ATHENA HOUSE, AND IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO FIND A PLACE THAT I FELT LIKE I WAS SAFE ENOUGH TO BE IN BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO SO WHEN THIS PROGRAM OPENED I WENT IN THERE AND THE STAFF WORKING THERE AT THE TIME, THEY PROVIDED A PLACE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO FEEL SAFE AND KNOW THAT ALL MY NEEDS WERE BEING MET, AND THAT THEY WERE DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET RESOURCES THAT I NEEDED, ABLE TO GET TO SCHOOL OR ABLE TO LIKE JUST GET MY BASIC NEEDS MET OF JUST HAVING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND A SHELTER. SO LATER ON WHEN I LEFT, I DECIDED TO GO BACK BECAUSE I WANTED TO WORK THERE AND I WANTED TO WORK WITH THE KIDS, AND I KNEW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE COMING IN THERE THAT NEEDED THAT SUPPORT, SO WHEN I CAME BACK, I WAS A PART OF THAT FOCUS GROUP THAT HAPPENED, TWO YEARS LATER, AND I TALKED TO KEVIN, WHO AT THE TIME WAS WORKING THERE, AND I ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD HIRE ME, AND HE SAID HE WOULD. I CAME BACK AND STARTED WORKING THERE WHEN I WAS 19.

BELLA: I WORKED AS A PEER MENTOR, SO I WAS A SUPPORT FOR THE KIDS FOR SOME OF THE, FOR SOMEBODY TO TALK TO AND SOMEBODY THAT THEY COULD TALK TO WHO KNEW. THAT'S WHAT THEY NEEDED. IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO SEE THAT, AND SO ONCE I SAW MORE POTENTIAL THAT I COULD DO FOR MYSELF, FOR THESE KIDS, I DECIDED TO THEN APPLY AND BE A RESIDENTIAL COUNCILOR. I DID THAT FOR TWO YEARS. I KNEW THAT I COULD DO MORE. I WANTED TO DO MORE TO HELP THESE KIDS BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY JUST NEED A VOICE, SOMEBODY TO TALK TO THEM BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR STORIES. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THEIR STORY CAN BE AND HOW IMPORTANT THEIR STORY CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE. SO I THEN DECIDED TO WORK AS THE LEAD WHICH HAS HELPED ME SO MUCH MORE TO BE ABLE TO MEET PEOPLE THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WERE A PART OF THIS OR TO BE ABLE TO BE A PART OF THIS SITUATION RIGHT NOW, BEING ABLE TO BE HERE AND SHARE MY STORY AND LETTING YOU KNOW THAT THIS PROGRAM REALLY DOES HELP THE KIDS THAT WE HELP.

IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE KIDS THAT COME AND GO, THEY ALWAYS COME BACK. IF THEY DON'T COME BACK THEY CALL US EIGHT MONTHS DOWN THE ROAD TELLING US WE HAVE GOT A GOOD JOB OR AN APARTMENT, LIKE WE ARE DOING REALLY WELL, AND IT'S NICE TO HAVE THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS HOUSE THAT THEY CAN LIVE IN, THAT THEY ARE SAFE, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GOING OUT AND WORKING AND DOING ALL THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEM. IT'S JUST A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO JUST FOCUS ON THEMSELVES AND BEING ABLE TO BE AWAY FROM WHAT THEY HAD TO DO OUT THERE IN THE LIFE AND BEING AWAY FROM PEOPLE THAT THEY KNOW ARE DANGEROUS. IT'S LIKE A SAFE HAVEN FOR THEM, AND IT'S NICE TO HAVE THIS PROGRAM FOR THEM SO THEY CAN BE ABLE TO ACCESS THIS. WE HAVE KIDS THAT COME, LIKE YOU KNOW, 14, 15, AND THEY WILL COME BACK, YOU KNOW, IS A YEAR LATER AND ARE LIKE OK, NOW I WANT TO BE HERE, AND I WANT TO WORK THROUGH THE PROGRAM. I WANT TO FIND RESOURCES BECAUSE I AM DONE WITH THAT LIFE. I DON'T WANT TO BE THERE ANY MORE. SOMETIMES WE HAVE KIDS THAT ARE NOT READY FOR THAT, AND US BEING THERE FOR THEM AND TELLING THEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE HERE, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT READY RIGHT NOW, AND THEN THEY SEE THAT, AND THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE GOING TO -- THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE THERE SO THEY COME BACK, AND THAT'S THE GOOD PART, THEY COME BACK AND WE'RE ABLE TO HELP AS MANY KIDS AS WE CAN HELP.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

NATALIE WEAVER: ANY QUESTIONS? I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR COMMENTS. I LISTENED AND WORKED WITH MANY OF YOU OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AND IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ON THE CASE TO HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GET OUT OF THIS LIFE, AND I DO WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN CONTINUOUSLY. I KNOW THE IMPACTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE, AND I THINK THAT HAVING THEIR APPROPRIATE RESOURCES IS VERY REAL. DO WE HAVE -- THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE, DO WE HAVE ANY DATA ON SPECIFIC DEMOGRAPHICS IN TERMS OF THE KIDS IN THE PROGRAM RIGHT NOW?

NATALIE WEAVER: I HAVE GOT YEAR END DEMOGRAPHICS. I CAN SEND THEM TO YOU, OR IF THERE IS A SPECIFIC ONE --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IT'S GOOD TO KNOW WHAT THE DEMOGRAPHICS ARE, AND IN ADDITION THIS IS JUST A COMMENT THAT WE OFTEN TIMES TALK ABOUT, THE PIMPS AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GIRLS, BUT I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO PUT MORE ENFORCEMENT ON THE JOHNS BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THEY WOULD NOT BE IN THIS SITUATION, SO I THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A THREE-LANE HIGHWAY.

DENNIS MORROW: HISTORICALLY THE DATA IS CLEAR THAT THE SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF THE YOUNG WOMEN ARE KIDS OF COLOR. NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANKS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FORMER COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. IT'S INSPIRING COMING IN AS A NEW COMMISSIONER TO SEE THE KIND OF WORK THAT CAN BE DONE, SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT PRESENTATION AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING. AGAIN, IT'S REALLY INSPIRING. I HAD A QUESTION IN TERMS -- IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IS UNIQUE AND IS SO CONDUCIVE TO REALLY ADDRESSING THESE GIRLS AND WOMEN WHEN THEY COME IN CRISIS. I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT SORT OF THE UPSTREAM ELEMENT OF THIS, THE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN SO THAT WE CAN TURN OFF -- SO THAT THE PIPELINE, IT'S NOT JUST CONTINUING TO FLOW. CAN YOU SPEAK TO THAT A BIT?

NATALIE WEAVER: WE PARTNER -- I KNOW I MENTIONED AT THE BEGINNING THERE IS THREE DIFFERENT FOCUSES, AND ONE OF THE MAIN ONES IS THAT EDUCATION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER, WHICH WE HAVE TENELL HERE TODAY. THEY HAVE -- THEY ARE DOING

EFFORTS, SOME OF IT IS EMBEDDED WITHIN THE SCHOOLS. THERE IS SOME HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP TRAINING THAT HAPPENS WITHIN THE SCHOOLS, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WITH OUR GRANT WE HAVE NOW, WE'RE GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, AND WANTING TO DO MORE TRAININGS AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT. SARAH IS HERE, WHO HAS SOME SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ALSO DEVELOPING SEX TRAFFICKING SERVICES, SO SHE IS MEETING SOON WITH EDUCATION -- WITH SOME OF US IN EDUCATIONAL TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP MORE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IN SCHOOLS. SO IT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW WE NEED TO DO MORE OF AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND THE WORK YOU DO AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE FORMER COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR HER WORK IN CHAMPIONING THIS ISSUE. I DID HAVE A QUESTION. YOU HAD SAID BEFORE FOUR COUNTIES, AND I KNOW THAT FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A STATE LEGISLATOR THERE'S BEEN WORK DONE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE STATE LEVEL, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN TOMEI WAS A HUGE CHAMPION OF THIS AND KATHLEEN TAYLOR WORKED ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL. I WAS JUST CURIOUS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE I-5 CORRIDOR IS WHAT'S IDENTIFIED A LOT AS THE MEANS OF YOU KNOW, THE AVENUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND I WANTED TO HEAR A BIT ABOUT WHAT WORK WAS HAPPENING, ANY PLANS THAT YOU HAVE FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION OR WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING WITH OTHER LOCALITIES.

NATALIE WEAVER: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. SO WE DO PARTNER -- ANOTHER GRAPHIC. I CAN'T GO INTO EVERY DETAIL OR I WILL BE HERE ALL DAY, BUT WE PARTNER AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL, AND WE HAVE A -- MONICA WORKS AT THE STATE LEVEL AND GOES AROUND AND PROVIDES TRAINING TO THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES. WE HAVE LEGISLATION. I HAVE A LIST I AM HAPPY TO SEND TO ALL OF YOU, THAT IS CURRENTLY COMING UP RIGHT NOW, THAT WE'RE TRACKING, THAT IS FOCUSED ON A LOT OF DIFFERENT TOPICS WITH THIS. SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT POLICIES HUGE, AND THAT IS ONE OF OUR BIG AREAS THAT WE FOCUS A LOT ON AND HAVE IN THE PAST HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT'S WITHIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE. SO I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS ALONG THOSE THAT WE'RE TRACKING.

DENNIS MORROW: ALSO THAT GROUP THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT WAS PULLED TOGETHER BY CAROLYN, THAT GROUP IS STILL ALIVE. THERE IS A STATEWIDE COMMITTEE LIKE WE HAVE THESE STEERING -- THE STEERING COMMITTEE THAT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER AND LOOKS AT THE STATE ISSUES AND THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. THEY ARE STARTING TO TRACK THE BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE SO THAT, THAT GROUP STILL EXISTS TO DO THAT COORDINATION AND PLANNING.

COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON: GOOD TO HEAR. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I REMEMBER YOUR NAME. YOU'VE BEEN DOING THE -- THIS WORK FOR A LONG TIME. HOW MANY YEARS?

