

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 10, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Acting Chair Marissa Madrigal called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack was excused.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Appointment of County Liaison to the Workplace Giving Campaign Council.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance Amending MCC §21.416, Prohibited Activities. Presenters: Dr. Justin Denny, Health Officer and Darrell Knott, County Emergency Medical Services Administrator.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.1.

Dr. Denny provided the opening remarks. The Health Department's EMS Program is seeking through this code change to explore pilot projects for alternate forms of patient transportation to alternate medical facilities. Following processes approved by the EMS Program, ambulance and fire service paramedics will have the ability to offer certain 9-1-1 emergency patients more choices for modes of transportation and medical facility destinations. Successful pilot projects will be considered for incorporation into the County's Ambulance Service Plan and EMS operations. Patient participation in pilot programs is voluntary and patients must give informed consent prior to any alternate transport. 9-1-1 patients qualifying for the pilot program retain the right to be transported to hospital emergency departments by County-contracted ambulances. The fiscal impact of executing this action is neutral to the County. The requested code change will not change the EMS Program budget. Pilot programs are projected to be cost neutral to the 9-1-1 patients.

Dr. Denny and Mr. Knott responded to Board questions and comments.

The first reading was unanimously approved. The second reading is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013.

The Board recessed as the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and convened as the Public Contract Review Board.

R.2 Authorizing Multnomah County Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Franchise Contract-Specific Special Procurement Request. Presenters: Dr. Justin Denny, Health Officer and Darrell Knott, County Emergency Medical Services Administrator.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.2.

Dr. Denny explained that the Health Department's Emergency Medical Services Program (Program) is requesting the Board's approval of a special procurement procedure to extend the Program's ambulance service franchise agreement for three years beyond the end of the contract term. County rules establish a process for soliciting competitive proposals from ambulance services providers, issuing an exclusive franchise, regulating rates for ambulance services and regulating the quality of ambulance service. However, the Board may approve the Contract-Specific Special Procurement Procedure instead of the competitive process for this limited duration contract. By approving the exception, the EMS Program should have sufficient time to plan a competitive procurement responsive to any health care reform changes. If the Board does not approve the exception, the Program will proceed with a competitive Request for Proposal process. To engage in a Request for Proposal process at this juncture will be difficult from a strategic planning and stakeholder engagement process perspective, and will place the County at risk for having an obsolete ambulance plan by the time that the contract is awarded. Therefore, the Program believes that a continuation of the current contract during this time of strategic planning, development, and transition is in the best interest of Multnomah County as it will position the Program to make an informed decision regarding the future direction of Emergency Medical Services within the County.

Dr. Denny & Mr. Knott responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2013-138 was unanimously adopted.

The Board we adjourned as the Public Contract Review Board and reconvened as Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

R.3 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Week of October 14, 2013 as Hollywood Senior Center Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Loretta Smith, D-2. Presenters: Amber Kern Johnson, Executive Director, Hollywood Senior Center; Lori Frank, Board Member, Hollywood Senior Center Board of Directors; Jaynee Power & Linda Clawson, Volunteers.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R.3.

Commissioner Smith provided the opening remarks. The invited guests spoke about how the Hollywood Senior Center is a space where older residents from North and Northeast Portland gather for a sense of community and access to resources such as food and services. They spoke about the values the center has added to the lives of so many seniors during its 40 years of operation.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

Ms. Clawson read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2013-136 was unanimously adopted.

R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION Countywide-01 - Requesting Ratification of the Local 88 Market Adjustment and \$126,367 General Fund Contingency Transfer for the Cost of the Local 88 Market Adjustment. Presenter: Steve Herron, Director, Labor Relations & Class/Comp & Joanne Fuller, COO.

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

Mr. Herron explained that the County's collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 88 provides for biennial negotiation of a "market adjustment" to mutually agreed-upon classifications. In June 2013, after multiple negotiation sessions, the parties reached tentative agreement to raise the pay grade for 13 classifications, and to maintain the pay grade for 11 classifications. 128.00 FTE are impacted. Local 88 members ratified this tentative agreement in July 2013, which and it is now subject to ratification by the Board. Board action is also required to transfer \$126,367 from General Fund contingency to five departments to cover the cost associated with the pay grade adjustments. The total cost of the Market Study Adjustment was unknown when the FY 2014 budget was adopted; however, a set aside was included in the General Fund contingency fund in anticipation of future expenditures.

