

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Jessica Vega Pederson and Loretta Smith present.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IF EVERYONE COULD QUIET DOWN, WE HAVE A VERY FULL AGENDA THIS MORNING SO I'D LIKE TO GET STARTED. WELCOME. TODAY IS A BIG DAY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE ALL HERE TO SHARE IT WITH US.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Transfer of Unclaimed Property in the Amount of \$15,737.50 to the County General Fund
- C.2 Budget Modification HD-41-17 Authorizing Two Position Reclassifications within the Health Department
- C.3 Budget Modification DCM-12-17 Reclassification of A&T Technician 2 to Tax Exemption Specialist in DCM
- C.4 Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant Application for \$100,000 per Year for Three Years to Support Opioid Overdose Outreach

Chair Kafoury: FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] 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: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE NINE SIGNED UP. OPPORTUNITY ON NON-AGENDA MATTER MATTERS. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME FORWARD [READS NAMES].

Chair Kafoury: DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU SIT, EVERYONE GETS THE SAME TIME.

Sarah Hobbs: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS SARAH HOBS AND I NOTICED NEXT MONTH IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. AFTER FOUR YEARS OF PUSHING VERY HARD AT CITY HALL, PORTLAND CITY HALL WILL BE DECLARING SEPTEMBER CITY SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH. I HAVE BEEN ASKED IN MY PAPERWORK, SUPPORTING THE PROCLAMATION, THEY HAVE DONE AMAZING WORK ON SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ONE THAT I WILL BE LISTING FROM COUNTY. THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE GET TRAINED TO HELP -- GET-TRAINEDTOHELP.COM. IT IS A COLLABORATIVE PROVIDING SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA THROUGH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

IT IS, AGAIN, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND EVERYBODY CHECK THAT WEBSITE OUT. WWW.GET- WWW.GET-TRAINEDTOHELP.COM. IT'S SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING THROUGH THE TRI-COUNTY AREA. I KNOW, PERSONALLY, I HAVE TAKEN THE TRAINING AND COUNSELING ABOUT LETHAL MEANS THROUGH THAT PROGRAM. AND, I'M GOING TO RETAKE THE ASSIST TRAINING, JUST BECAUSE I DO BETTER WITH REPETITION. SO DO KNOW THAT IN SEPTEMBER, I WILL BE THERE AT THE CITY AND AMANDA'S WORK AT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION WILL BE HONORED.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCH DOG. AGAIN, JUST BRIEF, I WANT TO -- AGAIN, I'VE ASKED TO HAVE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON DOING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'D LIKE A RANGE OF EITHER \$100 MILLION TO \$150 MILLION. I'D LIKE THE U ECONOMISTS TO LOOK AT THIS, SEE IF IT MAKES SENSE AND SEE IF THE COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY TO DO THAT. ISSUE NUMBER TWO, PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MAYOR TED WHEELER TO STEP DOWN FROM BEING THE POLICE COMMISSIONER. I THINK IT'S REALLY KIND OF, IN MY OPINION, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE ALL ASPECTS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY SHOULD COME IN WITH EXPERIENCE, WITH THAT TYPE OF KNOWLEDGE. AND AGAIN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, DOES ANYBODY IN THIS ROOM KNOW HOW MUCH A POLICE COMMISSIONER GETS PAID AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND? DO THEY GET PAID OR NOT? DOES ANYONE KNOW. IF THEY DO, THAT MEANS THE

MAYOR GETS A DOUBLE SALARY THERE, THAT'S DEFINITELY A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SO I ASSUME THERE'S NO PAYMENT. BUT REALLY, DOES ANYONE IN THIS ROOM REALLY KNOW THAT? THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE FROM HAVING THE MAYOR ALSO AS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND SAY IF YOU'RE APPOINTED, I WANT YOU FIRED TODAY. OTHERWISE, WE LOOK AT THE MAYOR AS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND SAY, WE WANT YOU FIRED. THE MAYOR DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE PAST. THE MAYOR HAS MANY OTHER ISSUES THAT THE MAYOR SHOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON AND NOT HAVING THE PUBLIC IN FRONT OF HIM, EVERY OTHER DAY.