NATALIE WEAVER: A FEW.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: A FEW. WELL JUST BECAUSE IN THE PREVIOUS LIFE, AND I HAVE TOLD THIS STORY BEFORE, BUT AGAIN THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. AS A MEMBER OF [INAUDIBLE] THAT'S ONE OF OUR CORE ISSUES IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING. I REMEMBER AGO, TEN YEARS HAVING PRESENTATIONS AND JUST BEING SHOCKED. I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST THINK, DOES THAT HAPPEN IN OUR COMMUNITY? AND IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD, YES, IT DOES HAPPEN IN YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU ARE KIND OF SHOCKED. TO LEARN THAT THIS GOES ON IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND TO THINK ABOUT SPORTING EVENTS, IT NEVER DONNED ON ME TO THINK OF A SUPER BOWL AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING TO A CITY FOR A SPORTING EVENT AND HOW THAT IS JUST YOU KNOW, JUST A HOST FOR THAT TYPE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. BEING IN A HOTEL. WE HAVE ALL BEEN IN HOTEL ROOMS WHERE WE HAVE SEEN SOMETHING THAT JUST DIDN'T LOOK RIGHT, AND IT DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT. I KNOW THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE OTHER AREAS THAT YOU GUYS ARE WORKING ON IS WORKING WITH THE HOTELS. I AM JUST REALLY PLEASED THAT IT ALL STARTS WITH AWARENESS. IF WE DON'T START TALKING ABOUT THIS WE CANNOT SOLVE IT. SO I AM NOT PLEASED THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A PROCLAMATION, BUT I AM PLEASED THAT YOU ARE DOING THE WORK AND THAT YOU ARE BRINGING THAT AWARENESS TO OUR COMMUNITY, SO THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

NATALIE WEAVER: HAPPY TO. PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2017 HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS RECENT RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT OVER 470 UNDERAGED VICTIMS ARE EXPERIENCING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AS WELL AS OVER 600 ADULTS ESTIMATED TO BE VICTIMS IN THIS JURISDICTION. TRAFFICKERS USE FORCE, FRAUD, AND COERCION TO PROFIT FROM SELLING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. SEX TRAFFICKING IS A COMPLEX PROBLEM AND IS NOT CONFINED TO ANY GROUP OR GROUPS OF PEOPLE, BUT CROSSES ALL ECONOMIC, RACIAL, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, AND SOCIETAL BARRIERS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IS CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFULLY IS COMBAT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS A PROVEN LEADER IN ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH THE PREVENTION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND HEALTH AND

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS JANUARY 2017 TO BE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE URGE ALL MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY SUPPORTING THE VICTIMS, HOLDING PERPETRATORS RESPONSIBLE, AND PROMOTING HEALTHY AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS. ADOPTED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING IN AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU, BELLA, FOR COMING FORWARD AND TALKING ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL STORY BUT TO COMMEND YOU FOR TAKING THAT NEXT STEP IN YOUR DESIRE -- AND YOUR DESIRE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO HELP GIRLS AND WOMEN WHO MAY FIND THEMSELVES IN A SIMILAR SITUATION TO ONE THAT YOU EXPERIENCED. DENNIS SAID SOME VERY VALUABLE LESSONS, WHICH IS LESSONS LEARNED, WHICH IS WE REALLY NEED TO INTEGRATE PEERS INTO ALL THE WORK WE DO ACROSS THE COUNTY. HAVING THE LIVED EXPERIENCE IS MUCH MORE HELPFUL TO SOMEONE, TO BE ABLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, AND YOU ARE HOPE FOR A LOT OF WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR IN THAT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

R.2. Annual Briefing to the Board from the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI). Presenters: Mary Peveto, Chair and Bradford McKeown, Vice-Chair, ACSI (15 min)

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE KNOW IT'S SERIOUS BECAUSE JOHN IS WEARING A SUIT TODAY. [LAUGHTER]

JOHN WASIYUTINSKI: GOOD MORNING. THAT'S A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. MY NAME IS JOHN WASIYUTINKSI THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY WITH SOME COLLEAGUES FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION. THESE ARE RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO ADVISE THE BOARD AND THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION OF TIME AND EXPERTISE TO THIS EFFORT. IT REALLY CAME HOME TO ME THIS YEAR WHEN, OR IN 2016 WHEN WE -- THE COMMUNITY DISCOVERED THAT WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH AIR TOXICS, AND ALTHOUGH I THINK IT WAS NEWS TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, IT WAS FOR THE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR FIVE YEARS, AND THAT REALLY ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO JUMP INTO THE FRAY, ALLOWED OUR OFFICE TO BE QUICK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT POLICIES THAT CAN BE ADOPTED OR POSITIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN. THAT'S THANKS TO THE LONG-TERM ENGAGEMENT OF THIS GROUP. SO I REALLY FEEL FORTUNATE TO COUNT THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THE REST OF THE COMMITTEE AS COLLEAGUES, AS FRIENDS, AND IN OUR QUEST TO MAKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY A NATIONAL LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY, AND I THINK THAT MISSION IS MORE

IMPORTANT TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. WITH THAT I WANTED TO TURN IT OVER TO MARY PEVETO, OUR CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

MARY PEVATO: GOOD MORNING. I AM VERY HONORED TO BE GOING INTO MY SECOND YEAR OF CHAIRING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY, AND INNOVATION FOR THE COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOHN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND STAFFING THAT HE PROVIDES FOR THIS COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE, AND CHAIR KAFOURY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE. IT IS VERY DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF THE NATURE OF THE ADVISORIES, CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT YOU HAVE AND VERY MUCH WE SERVE AT YOUR PLEASURE AND BECAUSE OF YOUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THIS LEADERSHIP AREA FOR THE COUNTY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALSO RECOGNIZE, AND ESPECIALLY SINCE WE WERE -- WE WERE UNABLE TO DO THIS PRESENTATION LAST MONTH, WE WOULD BE RECOGNIZING THE GREAT WORK THAT COMMISSIONER BAILEY HAD DONE TO SUPPORT THIS. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT AND WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH COMMISSIONER JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON.

WE ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONTINUING THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH A COMMISSIONER. THE CLOSE COLLABORATION HAS BEEN CRITICAL, AND AS HE SAID THIS WAS NOT A, YOU KNOW, CAME OUT OF NOWHERE EVENT FOR THE COUNTY LAST YEAR WHEN REALLY ALMOST TO THIS DAY THE AIR TOXICS CRISIS HIT THE REST OF PORTLAND. THE COUNTY YOU KNOW, LEADERSHIP WAS REALLY CRITICAL IN THAT MOMENT. I THINK THAT THIS TYPE OF WORK, OUR ABILITY TO HAVE THIS SPACE TO DO CRITICAL WORK ON CRITICAL ISSUES THAT IMPACT MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS IS KEY. I STARTED ON THIS BOARD, ACTUALLY, ON THE AIR TOXIC SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE COUNTY HAS WORKED ON, AND THAT'S WHERE I REALLY SAW THE POWER OF COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY STAFF AND RESOURCES AND CITIZENS TO REALLY LOOK AT WHAT COULD BE DONE. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS THAT'S MEANT THAT THE COMMITTEE REALLY HAS BEEN AN INCUBATION OF INNOVATION, AND IT REALLY SHOWED THIS PAST YEAR. I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR, ESPECIALLY FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS LAST YEAR. I THINK IT HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO BE AN IMPORTANT AND KEY VOICE TO DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR OUR STATE REGULATIONS TO MAINTAIN AND FIRST AND FOREMOST TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OREGONIANS. YOUR STRONG VOICE AND THE REAL SUPPORT AND THE PARTNERSHIP THAT YOU DEMONSTRATED WITH THE PARTNERSHIP WITH PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER AND THE ONGOING HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO STEERING THE STATE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AS WELL AS MAYBE KEEPING THEM IN THAT RIGHT DIRECTION.

CHAIR KAFOURY: A CONSTANT CHARGE OF OURS.

MARY PEVATO: AND THIS WILL BE NO MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS YEAR, IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND WE WILL LOOK FOR YOU TO CHAMPION THE THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE REALLY NEEDS TO GET DONE IN THIS YEAR. I AM JUST SO VERY GRATEFUL. I AM EXCITED TO HAND OVER TO SOME OF THE OTHER FOLKS WHO CAN SPEAK TO SOME OF THE OTHER CRITICAL AREAS, BUT CERTAINLY IN THE WORLD THAT I HAVE WORKED IN FOR SO MANY YEARS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT PARTNER AND FOR OUR WORK, AND VERY APPRECIATIVE AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS INTO THE NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DAVID HESSLUM: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM DAVID, I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EARTH ADVANTAGE, A LOCAL NONPROFIT THAT DOES GREEN BUILDING WORK. PART OF MY PRIVATE LIFE I AM VERY HONORED TO WORK ON THIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND I ECHO THE SENT EMERGENCY CREWS -- SENTIMENTS FROM MARY ABOUT HOW GREAT IT IS TO WORK IN A COLLABORATIVE FASHION AND WITH JOHN'S TEAM. I JUST WANTED TO TOUCH ON THREE THINGS FOR YOU. THREE THINGS THAT REALLY ARE NOT AS VISCERAL. THEY DON'T HIT YOU IN THE STOMACH LIKE THE STORIES WE WERE JUST HEARING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. IT IS HARD TO HEAR ABOUT. I HAVE THREE KIDS, TWO DAUGHTERS. THAT'S TOUGH. THE THINGS WE TALK ABOUT TEND TO BE BIG PICTURE, LONG-TERM, BUT COULD HAVE VERY LARGE, LARGE IMPACTS IN THE LONG RUN, SO I WANT TO MENTION TO YOU ABOUT ENERGY CODES. STANDARDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE HEALTH IMPACTS WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. SO THIS YEAR, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE ENERGY CODES IN THE STATE. OUR ORGANIZATION DID AN ANALYSIS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SAY IF WE WANT TO ALIGN WITH THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OF THE COUNTY WE SHOULD BE TARGETING A 65% REDUCTION IN ENERGY USE AND BUILDINGS OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS WHICH MEANS 15 YEARS FROM NOW BUILDINGS SHOULD BE BETTER THAN TODAY. THE GOOD NEWS IS PEOPLE AROUND HERE ARE BUILDING BUILDINGS AT THAT LEVEL AND BUILDING THEM REALLY AFFORDABLY. WE ARE ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE WORLD ATABLE THESE KIND OF BUILDINGS, AND WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THAT LEADERSHIP AT THE COUNTY -- THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO, IS WORK WITH THE STATE. THERE IS A BILL OUT THERE THIS YEAR THAT WOULD PUT THAT TARGET IN PLACE, LEGISLATIVELY. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE THE COUNTY SUPPORTING THAT. ADDITIONALLY EVERY THREE YEARS THE ENERGY CODES GET UPDATED. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE YEARS. SO THERE IS ACTUALLY AN ACTIVE OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE A VOICE AND SAY, IMPROVING ENERGY CODES ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO DO. I WILL WARN YOU THAT THERE IS SOMETHING, AND THE FOLKS WHO WORK IN STATE GOVERNMENT HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE, THE FOLKS WILL SAY THAT OREGON IS A SMALL STATE IN JUST ONE COUNTRY IT DOES NOT REALLY MATTER WHAT OREGON DOES.

