

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Approving Recommendations of the)	RESOLUTION
August, 1997 Law Enforcement Cost)	97-183
Recovery Audit)	

WHEREAS, the August, 1997, Law Enforcement Cost Recovery Audit recommends the following:

- The Board of County Commissioners provide clear policy direction regarding the respective responsibilities of the cities and the County regarding police services within cities. Should the Board accept responsibility for providing a rural level of law enforcement to cities at no charge, it should establish some measure or standard of rural law enforcement.
- The Sheriff's office develop mechanisms for more accurate accounting of services provided under contracts with the cities.
- The Board and the Sheriff compare the cost effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office patrol with other means of providing services.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's office has different service relationships with each of the cities within Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, with the growth of those cities and the constraints on the County budget, the County needs to reexamine those service relationships and judge them according to fairness, efficiency, and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to continue to work in partnerships with cities in the County that have used Sheriff's law enforcement services; now therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that Multnomah County has primary law enforcement responsibilities to Multnomah County residents living in unincorporated areas. The County does not have the responsibility to provide a rural level of law enforcement services to residents of incorporated areas within the County; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff is authorized to negotiate intergovernmental agreements with cities in Multnomah County to provide specific ongoing law enforcement services to that jurisdiction. In addition,

the Sheriff can enter into informal mutual aid agreements with jurisdictions to assist with law enforcement emergencies and/or complex crimes; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the intergovernmental agreements should be based on the full cost of providing the service; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that agreements based on less than full cost agreements must be explicitly agreed to by the Board of County Commissioners and must include a plan for reaching full cost recovery; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that proposals from cities within Multnomah County for intergovernmental agreements should be received by the County by January 1st of the effective year, and considered by the Board as part of the annual budget process; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Budget and Quality will work with the Sheriff's Office to define their full cost methodology; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the overall cost effectiveness of having the Sheriff continue to provide law enforcement services will be considered following the cities' determination of their needs for intergovernmental agreements and the current consolidation discussions.

APPROVED this 9th day of October, 1997.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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