Lightning: WHO'S THAT POLICE COMMISSIONER? HOW MUCH DO THEY GET PAID? ARE THEY APPOINTED? ARE THEY ELECTED? IS THERE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO LOOK AT AND MAKE CHANGES AND NOT ACT LIKE THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE MAYOR AND POLICE COMMISSIONER INTERTWINED. IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED AND ANYONE THAT NEED -- WANTS TO BE THE NEXT MAYOR, DO YOU WANT TO BE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER? THE MAYOR HAS THE POWER TO APPOINT THAT TO ANOTHER COMMISSIONER. BUT WE, AS THE PUBLIC, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A VOTE ON THAT DECISION. IF YOU CAN APPOINT IT TO SOME OTHER COMMISSIONERS, WE WANT TO HAVE A VOTE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Elizabeth Johnson: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH JOHNSON AND I'M HERE TO URGE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE LAUNDER LEARNING CENTER. I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER TUTOR FOR SEVEN YEARS AND HAVE SEEN THE WONDERFUL WORK THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS DO THERE. QUITE FRANKLY, I WAS STUNNED AND APPALLED TO DISCOVER THAT THE COUNTY HAS ELIMINATED THIS PROGRAM FROM THE BUDGET. THE LEARNING CENTER'S DEDICATED TO HELP HIGH-RISK ADULTS GET THEIR GED AND GET A JOB. THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL OR PRISON AND ADULTS IN PRISON. LACK OF EDUCATION ONLY ADDS TO THEIR TROUBLES. LAUNDER SERVICES ARE IN UNIQUE AND IN NO WAY DUPLICATIVE. THEY SERVE RECENTLY-RELEASED OFFENDERS AND DRUG ADDICTS. COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAVE RECENTLY CUT THEIR LITERACY OFFERINGS. SOUTHEAST WORKS DOES NOT SERVE LOW-LEVEL LEARNERS OR ESOL STUDENTS.

THE PROGRAM IS ALSO UNIQUE IN THAT, ONE, IT IS FREE. TWO, IT OFFERS STUDENTS A GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING THEIR STUDY CLASSES SO THAT THEY CAN MEET WITH PROBATION OFFICERS, DRUG TREATMENT COUNSELORS, JOB HUNT, ET CETERA. THREE, LAUNDER ALLOWS NEW STUDENTS TO ENTER THEIR PROGRESS ON A WEEKLY BASIS, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT SIX MONTHS, AS THEY DO WITH SOUTHEAST WORKS. FOUR, IT ACCEPTS ADULT STUDENTS AT ANY AGE. SOUTHEAST WORKS LIMITS THEIR

ENTRY STUDENTS TO FOLKS WHO ARE 24 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER. AND FIVE, IT ACCEPTS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LOW-LEVEL EDUCATION AND LEARNING DISABILITIES. IN THAT REGARD, IT IS THE ONLY SUCH AGENCY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA.

Elizabeth Johnson: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE COUNTY JAILS HAVE ELIMINATED THEIR EDUCATION PROGRAMS. LAUNDERS IS POISED TO TAKE OVER EDUCATION WITHIN THE JAIL SYSTEM. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT THAT. FINALLY, I'M HERE TO SAY, I WORK WITH REAL PEOPLE, AS A TUTOR THERE. I WORK, NOT WITH STATISTICS. I WORK WITH JAMES, WITH DILLON, WITH IRESHA, WITH MILDRED. I STAND TO FIGHT WITH THEM AND FOR THE CENTER AND FOR THEIR SAKE AND I HOPE YOU WILL STAND WITH ME TO FIGHT FOR THEM. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mimi Johnson: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MIMI. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE TIME ON TUESDAY TO GET THIS EMERGENCY REPORT FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS. THIS ISN'T WHY I'M HERE TODAY, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THE THANKS. IN REVIEWING THIS -- I'M DOING THAT FURTHER TODAY -- THERE IS SO MANY HOLES IN THIS EMERGENCY PLAN THAT IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT SEVEN PEOPLE DIED ON OUR STREETS THIS WINTER. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN DEFUNDING FLEET WEEK. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF TALK RECENTLY ABOUT WHY WE LOVE PORTLAND. WHAT PORTLAND IS. HOW BEAUTIFUL PORTLAND IS. HOW BEAUTIFUL OUR HILLS ARE. OUR TRAILS ARE. OUR PEOPLE ARE. HOW WONDERFUL -- WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE THIS IS FOR EVERYBODY. WHEN IN FACT, WE HARBOR, IN PORTLAND, RACISM. THERE'S RACISM, THERE'S RAMPANT RACISM IN POLICIES THAT CITY COUNCIL MAKES. THERE'S RAMPANT RACISM IN THE CITY POLICE. IT'S AN ABSOLUTELY RACIST MOVE TO ALLOW FLEET WEEK. WHEN WE ALLOW WARSHIPS INTO OUR CITY, WE CONTINUE TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST AFRAID OF LEAVING THEIR HOMES.