DAVID HESSLUM: I WOULD SIT HERE TODAY AND SAY WE MAY BE A VERY SMALL STATE IN ONE COUNTRY, BUT WHAT WE DO IN THE WORLD OF EFFICIENT BUILDINGS AND BETTER BUILDING PRACTICE, CAST A VERY LARGE SHADOW ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND ACROSS THE WORLD. SO IT REALLY DOES MATTER WHAT THE FOLKS ARE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE OREGON. SO THERE IS A CHANCE TO AFFECT THE CODES, WHICH I THINK THE COUNTY REALLY SHOULD WORK ON. OUR GROUP HAS PUT THAT IN OUR LETTER. SIMILARLY WHEN IT COMES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, EVERYBODY KNOWS WE'RE IN A CRISIS, AND THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY FLOWING INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS WORKED ON RESEARCH THAT SAYS YOU KNOW, FOR JUST 1% OR 2% MORE YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE EFFICIENCY AND THE HEALTH IMPACTS AND DURABILITY OF THAT HOUSING, AND THAT WOULD BE A WISE INVESTMENT AS IT WOULD PAY OFF WITHIN JUST IS A FEW YEARS, AND THEREFORE THE MONEY IS FLOWING INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IF WE ARE SPENDING IT ON THINGS THAT ACTUALLY REQUIRE LESS MONEY TO GO INTO THAT HOUSING OVER TIME. SO THERE HAS BEEN DEDICATION ON THAT LOCALLY.

I WOULD HAVE RENEWED DEDICATION ON THAT AND CONTINUED ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THAT. LASTLY THE COMMITTEE HAS ADVISED THE BOARD THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMETHING CALLED THE GREEN AND HEALTHY HOME INITIATIVE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN SOME ACTION ON IN THE PAST TO SUPPORT. IT IS AN EFFORT THAT WOULD TIE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY, WEATHERIZATION DEPARTMENT, MORE CLOSELY WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES TO EACH HOUSEHOLD OUT THERE BEING ASSISTED THROUGH THE PROGRAMS. TO HELP BREATHE THE RESOURCES SO THAT IT'S EASIER FOR THOSE HOUSEHOLDS THAT NEED ASSISTANCE WITH IMPROVING THEIR HOUSEHOLD FOR LOWERING THEIR BILLS AND HAVING FEWER ASTHMA OR OTHER RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS, AND THAT SEEMS LIKE A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WITH THAT AGAIN I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. I AM STARTING MY SECOND TERM ON THE COMMITTEE, AND I AM GOING TO HAND IT OVER TO BRADFORD NOW.

BRADFORDN MCKEOWN: THANK YOU, DAVID. AND THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR GIVING US THE TON, I AM BRADFORD MCKEOWN. I SERVE AS THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE. I WANTED TO CLOSE OUR TIME BY HIGHLIGHTING WHAT IS NOT A NEW AREA OF FOCUS BUT WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ELEVATE TO BE A SPECIFIC AREA OF FOCUS FOR BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND HOPEFULLY FOR THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS THE ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESCRIBING THE IMPERATIVE FOR COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE CLIMATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO BE

ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BY DIRECTING KEY OFFICES TO DEVELOP A SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND TRANSPORTATION AGENDAS. IT'S WELL ESTABLISHED OUR HOMELESS AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY TOXIC EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS BY THE BURGEONING CHALLENGES STEMMING FROM CHANGES TO THE CLIMATE. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESOLUTION WOULD ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S MISSION TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE THROUGH THE APPROACH TO EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY BY MAINTAINING A STRONG AND ACCOUNTABLE FOCUS ON ACHIEVING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE BOARD. THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING SUCH A RESOLUTION. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND OPEN UP THE REMAINDER OF THE TIME FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN?

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT BOTH IN YOUR WORK AND IN YOUR VOLUNTEER -- YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THIS IMPORTANT, ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENT OF WHAT WE NEED TO BE DOING. SO I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE AS AN E.R. DOCTOR I WOULD SEE EVERY DAY THAT THE REAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS, I MEAN, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ADDRESS ON A COMMUNITY LEVEL AND MAKE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON ACTUAL INDIVIDUALS PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE, SO THIS IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. THANK YOU. I ALSO REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CALL FOR A RESOLUTION THAT CALLS ON US TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO ACTUALLY WORKING ON SUCH A RESOLUTION WITH YOU. THAT'S VERY EXCITING. SO THANK YOU.

JOHN WASIYUTINSKI: EXCITING TO HEAR FOR US, AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, A COMMENT. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT TO PUT TOGETHER SUCH A CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD. I THINK THAT'S GREAT. I HAVE WATCHED THIS PROGRAM GROW OVER THE YEARS, AND I THINK THAT IT IS SO VALUABLE LIKE CHAIR MIDDLE EASTERN WE NEED A -- MEIERAN, WE NEED TO HAVE A COMMUNITY JUSTICE PIECE, BUT I WAS INTERESTED IN THE GREEN HEALTHY BUILDING INITIATIVE THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, AND IF YOU COULD FOLLOW UP WITH ME I WANT TO TALK TO

YOU ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN. THE QUESTION, AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE 15 POLLUTANTS ABOVE THE HEALTH BENCHMARKS IN THE COUNTY, AND I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE BEEN LOOKING IT -- AT THIS. CAN YOU HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND TO MAP AND MITIGATE THE OTHER 15 POLLUTANTS, AND PARTICULARLY IN LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING ON THAT?

MARY PEVATO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR THE QUESTION ABOUT THE OTHER TOXIC POLLUTANTS OTHER THAN THE ONES FOCUSED ON. IT'S A DIFFICULT -- I WISH THAT I HAD AN ANSWER THAT THIS YES WE ARE ON IT 100%. THE STATE'S RESOURCES TO ADDRESS BROADLY, THEY HAVE DONE HISTORICALLY A LOT OF EMISSIONS, INVENTORIES, AND MAPPING AND MODELING, THE ABILITY TO REALLY GO IN AND USE THE MODELS AS THE RED FLAGS THAT THEY SHOULD BE TO THEN FOCUS OTHER RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE MODEL SAYS INDICATE THAT THE RISK IS HIGH, BUT POSSIBLY THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES AND THE CAPABILITY TO MOBILIZE ITSELF, AND RIGHT NOW I THINK THAT OUR STATE PROGRAM IS STILL OVERLY DEPENDENT ON COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION TO ADDRESS RISK, SO IT IS DISPROPORTIONATE IN THE RESPONSE THAT ISN'T PROPORTIONATE TO THE LEVEL OF RISK.

BECAUSE OF THAT I THINK THAT THE PARTNERSHIP ACTUALLY THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY STARTED LAST YEAR WITH PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY WAS CRITICAL. WE ARE STARTING TO SEE ON THE GROUND RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT CAN BE MOBILIZED DIFFERENTLY FROM OUR STATE REGULATORS RESPONSE TO THESE ISSUES, AND I THINK THAT IT'S STILL GROWING, AND IT'S EMERGING. WE ARE JUST ABOUT TO LAUNCH. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE PARTNERS AND ACTUALLY MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH IS VERY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS WITH THE PORTLAND STATE RESEARCHER, TO DETERMINE WHERE, WHAT COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON FOR ON THE GROUNDS MONITORING TO DO BETTER ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND BRING BETTER INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION THE MEMORIAL TRUST RECENTLY FUNDED A LARGER PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP WITH PORTLAND STATE, AS WELL, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS TO HELP DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO DO THEIR OWN ADVOCACY IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE UNDERREPRESENTED CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS THAT THE STATE IS GOING THROUGH WITH CLEANER AIR OREGON WHERE THE VOICES ARE STILL VERY LIMITED, AND IT DOESN'T HAVE BROAD REPRESENTATION FROM THESE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT MORE ABOUT WHAT IS DONE AND I CAN'T, BUT THE -- DEFINITELY THE REALLY CRITICAL, I THINK, ON THE GROUND LOCAL RESPONSE IS THAT'S WHERE WE'RE PUTTING THE ATTENTION AND THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP AND THE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN CRITICAL TO JUMPSTARTING THAT, SO I THANK EVERYBODY FOR THAT, AND I HOPE THAT

REALLY FRANKLY IN FOUR TO SIX A MONTH TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION TO REPORT BACK ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE IN THAT. THANK YOU.

JOHN WASIYUTINSKI: COMMISSIONER SMITH I WOULD ADD THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MY OFFICE WILL COME BACK ON FEBRUARY 7 TO BRIEF THE BOARD ON AIR QUALITY ISSUES AND TAKE A BIT OF A DEEPER DIVE ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STATE REGULATORY LEVEL, THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AND WHAT WE CAN DO LOCALLY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON: SO I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU ON -- OVER THE NEXT MONTHS ON THIS WORK. I AM VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THE CALL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESOLUTION. I THINK THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUPS IN THIS AREA THAT ARE WORKING ON E.J. ISSUES, MORE THAN PEOPLE REALLY KNOW ABOUT, AND I THINK THIS WOULD BRING LIGHT TO ALL THE GREAT WORK BEING DONE BUT ALSO IS A REALLY GOOD WAY TO RAISE THE VOICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES BECAUSE THAT HAS BEEN REALLY CRITICAL IN MAKING SURE THAT AS WE'RE LOOKING AT BIGGER, YOU KNOW, CLIMATE POLICY ISSUES OR THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE IS GIVEN TO THOSE, AND IT'S ACTUALLY MADE CHANGES, YOU KNOW, IN DIFFERENT, I KNOW, PERSONALLY FOR LEGISLATION THAT I HAVE WORKED ON, HAVING THE VOICES THERE, HAVING THE PERSPECTIVES THERE HAS HELPED TO MAKE CHANGE AND MORE EQUITABLE LAWS WHICH IS REALLY IMPORTANT. SO I COMMEND YOU FOR THAT. I WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT THE WORK THAT THE CLEANER AIR OREGON GROUP IS DOING FOR AIR TOXICS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A HEALTH-BASED LENS IN OUR REGULATORY SYSTEM, AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE, YOU ARE ON THE COMMITTEE AND WILL BE WATCHING CAREFULLY BECAUSE I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THE DIRECTION THAT THEY GO IS GOING TO DETERMINE THE WORK THAT WE MAY NEED TO DO HERE, SO I AM HOPING FOR THE BEST FOR THEM BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW, PREPARED THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WORKS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT HAVING AIR QUALITY ISSUES IS -- HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON NOT JUST OUR HEALTH BUT OUR ECONOMY AND WHAT HAPPENS HERE. SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU CHAIR AND FOR THE PRESENTATION. I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. ONE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WAS EXPAND WOOD SMOKE INVENTORY, AND RISK ASSESSMENT TO INCLUDE COMMERCIAL FOOD BUSINESS. SO I HAD NOT REALLY THOUGHT IN TERMS OF COMMERCIAL FOOD AND HOW THOSE POLLUTANTS AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY. COULD YOU EXPAND ON THAT?

