

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon
Thursday, January 6, 2011**

REGULAR MEETING

Appointment of Commissioner District 1 Deborah Kafoury as Multnomah County Vice-Chair for the 2011 Calendar Year Pursuant to Section 2 of Resolution 07-014 and 3.60 of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter.

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- C-1 RESOLUTION 2011-001 Authorizing the Repurchase of a Tax Foreclosed Property By the Former Owner, Umpqua Bank Formerly Known as Centennial Bank.
- C-2 Amendment #4 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #4600007218 Between Multnomah County and the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) to add State of Oregon, Oregon Housing and Community Services Housing Stabilization Funds (HSP) and County General Funds for FY 2010/2011.
- C-3 ORDER 2011-002 Authorizing Designees of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody.
- C-4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # LIB-03 Reclassifying One Vacant Position in Library System wide Access Services Division.
- C-5 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for a \$12,000 Enforcing Under-Age Drinking Laws Grant.
- C-6 APPOINTMENT of Monica Cuneo, Shawn DeCarlo, Will Newman, Hannah Kullberg, Eliza Davenport, Charles Robertson, Bruce Silverman; and, RE-APPOINTMENT of Robin Scholetzky, Jean Fike, Tammy VanderWoude, and Tera Couchman-Wick to the City of Portland/Multnomah Food Policy Council.
- C-7 NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for an East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Partners in Conservation (PIC) Program Grant for \$100,000.

Commissioner McKeel moved that C.7 be moved to the regular agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shiprack. It was unanimously approved to move C.7 to the regular agenda.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Shiprack and seconded by Commissioner McKeel items C.1 through C.6 of the consent calendar were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 SWEARING IN CEREMONY for Jeff Cogen, Chair; Loretta Smith, Commissioner for District Two; Dan Staton, Sheriff; and, Steve March, Auditor.

The Swearing in Ceremony took place. The Oath of Office for Chair Jeff Cogen was administered by Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., County Attorney, followed by the Chair's remarks. He thanked everyone for letting him serve nine months finishing Ted Wheeler's term. He talked about the tremendous challenges that face the County and the successes already achieved such as the Gateway Center and Rockwood opening, and the significant progress made on the Sellwood Bridge project. He acknowledged the Commissioners and his staff, particularly his Chief of Staff, and said he looked forward to working with everyone over the next four years.

The Oath of Office for Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2, was administered by Judge Adrienne Nelson, followed by Commissioner Smith's remarks. She thanked everyone for their support as she began her first term and talked about her focus on youth, seniors and jobs and real concerns about human trafficking. She thanked Senator Wyden for letting her start as a graduate at the front desk of his office in 1989 and giving her the opportunity to listen and develop her skills. She thanked the County citizens and the Commissioners for this opportunity to serve and said she hoped to make a significant difference during her term.

The Oath of Office for Sheriff Dan Staton was administered by Mike Schrunk, District Attorney, followed by Sheriff Staton's remarks. He thanked the citizens of Multnomah County for electing him to office and talked about the importance of discharging his duties appropriately. He thanked the community and staff from command ranks to line staff and for the exceptional work they are doing. He acknowledged the Chair and County Commission for their support and said he looked forward to working with them through the coming years.

The Oath of Office for Auditor Steve March was administered by Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., followed by Auditor March's remarks. He thanked everyone for the next four-year term and said he looks forward to serving the citizens to ensure programs are efficient, effective, and equitable. He said he looks forward to working with the County Commissioners, Sheriff, and staff over the next four years.

R-2a District Attorney's Briefing on Evidence-Based Sentencing. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack. Presenters: Chuck French, Amy Holmes Hehn, Chuck Sparks, Jeff Howes and Gary Meabe, Senior Deputy District Attorneys; and, Elizabeth Kafel, Deputy District Attorney.

Opening remarks were made by Commissioner Shiprack. She introduced the presenters and said they will brief the Board in response to the request from the Board in September 2010 to look at how they sentence and how they impact resources and make recommendations.

Mr. French presented the briefing. He said data-driven reforms in sentencing are being developed around the nation that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and reduce corrections costs. In a study published in May 2009, the Pew Center's Public Safety Performance Project recommended 10 evidence-based sentencing initiatives to control crime and reduce costs. The District Attorney's office has been working with Commissioner Shiprack's office in how to implement those strategies.