NOT ONLY DO THEY HAVE TO WONDER IF THEY'RE GOING TO GET HOME THAT DAY, DUE TO COPS HARASSING THEM FOR NON-BROKEN TAILLIGHTS, BUT NOW THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE MILITARY IN OUR CITY. I BROUGHT THIS UP YESTERDAY AT CITY COUNCIL. I SPOKE WITH CHLOE EUDALY'S OFFICE ABOUT THIS. HOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT PORTLAND AS SANCTUARY WHEN WE ALLOW FLEET WEEK TO OCCUR JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE A HISTORY OF ALLOWING FLEET WEEK. WARSHIPS DO NOT BELONG IN OUR WATERS. I KNOW WE CAN'T STOP THIS, NECESSARILY, FOR THIS SUMMER. THOUGH, I HOPE WE CAN. BUT I DO THINK WE COULD PUT A MOVE ON THIS TO END FLEET WEEK BY NEXT SUMMER. I'D LIKE TO KNOW FROM YOU -- I CAN CALL YOUR OFFICES -- WHO AMONG YOU MIGHT BE IN SUPPORT IN THIS AND CAN WORK WITH ME? CAN WORK WITH CHLOE EUDALY'S OFFICE TO FIND A WAY TO END FLEET WEEK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Ron Swaren: GOOD MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Ron Swaren: MY NAME'S RON SWAREN. I ATTENDED THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE STAKEHOLDERS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT. I DID HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT PREPARED, BUT WE RAN OUT OF TIME. I HAVE WORKED AS A UNION CARPENTER IN SEISMIC UPGRADING OF VARIOUS PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE I-5 BRIDGE IN SEATTLE AND I DO FOLLOW THE ISSUE OF EARTHQUAKE HAZARD AND ALSO OF SEISMIC TECHNOLOGY AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY. THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A BIT OF CONCERN ABOUT CASCADIAN QUAKES. I DID OBTAIN THIS US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT THAT WAS COLLABORATED WITH OHS HSHGS SSHGS HS OHSU. I WATCHED A VIDEO THAT SHOWED A CHRONOLOGY OF MANY QUAKES IN THE NORTHWEST AND MOST OF THOSE 90% OF THOSE ON THE VIDEO WERE OCCURRING AT THE CALIFORNIA BORDER AND NORTH PUGET SOUND. THIS REPORT ALSO INDICATES THAT THERE'S A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKES ON THE SOUTHERN COAST AND LESS PROBABILITY IN THE PORTLAND AREA.

PROBABLY THE REASON FOR MORE ACTIVITY ON THE SOUTHERN COAST WOULD BE MORE RECENT SECRETIONS TO THE NORTH AMERICAN PLATE. THE VIDEO, ABOUT 90% OF THOSE MINI QUAKES WERE IN THE TWO AREAS AND FROM OLYMPIA TO ROSE BERG, PROBABLY ABOUT 5% OR 6%. SO MY LAYMAN VIEW WOULD MEAN THAT INDICATES LESS POTENTIAL FOR MOVEMENT. AT THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, I SAW A VIDEO ON THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, WHICH WAS A COLLAPSE OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AND AN ARGUMENT THAT THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE WOULD BE A MAJOR LIFELINE. WHAT I WOULD ASK IS, WHY AREN'T OTHER BRIDGES, MORRISON, HAWTHORNE, BROADWAY, ET CETERA, LIFELINES AND MAYBE IT WOULD BE LESS COSTLY TO IMPROVE THOSE? I'VE SEEN SOME FIGURES, FAIRLY HIGH. I'M AWARE OF YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROJECTION FOR THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AND OTHER BRIDGES. SO, IT -- FROM THAT, IT APPEARS THAT IT WOULD BE LESS COSTLY TO IMPROVE THE OTHER BRIDGES AND I WOULD THINK THAT THEY WOULD BE ADEQUATE. MY OVERALL FEELING IS WE'RE NOT IN A HIGH-RISK AREA, I'M NOT GOING TO GUARANTEE IT. I'M RELYING UPON THE SCIENCE HERE. WHAT I WOULD SAY, CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY IS RAPIDLY ADVANCING AND SEISMIC TECHNOLOGY IS ADVANCING WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TO RETROFIT THINGS MORE COST-EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Nancy Newell: I'M A LONG-TIME ACTIVIST IN THE COMMUNITY. SAVED A LOT OF MONEY AND HEALTH ISSUES FROM EVER STARTING AND THAT'S REALLY THE NUCLEAR POWER, WE HAVE A POWER PLANT IN THIS AREA, THERE IS STILL ONE OPERATING. I'VE CLOSED TWO OTHER PLANTS AND I'VE CLOSED THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S PLANT. THIS IS A DESIGN, IT'S NOW CALL COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION AND YOU CERTAINLY CAN PUT IN A MOTION THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WILL BE SAVED IN THIS AREA BY CLOSING THE PLANT AND WE HAVE ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES, ALL THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, ALL THE SKILLS. GOVERNOR ROBERTS STOOD UP, CHRISTINE IRVINE STOOD UP BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF IT AND THE CHAIR OF PGE AGREED WITH IT. YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT UNDER THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR'S GUIDELINES, AND THEY DO NOT MEET THE MARKET TEST ON THE COST OF ELECTRICITY, WHICH MEANS YOU'RE THROWING MONEY OUT OF THE WINDOW AND YOUR -- WE'RE LEADING IN BREAST CANCER IN THIS COUNTY AND CITY AND IT'S A WELL-WORTHWHILE TIME SPENT.