MARY PEVO: SURE. THIS COMES FROM TWO THINGS. ONE IS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HAD DEVELOPED A GREAT MODEL OF A SMOKE INITIATIVE FOR THE COUNTY, AND IN MANY WAYS WHAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS DOING WAS ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY, BUT AS WE WOULD EXPECT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AND MAKE SURE WHAT THINGS -- HOW THEY WERE EQUAL IN TERMS OF THE RELEVANCY TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY VERSUS WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND I DO THINK THAT ONE THING THAT HAD TO BE RECOGNIZED WAS WE KNOW THAT BURNING WOOD WHEREVER IT HAPPENS CREATES A LOT OF RISK, ESPECIALLY VERY LOCALLY, AND IT'S AN INCOMPLETE COMBUSTION, SO IT REALLY IS, IS VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH AND EXASPERATES A LOT OF RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS. AND WE KNOW WHEN WE ARE IN OUR METRO MORE DENSE AREA OF MULTI-USE WE KNOW THAT ACTUALLY RESIDENTIAL IS A CONTRIBUTION BUT WE DO USE A LOT OF COMMERCIAL WOOD BURNING BUT ONLY KNOW THAT ANECDOTALLY.

SO ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THE REGULATORS USE ON ASSESSING RISK FROM WOOD SMOKE COMPARED TO OTHER SOURCES OF TOXIC EMISSIONS, THERE IS A BLACK HOLE AROUND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL, BUT IT ONLY TAKES YOU ANECDOTALLY TO WALK OUT ON YOUR STREET, COMMERCIAL AREAS TO REALIZE THAT WOOD AND SMOKERS AND YOU KNOW COOKING IS PROLIFERATING IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA. SO WE HAVE JUST ASKED THAT WE REALLY THINK THAT IT'S RELEVANT TO ENHANCE THE INVENTORY THAT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE RISK THAT THE COMMERCIAL CONTRIBUTION MAKES IN OUR COMMUNITIES SO THAT WE CAN START THE EDUCATION PROCESS. SO IT REALLY IS A TRUE FACT-FINDING. WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT CONTRIBUTION IN TERMS OF THE RELATIVE ISSUE. CERTAINLY IT DOES NOT REALLY MATTER WHY YOU ARE BURNING WOOD. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S AN INCOMPLETE INVENTORY AT THIS POINT TO ONLY FOCUS ON RESIDENTIAL BECAUSE THAT ALSO GIVES US A SEASONALITY THAT'S NOT RELEVANT BECAUSE COMMERCIAL WILL BURN AT 12 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR, WHEREAS RESIDENTIAL WOOD WOULD ONLY BE DURING REALLY CERTAIN CRITICAL MONTHS. IT WOULD GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE YEAR AROUND RISK THAT WOULD -- THAT WOOD BURNING PRESENTS.

JOHN WASIYUTINSKI: JUST TO ADD, THE AIR QUALITY ISSUES FROM A STATE REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE WE TEND TO LOOK AT IT LIKE WHAT'S THE OVERALL AIR QUALITY ON A MACRO LEVEL. IF YOU LIVE NEXT TO A FACTORY OR HIGHWAY OR IF YOU LIVE NEXT TO A BARBECUE JOINT YOU MAY BE EXPERIENCING DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH EXPOSURE TO POLLUTANTS AND CREATING CHRONIC EXPOSURE ISSUES FOR YOU OR YOUR FAMILY SO I THINK THAT IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT IT IS A COMMUNITY-WIDE PROBLEM, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S FOCUSED UNFORTUNATELY ON VERY SPECIFIC PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU FOR EXPANDING -- I THINK THAT'S A VALID POINT, AND I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT. COMMERCIAL, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE RIB PLACE OR HOW THAT POLLUTES OUR AIR SO I WILL BE EXCITED TO LEARN WHAT YOUR FINDINGS ARE. THE OTHER QUESTION IS THE DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTERS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL BUSES AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS ARE ON LIKE THE WORST MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, AND IT'S LIKE THIS IS NOT GOOD. IF YOU COULD SPEAK TO THAT, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

MARY PEVO: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR YOUR INTEREST. YES DIESEL ENGINES AND THE SCHOOL BUSES CAN BE PARTICULARLY PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE OF THE RISK THAT THE CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO. SO I WILL SAY THAT FOR THE LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IN OUR STATE, WHICH IS WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS LONG AGO MOVED AWAY FROM DIESEL, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS THEN THE PROBLEM WITH EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BECAUSE MANY OF THE EAST COUNTY AND THE SMALLER AND POORER SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE STILL UTILIZING THE OLDER TECHNOLOGY. AND OLD TECHNOLOGY, THERE IS A DIRECT LINK, A STUDY IN WASHINGTON STATE THAT WAS DONE ON SCHOOL BUSES SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THEY CLEANED UP THEIR SCHOOL BUSES AFTER A 2007 INITIATIVE, ACTUALLY DEMONSTRATED BUT NOT ONLY WERE THE CHILDREN -- THEY HAD MONITORS INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUSS AND MONITORS OUTSIDE, AND THEY HAD SCHOOL DATA ABOUT ATTENDANCE AND OTHERWISE AND THEY HAD LUNG FUNCTION DATA FROM THE CHILDREN. THERE WAS A DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE IMPACT FOR THE GOOD ON THESE CHILDREN'S LUNG FUNCTION, THEIR HEALTH, AND REDUCED ABSENTEEISM. IT IS A DIRECT LINK TO THE MOST CRITICAL THINGS THAT WE WORK ON TO KEEP OUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL. AND SO I WOULD SAY THAT WE NEED TO ELEVATE GETTING RID OF THESE SCHOOL BUSES, UNFINISHED BUSINESS THAT NEEDED TO BE DEALT WITH, AND THANKFULLY WE HAVE THE EXPERT, EXTRA SUPPORT THIS YEAR, 84 MILLION IS COMING TO THE STATE OF OREGON THROUGH THE V.W. FRAUD CASE SETTLEMENT. AND IT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THAT SCHOOL BUSES, AND IT WOULD TAKE 10 TO 15 MILLION OF THAT MONEY, TO CLEAR OUT THE INVENTORY OF OLD SCHOOL BUSES ACROSS THE STATE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVING SOMETHING WORKING IN OUR FAVOR ON THE MONEY SIDE OF THIS EQUATION. SO WE WILL BE ADDRESSING THAT. THAT WILL NOT, YOU KNOW, TAKE ALL THE RISK AWAY BUT WILL BE A HIGH PRIORITY TO FINALLY GET THESE KIDS OUT OF THE DIRTY SCHOOL BUSES. THANK YOU.

JOHN WASIYUTINKSI: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN I WOULD QUICKLY ADD LAST YEAR THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SOME MONEY TO HELP PARTNER WITH DEQ TO CLEAN UP THE DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL BUSES SO THERE IS SOME EXISTING FUNDING FROM DEQ, THE COUNTY MONEY WILL PROVIDE A MATCH TO MAKE THE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHOLE AND WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEAD START PROGRAM. THEY DON'T GET ANY

FUNDING FROM THE STATE FOR PEOPLE OF TRANSPORTATION. HAVING LOOKED AT THEIR INVENTORY OF BUSES, THEY ARE OLD AND THEY HAVE NO PLANS TO REPLACE THEM IN THE FUTURE. SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH THAT ORGANIZATION BECAUSE THEY ARE TAKING THE MOST VULNERABLE BREATHERS OUT THERE, OUR KIDS, AND SO I TAKE IT BACK, WE HAVE VISCERAL STUFF. SO --

CHAIR KAFOURY: CHILDREN'S HEALTH

JOHN WASIYUTINSKI: WE CARE ABOUT IT.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU. AND I MEAN WE HAVE THE WHOLE V.W. THING BUT I AM EXCITED TO HEAR THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. I WANT TO GO BACK TO YOU SAID THAT THERE WAS DATA THAT SHOWED THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION TO HEALTH. DO YOU HAVE THAT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN SEND ME?

MARY PEVO: YES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANYBODY ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? I WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL. I HOPE THAT THE NEW COMMISSIONERS HAVE SEEN WE HAVE A SMALL SUSTAINABILITY TEAM BUT THEY ARE MIGHTY WE REALLY TRY -- WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN ALL OF THE AREAS THAT WE WORK ON, BUT ESPECIALLY IN SUSTAINABILITY OF REALLY LEADING THE STATE. WE FEEL THAT IT'S OUR OBLIGATION TO PUSH AND TO MAKE CHANGE AT THE STATE LEVEL WHEN IT SEEMS TO BE HARDER FOR THEM TO DO IT, AND I WANT TO THANK THE THREE OF YOU FOR SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT IS, AS COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID REALLY ONE OF THE -- IF NOT THE MOST EFFECTIVE COMMITTEE THAT WE HAVE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU GUYS REALLY ARE VERY STRATEGIC AND VERY FOCUSED AND YOU REALLY PUSH US TO MAKE THE CHANGE THAT WE NEED TO MAKE AND BE THE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR STATE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS COMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. IT WILL BE INTERESTING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON THERE HELPING TO LEAD THE CHARGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

R.3 Board Briefing and Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the Multnomah County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for Year Ended June 30, 2016. Presenters: Dr. Steve March, Mark Campbell, David Torrey – Multnomah County Audit Committee; and, Jim Lanza and Kenneth DeHart - Moss Adams (30 min)

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R3. GOOD MORNING AUDITOR MARCH. HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