Mr. Herron and Ms. Fuller responded to Board questions and comments.

BudMod Countywide-01 was unanimously approved.

R.5 Approval of Multnomah County and International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5, AFL-CIO Local Union 1094. Presenter: Jim Younger, Labor Relations Manager.

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

Mr. Younger explained that the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5, AFL-CIO Local Union 1094's previous labor agreement expired on June 30, 2013. This bargaining unit has 1.00 FTE budgeted in FY 2014. The current base wage is \$26.07. With this agreement, the base wage will be \$28.34 retroactive to July 1, 2013. This new base wage includes "Lead" premium of 6.8% and a 1.8% COLA. The actual increased cost is estimated to be \$6,700. Beginning January 1, 2014, Local 1094 members medical and dental coverage will also be as applies to AFSCME Local 88 members. All costs for this position will be absorbed by the Road Fund.

Mr. Younger responded to Board questions and comments.

The agreement was unanimously approved.

R.6 2013/2014 Multco Gives! Charitable Giving Campaign Briefing. Presenter: Brian Detman, Policy Advisor, and Invited Guests.

Mr. Detman provided the opening remarks and explained that the Multco Gives! Charitable Giving Campaign allows County employees to donate a portion of their paycheck to a nonprofit of their choice, or one of the ten organizations certified by the Campaign Management Council to participate in MultCo Gives! These organizations include: All Hands Raised, Black United Fund of Oregon, Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, Community Health Charities, Habitat for Humanity, Earth Share of Oregon, Equity Foundation, Global Impact, United Way of Columbia-Willamette and Work for Art. The 2013/2014 campaign kick-off will take place on October 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. on the 5th floor eco-roof of the Multnomah Building.

The invited guests spoke about their organizations and the work they're doing to benefit the community with the help of County employees' contributions.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

R.7 Authorizing Settlement of Construction Claims Associated with the Morrison Bridge. Presenter: Matt Ryan, Assistant County Attorney.

Commissioner Kafoury moved and Commissioner Smith seconded approval of R.7.

Mr. Ryan provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

The settlement was unanimously approved.

R.8 Informational Briefing on a County-Wide Approach to Medicaid Expansion. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, COO and Director of the Dept. of County Management; Vanetta Abdellatif, Director Integrated Clinical Services; Ginger Martin, Deputy Director DCJ; Vailey Oehlke, Director Library; Teri Beemer, Assistant Director Mental Health and Addiction Services Division; Wendy Lear, Director Business Operations, Health Dept.

Ms. Fuller and invited guests spoke about how Multnomah County is working to ensure that County residents and clients learn about improved access to health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which requires everyone to have health insurance by January 2014. Education and outreach efforts are taking place wherever County staff works with residents. County Health Department clinics will be assisting primary care clients in enrolling in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) through Cover Oregon. Cover Oregon is an independent public corporation in charge of providing a marketplace for individuals and small businesses to purchase insurance. The libraries are distributing Cover Oregon materials at all branches. The County is working closely with providers, contractors and partners to ensure that residents receive assistance in getting enrolled in the OHP or receiving tax credits and other help in purchasing private insurance.

R.9 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming October 11, 2013 as National Coming Out Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioners Loretta Smith, D-2 and Diane McKeel, D-4. Presenters: Daryl Dixon, Chief Diversity & Equity Officer; Khalil Edwards, Racial Justice Organizer - Basic Rights Oregon & PFLAG Black Portland Chapter Organizer; Liz Rodriguez, PRISM – Employee Resource Group Chair; Lakeitha Elliot, PFLAG Portland Black Chapter Member; Monica Noe, PSU Queer Resource Center; Monica Fields-Fears, PFLAG Portland Black Chapter Member; and David Ben; Two Spirit Advocate CTSI Two Spirit Change Team; the Confederated Tribes Of Siletz Indians & Other Invited Guests.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Commissioner Kafoury seconded approval of R.9.

Commissioner Smith and McKeel provided the opening remarks. National Coming Out Day is recognized internationally as a day of self-affirmation and awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) issues. The presenters provided personal stories and spoke about projects their organizations are working on to discourage bullying in schools, and building leadership and support for the LGBTQ community. They responded to Board questions and comments.

Ms. Rodriguez read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation No. 2013-137 was unanimously adopted.

BOARD COMMENT

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

Submitted by:

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