I WORK WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND I CAN HELP YOU WRITE UP A RESOLUTION. PEOPLE SAY, IT'S JUST WORDS ON PAPER. SEATTLE WENT THROUGH SAMUEL -- I THINK THAT'S THE LAST NAME -- EFFORTS AND THEY ARE NOW ON CONTRACTS THAT ARE EASILY AVAILABLE FROM CALIFORNIA BECAUSE FROM SAN DIEGO TO OUR BORDERS, THEY ARE IN CCA, CUSTOMER CHOICE ACQUISITIONS AND PROVEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR AND WIND LEAD THE DAY ON COST, HEALTH AND EVERYTHING. SO, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR. YOU ARE VERY INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE. WE'VE GOT 1,000 PEOPLE COMING IN A DAY, REPORTED TODAY. WE HAVE A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CHANGING WORLD, ESPECIALLY WITH GLOBAL WARMING AND THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT I THINK WOULD LEAD TO SUCCESS.

Chair Kafoury: WHO'S GOING?

David Keef Bangsberg: I'M DAVID KEEF DAVID BANGSBERG AND I'M BEING ILLEGALLY STOCKED BY A CITY EMPLOYEE THAT'S NICK FISH'S SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR AND HIS NAME'S JAMES. HE ACTUALLY GOT IN MY FACE WITH ANOTHER POLICY ADVISOR, JIM BLACKWOOD, WHO WAS RECENTLY FIRED, WHICH WAS NICK FISH'S SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS AND HE WAS FIRED BECAUSE I UNCOVERED, POSTED ON FACEBOOK, THAT WE'RE RACIST, RIGHT-WINGED, PRO-COP, ANTI-PROTESTOR THINGS, TALKING ABOUT VIOLENCE AND HOW PEOPLE THAT PROTEST AT NIGHT ARE TERRORISTS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. ON TOP OF THAT, THIS JAMES GUY AND JIM BLACKWOOD, THEY GOT IN MY FACE AND THEY SAID, AREN'T YOU A SEX OFFENDER? I'M NOT A SEX OFFENDER. BIRTH DATE, 6: /30/70. NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF THOSE CHARGES. NEVER HAD ANYTHING LIKE THAT ON MY RECORD. SO, THESE GUYS GAS-LIGHTED ME SINCE I HAVE PTSD AND THEY ALSO KNOW I HAVE PTSD AND IT WAS LISTED IN THE STOCKING ORDER OF PROTECTION, WHICH THEY GOT FROM MONICA, WHO'S ALSO THE SAME

JUDGE WHO LET THE GUY SLIP OUT THE BACK DOOR AND THAT WAS THE SAME WEEK THAT SHE BASICALLY STOCKED AWAY THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF ME, AS A COP WATCHER, A WHISTLE BLOWER, A JOURNALIST, AN ACTIVIST AND THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR ALMOST SIX MONTHS NOW. YESTERDAY, I WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT CITY HALL AND JAMES WORKS THERE AND NICK FISH WAS APPROACHED THE NIGHT PREVIOUSLY TO SAY, HEY, IS THERE GOING TO BE A PROBLEM WITH KEITH TESTIFYING AT CITY HALL TOMORROW? HE SAID, YEAH, WELL, JAMES HAS TO BE HERE.