STEVE MARCH: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE. I AM STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE DOES PRIMARILY PERFORMANCE AUDITS BUT WE ALSO MANAGE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. I WAS HOPING THAT COMMISSIONER, FORMER COMMISSIONER MCKEEL COULD STAY AROUND FOR THE CAFR AS SHE WAS ON THIS YEAR'S -- THIS LAST YEAR'S AUDIT COMMITTEE AND WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTED AGAIN WITH COMMISSIONER STEGMANN COMING ONTO OUR AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT AUDIT. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE OTHER MEMBER, THE EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. THEY ARE ALL EITHER RECOVERING ACCOUNTANTS OR INTERNAL AUDITORS. COURTNEY WHO IS NOW OVER AT PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SUZANE FLYNN, FORMER COUNTY AND METRO AUDITOR. MARTIN, WHO IS ON OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, AND MICHAEL FUNG WHO WAS A FINANCIAL OFFICER AT PSU AND ALSO IS A RECOVERING CPA. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CPA TO BE ON THIS, BUT WE DO HAVE A VERY STRONG EXTERNAL PRESENCE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY TO MANAGE THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO NOW TURN IT OVER TO DAVID TORREY, THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND I WILL LEAVE IT TO HIM. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

DAVID TORREY: I AM A RECOVERING CPA AS WELL. A COUPLE YEARS AGO I WAS ASKED TO SAY A FEW WORDS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS JIM OR STEVE THAT ASKED ME TO DO IT. I ASKED WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT, AND I SAID WELL, I WILL TALK ABOUT THE MEETINGS OR JUST AD-LIB, AND I SAID I AM AN ACCOUNTANT, THEY DON'T AD-LIB. I HAVE NOTES THAT I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN HERE. I WANT TO MENTION THAT MOSS ADAMS SPONSORED A GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING CONFERENCE LAST JUNE, AND OUR COMMITTEE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND ALONG WITH PEOPLE FROM MANY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE LOCAL AREA. IT WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH A LOT OF EMPLOYEES FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND I DON'T KNOW THERE WAS ONE OR TWO EMPLOYEES FROM THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH SO QUITE A TRIP FOR THEM. WE COVERED TOPICS THAT INCLUDED THE GASB STANDARDS, THE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ARVYDAS -- USER ACCESS, AND IMPORTANCE ON THAT YOU HAD AND THEFT. I THINK IT'S GOOD TO COMMUNICATE TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND THE SEGREGATION OF DUTIES AND TO TALK ABOUT HOW AND WHY THE COUNTY SPENDS TIME, EFFORT, AND MONEY TO PROTECT THE ASSETS. I THINK IT WAS A GREAT CONFERENCE AND WELL ATTENDED AND A GOOD REFRESHER FOR EVERYONE IN THE ACCOUNTING BUSINESS TO

UNDERSTAND WHY WE DO CONDUCT AUDITS. OUR COMMITTEE MET WITH THE COUNTY STAFF FOR A PRESENTATION ON THIS YEAR'S AUDIT PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

DAVID TORREY: THE TEAM TALKED ABOUT THE AUDIT PROCESS, HIGHLIGHTED CURRENT AND FUTURE REGULATORY CHANGES, AND ANSWERED OUR COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AUDIT. I USUALLY TAKE NOTES, AND I NEVER KNOW IF I WILL USE THE NOTES AFTER THE MEETING. A POINT OF INTEREST THAT I NOTED, AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MARK THAT BROUGHT IT UP, STEPS AND PROCESSES OF THE AUDIT ARE REVISITED EACH TIME THAT A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAPPENS LIKE REGULATORY CHANGES OR WHEN EMPLOYEES LEAF. THERE THERE IS ALSO A RISK ASSESSMENT MADE WHEN THERE IS EMPLOYEE TURNOVER. IT WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR EMPLOYEE TURNOVER. THIS CREATES A LOSS OF KNOWLEDGE FOR THE COUNTY AND ALSO BRINGS IN NEW EMPLOYEES THAT BRING THEIR OWN SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES. THEY PROVIDE A FRESH LOOK AT PROCESSES THAT CAN BE VERY BENEFICIAL AND ALLOW FOR IMPROVEMENTS. I THINK THAT IT WAS THE JUNE MEETING WHERE I MET SAMIE, THE NEW ACCOUNTING MANAGER. SHE WAS VERY PERSONABLE. I TALKED WITH HER. WE KNEW SOMEBODY IN COMMON. SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE USED TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY BUT LEFT FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WE WON'T JUDGE HER ON THAT. SHE'S RETURNED TO THE COUNTY WITH THE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, AND I THINK WAS VERY BENEFICIAL IN COMPLETING THE CAFR.

WE MET AGAIN IN DECEMBER FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE PRELIMINARY AUDIT FINDINGS, THE MOSS ADAMS TEAM DETAILED THE STEPS PERFORMED DURING THE AUDIT AND STATED NO MATERIAL ITEMS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE AUDIT THAT WOULD RESULT IN MISSTATEMENTS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. A COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT WE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED, OF COURSE, WERE THE ACCOUNTING FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT, AND THE EVALUATION FOR THE WAPATO JAIL. OVERALL, AND I THINK THIS HAS BEEN TRUE FOR THE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE COMMITTEE, IT TAKES COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERNAL STAFF AND THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO GET THIS PROCESS DONE. IT'S A LONG PROCESS. I RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CAFR. I HAVE NOT MEMORIZED IT YET BUT IT'S VERY HEAVY. WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE COUNTY'S STAFF THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE INFORMATION AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST MOSS ADAMS IN UNDERSTANDING THE DATA TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS. THE WHOLE PROCESS SEEMS TO RUN SMOOTHLY. IT TOOK LONGER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE EMPLOYEE TURNOVER, BUT IT RUNS WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY STAFF AND THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS, SO I THINK THAT IT'S A GREAT PROCESS. IT SEEMS TO WORK. I THINK THAT IT JUST GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO JIM. THANK YOU.

JIM LANZAROTTA: OK. WELL THANK YOU. CHAIR KAFOURY AND FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, IT'S GREAT TO COME BEFORE YOU. EVEN THOUGH WE ISSUED REPORTS AND THIS HAS BEEN FILED TO THE STATE ALREADY, THE PROJECT DOESN'T SEEM COMPLETE UNTIL WE COME BEFORE YOU TO KIND OF TALK ABOUT AND DISCUSS THE RESULTS, AND SO YOU ARE ALLOWING US TO COMPLETE THAT PROCESS. INTERESTING THAT THERE WAS A MENTION OF THAT EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR WE PUT ON HERE. I WISH I COULD TAKE CREDIT BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT BETWEEN STEVE AND ANNA MARIE IN STEVE'S AUDIT SHOP, THEY NEGOTIATED HARD IN OUR CONTRACT TO GET SOME QUALIFYING CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THERE, SO ANY OF YOUR EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE CPA CERTIFICATES, WE ARE ABLE TO USE THAT TRAINING TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR LICENSES. SO ANYWAY SOME REALLY GOOD NEGOTIATION ON YOUR AUDITOR'S PART TO KEEP THAT IN THE CONTRACT, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO DO IT.

IT WAS REALLY FUN TO PUT ON THAT TRAINING. WELL WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE AUDIT, SO I WILL BRIEF YOU VERY QUICKLY. WE HAVE NEW FACES. VERY HIGH LEVEL, WHAT IS THE AUDIT AND WHAT DID YOU ENGAGE US TO DO, AND OF COURSE WHAT DID WE FIND. WHAT ARE IN OUR REPORTS. THERE ARE SOME REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUDIT, AND WE REALLY HAVE MET THOSE REQUIREMENTS ALREADY IN MEETING WITH YOUR AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND SO I UNDERSTAND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN YOU WILL BE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. YOU ALWAYS HAD A COMMISSIONER ON THAT COMMITTEE, AND VARIOUS LEVELS OF FINANCIAL, EDUCATION OR KNOWLEDGE BUT ALWAYS VERY INQUISITIVE. IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO HAVE A MEMBER FROM THE COMMISSION ON THAT COMMITTEE, AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT. BUT SO WE HAVE MET MOST OF THOSE COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS ALREADY WITH THE COMMITTEE BUT THERE IS A FEW THAT I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW SO WE'LL TALK ABOUT A FEW.

AND THEN THERE IS AN ACCOUNTING UPDATE, NOT BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT, OR TRY TO DO AN EDUCATIONAL CLASS HERE BUT JUST KEEP YOUR, KEEP YOU INFORMED OF A UM CAN OF STANDARDS THAT YOUR STAFF WILL NEED TO STAY ON TOP OF COMING UP. SO THE AUDIT, YEAH, I THINK YOU PROBABLY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS. YOUR STAFF PUTS TOGETHER THIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND WITHIN THE AUDIT THERE IS PROBABLY ABOUT FIVE PHASES TO IT. THE FIRST IS REALLY THE TESTING OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS, LOOKING AT SOURCE DOCUMENTS AND TALKING TO THIRD PARTIES LIKE YOUR BANKERS AND THE ATTORNEYS YOU WORK WITH AND INDEPENDENTLY TRYING TO VERIFY THAT INFORMATION IN HERE IS ACCURATE. SO YOU PROBABLY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THAT. A SECOND ELEMENT FOLLOWS THE DISCUSSION ABOUT INTERNAL CONTROLS. SO WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION IN AN AUDIT TO ASSESS WHETHER THOSE INTERNAL CONTROLS, CHECKS AND

BALANCES THAT MANAGEMENT USE SAYS TO PUT TOGETHER ACCURATE FINANCIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION, ARE THOSE GOOD?

JIM LANZAROTTA: ARE THEY -- IF DESIGNED CORRECTLY WILL THEY FUNCTION AND IN FACT, IS YOUR STAFF OBSERVING THOSE CONTROLS, SO THAT'S THE SECOND ELEMENT. A THIRD ELEMENT IS COMPLIANCE TESTING. SO YOU ARE A MEMBER, OR YOU ARE AN OREGON MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AS AN EXAMPLE, AND AN AUDITOR OF A MUNICIPAL CORP. NEEDS TO TEST YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN STATE LAWS AND REPORT THE RESULTS. ALSO YOU RECEIVE A LOT OF FEDERAL GRANTS. SO ANY TIME THAT YOU GET FEDERAL GRANTS THERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL TESTING AN AUDITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND REPORTING TO YOU ON THE RESULTS OF THAT COMPLIANCE, SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT. ANOTHER ELEMENT IS YOU ACTUALLY PUT THIS DOCUMENT TOGETHER, BUT WE OBVIOUSLY DO THAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF IT. ARE YOU MEETING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS IN HOW YOU PUT THE STATEMENTS TOGETHER AND THE FOOTNOTE DISCLOSURES AND SO FORTH?