Mr. French reviewed the definitions of evidence based sentencing. He said that pertaining to misdemeanors, 65% of sentenced misdemeanor offenders receive no jail time at all, 13% spend 1-5 days in jail; 10% spend 6-14 days; 10% spend 15-30 days; while only 2% receive a sentence of more than 30 days. Cases initially charged as Ballot Measure 11 (BM11) constitute 9% of all charged felonies; only 3% of charged felony cases receive a BM11 sentence; 88% of all charged felonies receive a sentence other than prison. Over half of all offenders receive credit for time served; this can make it impossible to fashion a sentence to change behavior. 69.5% of offenders are released from custody before they appear in court. Parole, post-prison, and probation sanctions and revocations utilize more jail resources than initial sentencing. Probation supervision and potential sanctions are the primary tools to change offender behavior. He reviewed jail bed distribution by types of occupancy.

Ms. Holmes talked about behavior and all the variables that impact offenders. She discussed the various misdemeanor and felony programs, including those for repeat offenders including START, STOP and the collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach they are taking to come up with the right strategies. She said all cases are discussed in group context with senior attorneys including how services were handled in the past and how to reduce recidivism in the future.

Mr. Howes talked about the Mental Health Court (MHC) program and his participation since its creation in 2008. He said it is a collaborative effort between the Public Defenders and District Attorneys' offices to provide access to a mental health diagnosis

for any of four categories. He talked about the positive effects this program has had through intensive supervision and swift sanctions if they violate probation. The results are that six months leading up to entry, they spent a total of 1,068 days in jail; after entering MHC, those same participants spent 527 days in jail; therefore, jail days were cut in half. Also, average days per client were 37; but since they instituted this program, they are down to 20 days average per client. This program has improved mental health, not just reduced jail time.

Mr. French discussed the other programs and their impact, as they are able to get the clients the services they need right away. He responded to the Board's questions and comments.

Commissioner Shiprack acknowledged the careful attention given to this report by the District Attorney's office and Task Force Committee, and thanked them for their report. Chair Cogen and the other Commissioners thanked the presenters as well for attending and participating in this Briefing.

R2b. (moved from C.7) NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for an East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Partners in Conservation (PIC) Program Grant for \$100,000. Presenter: Dan Bravin, Food Program Coordinator, Sustainability Department.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-2b.

Mr. Bravin provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. He said this educational program is specifically tailored for entry-level farmers to train them how to go into small scale agriculture through OSU's program. The economic impact is significant; spending directed to food produced locally could reduce imports by 50%. This program meshes with the Multnomah food initiative platform and the County's credo to encourage sustainable practices.

The NOI was unanimously approved.

R-3 PROCLAMATION Naming January 11, 2011 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Multnomah County. Sponsor: Commissioner McKeel. Presenters: Joslyn Baker, Collaboration Specialist with DCJ; Michelle Bart, Soroptimist International Northwestern Region/Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking (NWCAT); Dennis Morrow, Executive Director of Janus Youth Programs.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-3.

Commissioner McKeel provided introductions and gave an overview. She said human trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery. It comprises the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Every year, traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits at the expense of victimizing millions of people around the world. These victims

are forced or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation. She invited everyone to join her at the Northwest Conference Against Trafficking in Portland on Friday, January 14th, along with numerous public officials.

Ms. Baker said DCS received a three-year grant in 2009 totaling \$500,000 to put victim services in place and investigate and prosecute these crimes. They have instituted a Steering Committee comprised of 21 partners who focus on education, raising awareness in the community, and develop strategies on how to impact the system. They have trained over 1,000 folks in 5 months.

Ms. Bart said NWCAT is working in partnership with local businesses, the PTA, schools, and Juvenile Justice to determine how to educate the public, particularly youth, on how to avoid high risk behavior associated with this industry.

Mr. Morrow talked about the programs they have at Janus to help the kids and teens trapped in the jungle of human trafficking. They serve 600 teens a day in 19 locations. Portland is one of the worst hubs for sexually trafficked girls in the nation; with statistics being: 124 cases since 2007; 45 cases just since 2010; 53 open cases, and 2-3 new cases a week. Most cases involve girls from age 12 to 17. Janus has partnered with 25 groups and has targeted outreach, shelter, safety, housing, education and counseling as their priorities in teaching these children how to cope and provide the support services they need to re-enter normal life.

The Chair and Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and thanked the presenters and acknowledged the work of their department.

Commissioner McKeel read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2011-003 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County