David Keef Bangsberg: HE HAS BEEN AT EVERY MEETING SO I CAN'T BE THERE TO SPEAK SINCE HE HAS A LEGAL STOCKING ORDER AGAINST ME. I DID GET IN HIS FACE AFTER HE SAID ALL THAT STUFF AND ACCUSED ME OF BEING A SEX OFFENDER. I SAID, THERE'S A WHOLE OTHER LEGAL WAY TO HANDLE THIS AND IT'S CALLED A BOXING GYM. I GOT A STOCKING ORDER PUT ON ME AND I CAN'T GO TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. I VIEW THAT AS TOTALLY LEGAL AND IF SOMEBODY'S GOING TO ACCUSE YOU OF A SEX OFFENDER, TO OFFER THEM THE LEGAL REMEDY OF A BOXING GYM. THIS IS BECAUSE NICK FISH -- HIS FORMER BOSS WAS BARNEY FRANK WHO RAN A MALE BROTHEL OUT OF HIS HOUSE. HIS BEST FRIEND AT HIS WEDDING WAS TERRY BEAN AND NICK FISH GETS MONEY FROM CHILD MOLESTERS. -- THIS IS THE REASON WHY I CAN'T SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN COME SPEAK HERE. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

David Keef Bangsberg: THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR DEAL.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: I'M CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON AND IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE HEARD ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE. BUT, YESTERDAY, MR. DAVIS MENTIONED THAT THERE'S A LEGAL CONSTRUCT FROM KEEPING HIM FROM PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC MEETINGS. IN PORTLAND, WHAT ARE THE ODDS IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET ARRESTED AT CITY COUNCIL, IT WOULD BE A BLACK WOMAN? THE ODDS ARE LOW, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT DOWN. WHEN WE COME BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THOSE TWO BEAUTIFULLY DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS OR COUNCILS, WE SOMETIMES HEAR TALK ABOUT TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. WE WANT TO SEE UNIVERSAL PRACTICE OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.

IT'S ALMOST NEVER BEEN NECESSARY HERE. BUT I KNOW BOTH SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE OTHER FIVE PEOPLE AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK THEM TO REFLECT ON -- EVEN COMPARE, WE'RE A COMPETITIVE SOCIETY IN AMERICA. WE LIKE METRICS FROM WALL STREET AND ALL THAT. SO LET'S SEE WHO'S DOING GOOD AT TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THE FIVE OF YOU

VERSUS THE FIVE OF THEM. AND IT'S -- ONE OF THE LESSER ISSUES OF THIS ANOMALY OF HAVING A BLACK WOMAN BEING THE OWN ARRESTEE IN CITY HALL IS THE FUNDING FOR THE COURTS AND THE DA IS FAIRLY COMPLICATED, BUT ONCE AGAIN, WE JUST DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES POLICE -- MOSTLY PORTLAND POLICE, BUT MAYBE ALSO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAVE OVERREACHED, CREATED BUNCH OF PAPERWORK AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERHILL HAS TO TURN AROUND AND NO-COMPLAINT THE THING BECAUSE IT REALLY -- THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TO GOING ON AS A PROSECUTOR. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IF WE REALLY BELIEVED IN THE GOOD ETHICAL THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT,