YOU ARE VERY FORTUNATE THAT YOU HAVE SMART PEOPLE WITH THE RIGHT EXPERIENCE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER IN-HOUSE. I THINK THERE IS 1700 ENTITIES THAT HAVE TO FILE STATEMENTS WITH THE STATE, AND IT'S REALLY THE MINORITY THAT ARE ABLE TO HAVE THAT KNOWLEDGE LEVEL IN-HOUSE TO PUT THE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER, SO IT'S THE AUDITORS THAT PUT IT TOGETHER WHICH CREATES THAT CONFUSION ABOUT WHETHER WE'RE AUDITING OUR WORK, SO WE PREFER TO WORK WITH CLIENTS THAT CAN PUT THEM TOGETHER AND WE DON'T HAVE TO FACE THAT DILEMMA OF TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STAY ON THE RIGHT SIZE, AND THEN THE COMMUNICATION LIKE WE ARE DOING TODAY. SO THAT THE WORK THAT WE DO WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRONT END TO TALK ABOUT THE PLANNING AND WHERE ARE THE RISKS AND WHERE SHOULD WE BE SPENDING OUR TIME TO FINALLY SHARING THE RESULTS, SO THE COMMUNICATION, SO THAT'S KIND OF THE AUDIT ELEMENT.

AND YOU SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR A SPECIAL AWARD. YOU HAVE TO PUT MORE IN HERE THAN THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT AWARD. I DON'T KNOW MARK IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THAT? BUT I WON'T STEAL YOUR THUNDER, BUT AN ELEMENT OF OUR WORK IS TO DO TECHNICAL REVIEW TO SEE IF IT APPEARS TO US THAT YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT SPECIAL AWARD. SO THAT'S A PART. WE TALKED ABOUT THE COMPLIANCE AND THE FEDERAL GRANTS. INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND THEN YEAH ANOTHER ELEMENT THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT IS LOOKING AT THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT. OBVIOUSLY YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO THE BOOKS FOR A COUNTY THIS LARGE AND SOPHISTICATED WITH PENCIL AND PAPER, YOU WILL USE THE TECHNOLOGY, SO WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT TECHNOLOGY IS USED AND WHAT ARE THE CONTROLS AND THERE IS

ACCESS CONTROLS, HOW SOFTWARE TALKS TOGETHER, AND WHERE ARE THE RISKS THAT SOME HOW INFORMATION CAN GET IN AND THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

JIM LANZAROTTA: WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SPECIALISTS ON STAFF THAT ARE CPAS AND ALSO ALL THE I.T. CREDENTIALS THAT CAN KICK THE TIRES ON THE SYSTEM, TELL US WHERE THE RISKS ARE, AND PROVIDE YOU IF THERE IS ANY OBSERVATIONS OR BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS SO THAT'S A PART OF THE AUDIT AS WELL. ALL RIGHT. WE DID ALL THAT WORK. AND I GUESS THAT WE WENT OVER THIS WITH YOUR AUDIT COMMITTEE SO I DON'T INTEND TO DO IT BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THE BREADTH OF THIS. ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE APPROACH THE AUDITS IS TO KICK IT INTO SEGMENTS. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENTIATOR OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT DESERVE ATTENTION AND HOW WILL WE GET EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE IF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT? THIS GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF THE SEGMENTATION AND THE COLUMNS GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE AUDIT PROCEDURES WE USE TO PUT EVIDENCE IN OUR BUCKET THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN SAY YEP, WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH WORK TO PROVIDE OUR OPINIONS, SO THOSE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE OBTAIN EVIDENCE BUT THIS GIVES YOU MAYBE A SENSE OF THE DIFFERENTIATOR, HOW WE SEGMENT THE WORK AND THIS IS HOW WE PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THE OVERALL PLAN TO THE AUDIT.

LET'S TALK ABOUT REPORTS, WHAT DID WE FIND? SO WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO TELL YOU IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THAT WE PROVIDED AN UNMODIFIED OPINION. IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, A CLEAN OPINION SO THERE WERE NO MODIFICATIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE FOR THIS TO BE MATERIALLY ACCURATE IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS. SO HATS OFF TO YOUR STAFF. WE COME HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES AND TELL YOU THAT YOU GET A CLEAN OPINION BUT IMAGINE THE HOURS IT TAKES OF YOUR STAFF TO, AND EVERYONE FOCUSED ON CONTROLS AND ETHICS AND ALL THOSE THINGS TO PUT TOGETHER A CORRECT DOCUMENT. BUT IN ANY EVENT CLEAN OPINION, EXCELLENT JOB THERE. ALSO YOU HAVE SOME, WHAT WE CALL COMPONENT UNITS. YOU ALSO SIT ON BOARDS, SO YOU ARE THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THESE OTHER THREE LEGAL ENTITIES, DUNTHORPE, MID SERVICE, AND FAIRLY NEW MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SO YOU ENGAGE US TO DO AUDITS OF THOSE ENTITIES, THEY ISSUE THEIR OWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND THAT GET SUBMITTED TO THE STATE, AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET TWO UNMODIFIED MACHINES ON THOSE STATEMENTS, AS WELL. I MENTIONED STATE LEGAL COMPLIANCE. THE ONES THAT TAKE THE MOST TIME ARE YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET LAWS SO YOUR APPROACH TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS, THE HEARING THAT FINALLY WE'RE AFTER THAT, YOUR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET, AND THEN ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUDGET, SO WE TEST YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THAT. PUBLIC PURCHASING, ANOTHER BIG AREA, YOU KNOW, THERE NEEDS TO BE TRANSPARENCY IN YOUR PROCESS AND A FAIRNESS, AND YOU GO TO

GREAT LENGTHS, THERE IS STATE LAWS THAT GOVERNOR HOW YOU DO THAT, AND YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD, SO WE DO TESTING OF THAT. THERE IS SEVEN OR EIGHT LEGAL AREAS. BASED ON OUR WORK WE IDENTIFIED NO NONCOMPLIANCE.

JIM LANZAROTTA: SO THAT'S FANTASTIC. FOR MOST OF OUR CLIENTS, PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON NONCOMPLIANCE WE FIND ARE OVEREXPENDITURES. YOU GET SURPRISED AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND YOU INCUR AN EXPENSE IN A PARTICULAR FUND OR AREA BEYOND WHAT YOU HAVE APPROPRIATED AT THAT POINT. AND WE DID NOT FIND THAT. SO YOU ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB IN MONITORING THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS AS THE YEAR GOES ON. SO YOU DID NOT HAVE AN ISSUE IN THE MOST COMMON AREA THAT WE RUN INTO. NOW SINCE YOU RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING, WE NEED TO DO -- WE NEED TO PERFORM OUR WORK ALSO IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDIT STANDARDS. AND WE ISSUE A REPORT THERE ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND FINDINGS. AND THEN ALSO SINCE YOU GET THESE FEDERAL GRANTS WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES WE NEED TO TEST FOR COMPLIANCE. WE CALL THOSE MAJOR PROGRAMS, AND WE TESTED A NUMBER OF YOUR GRANT PROGRAMS TO COMPLIANCE AND HAD NO FINDINGS IN ANY OF THAT, AND THAT'S ALSO VERY UNIQUE. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY HAS BEEN AROUND A WHILE, AND THERE WERE SOME TIMES WHEN THE COUNTY WAS STRUGGLING WITH COMPLIANCE WITH PAYROLL, HOW PAYROLL GOT CHARGED TWO GRANTS, AND IT TOOK A FEW YEARS TO WORK THROUGH THE COUNTY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, AND YOU HAVE DONE THAT. WE HAVE HAD CLEAN RESULTS NOW FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE OF YEARS SO YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES IN THE PAST.

EXCELLENT JOB ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, STATE LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND FEDERAL LEGAL COMPLIANCE. ON THE REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, THE ONE THING THAT I WANTED TO GO OVER WITH YOU, SO AGAIN WE WENT THROUGH ALL OF THESE WITH YOUR AUDIT COMMITTEE, BUT THESE ARE ONES THAT I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN. ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OUR CLIENTS WANT TO KNOW IS DID YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES? WHEN YOU WERE ASKING QUESTIONS, DID IT FEEL LIKE YOU WERE NOT GETTING A RESPONSE, AND IF YOU WERE ASKING FOR INFORMATION, AND WAS IT BEING PROVIDED TIMELY? THOSE SORTS OF THINGS, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE DID NOT ENCOUNTER ANYTHING LIKE THAT. YOUR STAFF, THEY SEEMED TO EMBRACE THE AUDIT PROCESS. THEY SEEMED TO LOOK FORWARD TO IT, WHERE SOME DON'T WANT TO ENGAGE IN THAT, AND THEY WOULD RATHER, YOU KNOW, SPEND THEIR TIME ON THEIR NORMAL DAILY ACTIVITIES, AND THAT'S NOT THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE ENCOUNTER HERE. ON DEADLINES, WE MET THE DEADLINE. WE PUSHED BACK THE DELIVERY DATE A BIT TO ACCOMMODATE THE SCHEDULES ON YOUR END, BUT YOUR STAFF WAS STILL ABLE TO GET THIS DONE ON-TIME, AND OFF TO THE STATE BY THE DUE DATE, SO VERY GOOD JOB ON YOUR PART. AND YOU WANT TO KNOW IF

WE HAD AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS. SO THAT MEANS THAT ERRORS, DID WE FIND ERRORS THAT REQUIRED AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BEFORE THEY WERE FINALIZED?

JIM LANZAROTTA: WE DID HAVE, YOU KNOW, A COUPLE OF MINOR OBSERVATIONS. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ISSUE WHAT WE CALL A MANAGEMENT LETTER. IF WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS, MAYBE THEY DON'T MEET THE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE TO YOU IN WRITING, BUT WOULD WE HAVE SOME BEST PRACTICE IDEAS? AND WE HAVE HAD SOME MINOR OBSERVATIONS. WE'VE PROVIDED THOSE TO MANAGEMENT VERBALLY, BUT NONE FELT LIKE THEY WERE OF SUCH SIGNIFICANCE THAT WE SHOULD EVEN PUT THEM DOWN ON PAPER. SO WE DID NOT ISSUE A MANAGEMENT LETTER. THE ITEMS THAT WE DO DISCUSS WITH THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND WITH MANAGEMENT, THEY'RE VERY PROACTIVE TO ADDRESS OR PUT IN PLACE AND SO THAT PROCESS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD. AND THEN THESE ARE THE NEW, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS COMING AT YOU IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND REALLY THERE'S ONLY A COUPLE MAYBE WORTH TALKING ABOUT. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THAT OREGON PERS WAS A BIG -- IT'S BEEN AN ISSUE FOR YOU AND THERE WAS AN ACCOUNTING STANDARD YOU IMPLEMENTED TWO YEARS AGO.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT YOU'VE HAD TO ABIDE BY THE STANDARD WHICH BASICALLY SAID HEY, IF OREGON PERS BECOMES UNDERFUNDED FOR WHATEVER REASON, YOU GET TO BOOK YOUR SLICE OF THAT UNDERFUNDING IN YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. YOU GET TO RECORD AN EXPENSE THAT'S BEYOND THE CONTRIBUTION THAT'S REQUIRED TO BE MADE AND SO WHATEVER HAPPENS WITH OREGON PERS, IF IT'S OVERFUNDED, UNDERFUNDED, YOU'RE GOING TO BOOK YOUR SLICE OF THAT AND BEING ONE OF THE LARGER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES YOU GET A BIGGER SLICE OF THAT PIE, SO THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. COMING UP IN 2018 WILL BE A SIMILAR STANDARD FOR YOUR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROGRAMS. SO YOU'RE PROVIDING SOME HEALTH BENEFITS TO RETIREES AND THE FULL ACTUARIAL LIABILITY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS YOUR EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING FOR YOU. YOU DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEY RETIRE AND YOU START CUTTING CHECKS TO RECOGNIZE THE EXPENSE AND THE LIABILITY. YOU'VE BEEN PICKING UP A PIECE OF IT, BUT YOU'LL HAVE MORE OF THAT TO BOOK AND SO THAT STANDARD IS COMING UP. AND THEN GASBE 77 IS JUST A DISCLOSURE STANDARD OF TAX ABATEMENTS. SO THE USERS OF FINANCIALS SAID WE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE ENTITLED TO TAX REVENUES, BUT YOU WALK AWAY FROM THAT BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OR SOME OTHER REASON, WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT REVENUES YOU'VE AGREED TO ABATE TO PARTICULAR TAXPAYERS IN YOUR JURISDICTION AND SO THAT ONE IS COMING UP AND IT PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL FOR COUNTY BECAUSE A MAJORITY IF NOT ALL OF THESE ABATEMENT PROGRAMS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY TAXES. AND IT'S COUNTIES, YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR, THAT IS THE KEY FIGURE IN ALL

OF THAT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS SO COUNTY ASSESSORS WE'RE HOPING ARE GOING TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTARILY DO THE WORK THAT WILL ENABLE ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN YOUR JURISDICTION TO MEET THIS ACCOUNTING STANDARD REQUIREMENT.

JIM LANZAROTTA: AND SO MIKE VAUGHN I BELIEVE IS YOUR COUNTY ASSESSOR AND HE'S VERY AWARE OF IT THIS STANDARD. HE'S VERY WILLING TO WORK ON THIS AND SO I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF HIS EFFORTS AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK ON THIS AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU'LL BE SUPPORTIVE OF HIM AND HIS CREW AS THEY TRY TO DEAL WITH THIS. WHEN I WENT AND TALKED WITH HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE'S LIKE JIM YOU MADE A WRONG TURN, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE. IMAGINE ASSESSORS ACROSS OREGON THINKING THAT THEY NEED TO HELP US FINANCE OFFICERS AND AUDITORS MEET AN ACCOUNTING STANDARD AND SO I APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD ALSO MAYBE MENTION SOME KIND WORDS TO MIKE AND HIS STAFF AS THEY TRY TO DEAL WITH HELPING THE OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS MEET THIS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: OUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE SO SIMPLE HERE. [LAUGHTER] SO I'M SURE -- THEY'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE ON A NEW ROLE, THEY HAVE SO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS.

JIM LANZAROTTA: THE AUDIT IS REALLY FOCUSED ON THE ACCURACY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND WHETHER THIS DOCUMENT IS PUT TOGETHER CORRECTLY. IT'S REALLY NOT ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW ARE YOU DOING FINANCIALLY? AND SO MARK PROBABLY HAS SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THAT AND I'M HOPING YOU WOULD HAVE REPORTS PERIODICALLY ABOUT HOW YOU'RE DOING. WHAT I LIKE TO SAY IS IF YOU ONLY HAVE 10 MINUTES TO REALLY DIVE IN AND GET A SENSE, FLIP BACK TO THE STATISTICAL SECTION, YOU KNOW. IN THE STATISTICAL REPORTS ARE 10 YEARS' WORTH OF DATA AND THE FIRST FEW TABLES REALLY TELL YOU A LOT. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THEM TELLS YOU THE NET POSITION, YOU KNOW. IF YOU WERE TO SELL EVERYTHING OFF AT BOOK VALUE, LIQUIDATE ALL OF YOUR DEBTS AT BOOK VALUE, WHAT WOULD BE LEFT OVER? AND IS THAT TREND LINE IMPROVING OR DECLINING? BECAUSE IF IT'S DECLINING, WHAT THAT MEANS IS YOU'RE PUSHING PROBLEMS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: CAN YOU GIVE US THE ANSWER?

JIM LANZAROTTA: AND YOU'RE DOING VERY WELL. [LAUGHTER] YOU'RE AT \$801 MILLION TODAY, THAT'S A POSITIVE TREND LINE. YOU DID TAKE A HIT THIS LAST YEAR, WHICH IS ENTIRELY RELATED TO OREGON PERS, WHICH I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT. SO YOU'VE GOT THE FIRST TABLE, WHICH KIND OF TELLS YOU THAT TREND LINE, ARE YOU IMPROVING FINANCIALLY OR DECLINING? AND THEN THE SECOND TABLE KIND OF GIVES YOU SOME IDEAS OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND ARE WE TAKING IN MORE REVENUES

THAN WE'RE SPENDING OR INCURRING IN COSTS? AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU WANT TO BE AT LEAST A BREAK EVEN OR YOU WANT TO HAVE A POSITIVE THERE BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE POSITIVE AMOUNTS, THAT IS WHAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES OR TO MEET NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY, IF YOU'RE ALWAYS INCURRING MORE COSTS THAN YOUR REVENUE, EVENTUALLY, YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE.

JIM LANZAROTTA: THAT'S NOT A SUSTAINABLE MODEL AND AGAIN, YOU DO VERY WELL. IF YOU LOOK, YOU'VE HAD POSITIVE REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES IN MOST OF THE 10-YEAR HISTORY AND AGAIN, WHERE YOU'VE RUN INTO PROBLEMS HAS BEEN PROBABLY RELATED TO PERS AGAIN. THE VARIABILITY. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, IN 2016, THE BOOK ENTRY THAT YOU RAN THROUGH FOR OREGON PERS, YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THAT WAS OVER \$200 MILLION. WHAT YOU CUT A CHECK FOR WAS ABOUT \$36 MILLION. SO BECAUSE OF THE DECLINING SITUATION WITH FUNDING STATUS OF OREGON PERS, YOU BOOKED AN ACCRUAL ENTRY THERE, EVEN BEYOND THE CONTRIBUTION YOU WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE. AND MY HAT'S OFF TO YOUR FINANCE TEAM. I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THIS A LITTLE BIT BEFORE, YOU INVITED ME IN TO A MEETING WHERE MARK WAS SHARING SOME IDEAS WITH YOU, BUT YOU'VE TAPE A PROACTIVE STANCE, EVEN WITH OREGON PERS, WHICH IS REALLY OUT OF YOUR CONTROL, BUT WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL IS CREATING RESERVE FUNDS OR MAKING ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS WITH OREGON PERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A HIGHER INTEREST EARNINGS, ALL OF THAT HAS AN IMPACT IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION RATE AND CASH FLOW. YOU'VE TAKEN SOME REAL POSITIVE MOVES I THINK TO DO WHAT YOU CAN TO MITIGATE THAT GROWING PERS COST THAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE.

SO ANYWAY WITH THAT, I'LL JUST SAY WHAT A GREAT PROCESS. ONE THING I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO MENTION, TOO, IS THAT IT'S YOUR ELECTED AUDITOR, SO STEVE IN HIS SHOP, WHICH HIRES THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S A GREAT MODEL. IN MOST OREGON GOVERNMENTS, IT'S MANAGEMENT THAT HIRES THE AUDITOR AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S OKAY, BUT THE VERY ENTITY THAT'S BEING AUDITED IS THE ONE -- THAT CHANGE WAS MADE YEARS AGO TO WHERE YOU WILL HAVE AUDIT COMMITTEES, THEY WILL HIRE THE AUDITOR INSTEAD OF MANAGEMENT AND YOU CAN REMOVE SOME OF THE PRESSURES THAT SOMETIMES HAPPEN, AND I THINK BETWEEN STEVE AND HIS SHOP, THEY DID A GREAT JOB OF MONITORING OUR WORK AND MAKING SURE THE AUDIT GOES ALONG PROCESS AND ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, JUST APPRECIATE THAT'S A GREAT MODEL TO HAVE AN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND HAVE AN AUDITOR THAT IS ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING YOUR EXTERNAL AUDITOR. OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS THAT I CAN ANSWER?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR THE AUDIT AND WORKING WITH US SO DILIGENTLY. I'M REALLY PROUD OF OUR, FOLKS. GOING BACK TO THE GASBE 68 AND HOW WE WERE ACTUALLY STATING WHERE THE

PENSION WAS, EITHER AN ASSET OR LIABILITY, SO WE HAD TO DO THAT AGAIN THIS YEAR. AND THAT'S NOT GOING AWAY?

JIM LANZAROTTA: IN FACT, IT'S GETTING WORSE. THIS HAS BEEN REALLY VARIABLE. IF YOU GO BACK FOUR YEARS OR SO, ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, FOUR YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A CHANGE IN THE BENEFITS SIDE, WHICH REDUCED THE BENEFITS AND THE FIRST YEAR THAT YOU HAD TO FOLLOW THIS STANDARD, YOU BOOKED AT ASSET. THE PLAN WAS OVERFUNDED BRIEFLY UNTIL THOSE BENEFIT REDUCTION PROVISIONS GOT CHALLENGED, THE MORROW CASE, AND SO IN YEAR TWO, THE LIABILITY SIDE WENT UP AS THOSE BENEFIT REDUCTION PROVISIONS WENT OUT THE WINDOW. YOU BOOKED A LIABILITY AND THE OVERALL POSITION OF OREGON PERS WENT FROM \$2 BILLION OVERFUNDED TO \$5 BILLION UNDERFUNDED. THIS NEXT YEAR AROUND WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR NUMBERS, IT WENT TO \$15 BILLION UNDERFUNDED. SO YOUR SHARE OF THAT LIABILITY ALL ELSE BEING EQUAL IS GOING TO TRIPLE. SO YOU'LL TAKE A BIG HIT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHAT'S OUR SHARE AGAIN?

JIM LANZAROTTA: YOUR SHARE IS WHAT LIKE 4% OR 3%? 4%? YEAH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OF THE \$15 -- OF THE \$15 BILLION? I CAN'T COUNT THAT HIGH.

JIM LANZAROTTA: AND THE SAD THING IS IT'S OUT OF YOUR CONTROL. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE MANAGING THAT FUND AND HOW IT WORKS, BUT YOU'RE GETTING TO REPORT THE NUMBERS, HOWEVER THEY FALL, AND THE OVERALL FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WENT FROM FIVE TO \$15 BILLION WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR NEXT SET OF NUMBERS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: IS THE SPECIFIC NUMBER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE REPORT?

JIM LANZAROTTA: I THINK YOU HAVE IT. I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT, BUT YOU MAY KNOW EXACTLY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: IF YOU WOULD GET ALL OF US THAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

MARK CAMPBELL: ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I WANT TO ADD TO THAT, THE STANDARD DIDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING THAT WAS ALREADY IN PLACE. IT JUST REQUIRES US TO REPORT OUR SHARE OF THE LIABILITY. SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THIS, I KIND OF LIKE TO THINK THAT IT'S -- IT IS REFLECTED ON OUR BALANCE SHEET, BUT IT'S RELATIVE TO WHERE WE ARE AND CREDIT RATING AGENCIES ALREADY KNOW THIS AND SO IT DOESN'T HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR CREDIT RATING. BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE KEEPING AN EYE

ON AND AS JIM MENTIONED WE'RE ALWAYS TRYING NEW STRATEGIES TO HELP LIMIT THAT LIABILITY.

JIM LANZAROTTA: I WANTED TO ADD PROPORTIONATELY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS BETTER OFF THAN MANY OTHER JURISDICTIONS BECAUSE WE PREPAID IN A LARGER CHUNK. SO VERY GOOD PLANNING FINANCIALLY BY THE COUNTY, BUT WE'RE STILL -- THE RISING TIDE, THE TIDE WENT OUT, WE'RE IN THE MUD BOTTOM OF THE --

CHAIR KAFOURY: THE SHRINKING TIDE SHRINKS ALL BOATS.

MARK CAMPBELL: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE'VE ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED A CLEAN AUDIT OPINION AND WE ALSO FEEL AND HOPE THAT YOU AGREE THAT THE CAPPER HIGHLIGHTS THE COUNTY'S EXCELLENT FINANCIAL CONDITION, WHICH REFLECTS ON THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. THE CAPPER'S A COMPILATION OF FINANCIAL DATA, BUT A REFLECTION OF THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES THAT ENSURE WE'RE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOUNTING RULES AND STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES. I LIKE TO THINK OF THE CAPPER AS A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS IN THAT IT HELPS US ESTABLISH A WORK PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. EACH YEAR WE REVIEW THE AUDITOR'S COMMENTS AND THINGS THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND WE DEVELOP A COURSE OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THOSE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY. EVERYONE PLAYS A ROLE IN RECORDING THOUSANDS OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE FOLKS ASSIST IN THE PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT AND WORK WITH US TO ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE CENTRAL PAYROLL, CENTRAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND TREASURY WHO ARE ALSO MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE AUDIT AND OUR FINANCIAL REPORTS. DAVE MENTIONED SAMMY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HER LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE FOR THIS PROCESS. SAMMY REJOINED THE COUNTY LAST YEAR. I THINK IT MAY ACTUALLY BE ABOUT A YEAR AGO TODAY. AND I TASKED HER WITH IDENTIFYING WAYS THAT WE COULD STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE THE PROCESS TO PRODUCE THE CAPPER. I'M VERY PLEASED E RESULTS THIS YEAR AND FEEL LIKE SHE'S DONE A GREAT JOB OF BUILDING HER TEAM. SPEAKING OF THE TIME I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE STAFF WHO WORKED MANY, MANY HOURS TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT AND ASK THEM TO STAND AND BE PROVIDING. JOSEPH ANTHONY -- [READING NAMES] I CANNOT EXPRESS ENOUGH MY GRATITUDE FOR THEIR WORK THEY PUT IN TO COMPLETE THIS DOCUMENT. JIM MENTIONED THE AWARD. YOU KNOW, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE 2016

REPORT, BUT OUR 2015 REPORT WON THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: CLAP FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE]

MARK CAMPBELL: IT RECOGNIZES STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT CAN BEYOND THE MINIMUM REPORTS -- THERE'S ONLY 3% OF ALL ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THE COUNTRY THAT RECEIVE THIS AWARD. SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF. WE'VE APPLIED FOR THIS AWARD AGAIN FOR 2016. WE EXPECT WE'LL QUALIFY AND IF WE DO RECEIVE IT, IT WOULD MARK IT THE 33RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. I WOULD BE REMISIF I DID NOT THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH YOUR GUIDANCE, THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE SEEN AS LEADERS IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF OREGON. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THINK DR. MARCH AND HIS OFFICE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE ROLE THAT THEY PLAYED IN ADVISING US THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JIM AND THE MOSS ADAMS TEAM FOR BEING GOOD PARTNERS OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS AND WITH THAT I WOULD TAKE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: OKAY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THIS IS GREAT WORK.

COMMISSIONER MEIERAN: I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THIS IS SO IMPRESSIVE AND COMING IN AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER, YOU KNOW, WHERE THIS COULD BE A VERY INTIMIDATING THING, YOU HAVE BEEN SO CLEAR AND SO EXCITING TO SEE THIS, HAVE THE CLEAN AUDIT AND SEE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL DECISIONS. I ASSUME IT'S ALWAYS THIS STRAIGHTFORWARD, PRETTY EASY, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER VEG PEDERSON: I WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCH GREAT WORK AND FOR EVERYBODY YEAR. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN AUDITS FOR SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS AND IT'S SO RARE TO GET SUCH A CLEAN AUDIT, TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR AN ORGANIZATION AS LARGE AS THE ENTIRE MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS REALLY, REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND SO MY HATS ARE OFF TO YOU AND IT FEELS GOOD COMING IN AS A NEW COMMISSIONER TO BE SUPPORTED IN SUCH A WAY WHERE WE'RE ON SUCH GOOD FINANCIAL GROUNDS BOTH, YOU KNOW, AT THE BOTTOM LINE LEVEL BUT ALSO IN THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WE'RE USING TO GET THERE SO THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I AGREE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WORK. I MEAN, AS WE KNOW YOUR CREDIT RATING AND THE

CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING, OBVIOUSLY, ALL THIS STUFF IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE THING THAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH IN FUTURE YEARS AND I JUST LIKEN THIS TO NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS. SO WELL DONE AND ALSO, THERE'S SOME COUNTIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING SO THIS IS A BIG DEAL THAT WE HAVE REALLY GOOD PEOPLE WORKING ON OUR BOOKS AND ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU GET THE C.E. IN. IT CAN BE CHALLENGING TO MAKE SURE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION THAT EACH OF US GETS IT IN A TIMELY MANNER. THAT WAS AN ADDED BONUS. I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE AND WITH THE GREAT STAFF SO KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I'LL ADD MY LAST BIT OF THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS, AS WELL. 33 YEARS OR IT IS GOING TO BE, WE HAVE GREAT STAFF WHO ARE WORKING REALLY HARD. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A BRIEF TIME AND YOU DON'T REALLY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S NOT DONE ONE MYSELF I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT TAKES AN ENTIRE YEAR TO PUT THIS TOGETHER AND SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THE STAFF AND DR. MARCH YOUR STAFF AS WELL, PARTICIPATING IN THIS. IT'S GREAT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING COMMISSIONER -- SHE'S A PERFECT FIT TO BE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO THANK ALL THE RESIDENTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE, THEY'RE ALL RATHER IMPRESSIVE THEMSELVES. SO WE HAVE A REALLY GREAT TEAM. THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT – 10:30 am

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

WE HAVE NO FURTHER BUSINESS ON OUR CALENDAR, BUT WE HAVE TIME FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS IF PEOPLE HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

COMMISSIONER STEGMANN; JUST WANTED TO WISH OUR COMMISSIONER JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TOO.

COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON; TUESDAY WAS COMMISSIONER LORI STEGMANN'S BIRTHDAY SO HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: CUTE SAME WEEK. ANYTHING ELSE?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE SANCTUARY COUNTY. MADAM CHAIR AND FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEFLY RESPOND TO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY OUR NEW PRESIDENT REGARDING FUNDING FOR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES WHO WILL NOT LET HIM EXPEL OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR FRIENDS. WE'RE HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE

DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO THREATS OR BULLIES. SINCE TAKING OFFICE SIX YEARS AGO I'VE WORKED WITH SOME AMAZING COLLEAGUES TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON A RESOLUTION THAT REENFORCED THE VALUES OF OUR COUNTY, TO DECLARE THAT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE VALUED, I DIDN'T HESITATE TO DO THAT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COSPONSORSHIP, CHAIR. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME WELL KNOW I DON'T RESPOND WELL TO THREATS. SO TO OUR FRIENDS AND OUR NEIGHBORS WHO WORRY WHETHER YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER ACCESS SERVICES OR TO GET HELP THAT YOU NEED, I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'VE GOT YOUR BACK. WE THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE WORKERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVE YOUR BACK. THROUGH TIMES IN OUR COUNTY'S HISTORY, WE'VE PUT OUR OWN CITIZENS IN ENCAMPMENTS. THAT HISTORY WILL NOT BE REPEATED, NOT HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, NOT ANYWHERE IN OREGON IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT. SO I WANT US TO PUT OUR OPPONENTS ON NOTICE THAT WE DON'T BACK DOWN AND WE DON'T BACK DOWN FROM WHAT'S RIGHT. AND WE WON'T BE PUSHED INTO A CORNER. WE HAVE ALWAYS STOOD UP FOR THE VULNERABLE AND THE NEEDY IN THIS COUNTY AND I SAY TODAY WE STAND UP TODAY AND WE WILL STAND UP TOMORROW AND WE WILL STAND UP AS LONG AS WE NEED TO STAND UP. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:59 a.m.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OR THINGS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER? SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

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