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: THEY WOULD BE PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATION, CORRECTION, MITIGATION OF PEOPLE HAVING THEIR LIVES TOSSED UPSIDE DOWN FOR HOPEFULLY ONLY A FEW TO EIGHT HOURS IN JAIL. BUT SOMETIMES, IT HAPPENS ON A WEEKEND OR THE PRE-TRIAL RELEASE, PEOPLE AREN'T DOING THEIR BEST. WE HAD ONE PERSON, A PROTESTORS, STARTED WITH A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLAR BOND FOR TOUCHES SOMEONE'S GLASSES. LATER ON -- IT'S JUST A MISDEMEANOR. SO, TRY AND MAKE YOUR GOODNESS OVERFLOW, FLOOD ACROSS THE RIVER. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. JUST YOU, APPARENTLY.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, FOR THE RECORD. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. PROGRESSIVES AND LIBERALS WOULD REFRAIN FROM HAVING THEIR CHILD, SAY, 6 YEARS OLD -- CLIMB ON TOP OF A TANK. WE ARE KIND OF REPULSED BY THIS IDEA. IT'S TOO VIOLENT. THIS LITTLE CHILD, HANGING AROUND ON TOP OF A TANK. BUT THEN WE GET THE FLEET WEEK AND IT'S A SHIP AND IT'S GOT ALL KINDS OF FLAGS ON IT. AND IT'S REALLY KIND OF COOL. BUT IT'S ALSO A KILLING MACHINE. A NAVY SHIP IS A KILLING MACHINE. I SPENT NINE YEARS ON THEM. WE KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND THEN WE WENT BACK TO VIRGINIA AND HAD FLEET WEEK WITH ALL THE KIDS. IT'S A VERY SUBTLE WAY TO GET YOU TO NOT BE AGAINST WAR. YOU USE THE WORDS. BUT THEY GOT YOU.

AND WE SPEND MONEY TO SUPPORT IT. AND THEY GOT YOU. SO, DON'T BE FOOLED. THINK ABOUT THESE, THOSE SHIPS THAT COME IN, EVEN IF THEY'RE COAST GUARD SHIPS, SUPPORT A KILLING MACHINE THAT'S NEVER BEEN SEEN IN HISTORY. WE ARE THE TOP KILLING MACHINE OF ANYBODY. AND THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE THE FIVE HIGHEST PEOPLE THAT SPEND MONEY ON KILLING MACHINES. AND WE SPEND MORE MONEY THAN THE OTHER FOUR COMBINED. HOW'S THAT FOR STANDING? HOW'S THAT STANDING UP FOR THAT? HOW ABOUT THOMAS PANE? HE'D LOVE THAT ONE. SO WHEN YOU SEE FLEET WEEK, THINK ABOUT THAT. YOU'RE BEING FOOLED. YOU'RE BEING CONNED. IT'S NOT PATRIOTISM IT'S MURDER.

Shalo Franklin: I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT RACISM IN OUR SCHOOLS. WE DON'T FEEL SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES OR OUR SCHOOLS. WHEN WE GO TO STAFF OR PRINCIPALS, THEY DON'T WANT TO LISTEN. THEY WANT TO TELL US RACISM DOES NOT HAPPEN ANYMORE, BUT TRUST AND BELIEVE THAT IT DOES STILL HAPPEN. WHEN WE WENT TO SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WERE GOING TO DO TO KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE, IT DIDN'T TURN OUT SO WELL. BRICE ANDERSON COMPARED IMMIGRANTS TO MURDERERS AND THEY SET THE POLICIES. I'M ASKING FOR LEADERS AT OUR SCHOOL. I SEE NO BLACK TEACHERS AND NO FEMALE TEACHERS OF COLOR AND WHEN RACISM DOES HAPPEN, WE HAVE NOBODY WHO IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO OUR STORIES. WE HAVE A PETITION WITH ABOUT 800 VOTES TO DECLARE BRICE ANDERSON'S RESIGNATION. I'LL BE DELIVERING IT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW. IF OUR TOP LEADERS ARE RACIST, HOW CAN WE EVER HOPE TO FEEL SAFE? [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU TELL US WHAT SCHOOL YOU GO TO?

Shalo Franklin: DAVID DOUGLAS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING. IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR YOUR TESTIMONY.

**R.1 Resolution Approving the Chair's Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for Submittal to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. Presenter: Michael Jaspin, Budget Director.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R.1. DO YOU WANT TO COME UP. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT MY FY '18 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT REPRESENTS ONE OF MY GREATEST CHALLENGES SO FAR. WHEN I LOOK BACK OVER THE THREE YEARS I HAVE BEEN CHAIR, I'M INSPIRED BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S SUCCESS IN TACKLING IN SURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE SHELTERED AND HOUSED HOMELESS FAMILIES. WE EXPANDED PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, EXTENDING CARE TO THOUSANDS.

WE LAUNCHED AN AGGRESSIVE REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE BRIDGES. THROUGHOUT, WE MAINTAINED STRONG, FISCAL POLICIES THAT HAVE INSURED THAT OUR BUDGET IS BALANCED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. STATE AND FEDERAL COMMITMENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY ARE UNCERTAIN. WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT HOUSING, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE. IT BUILDS ON OUR PROGRESS IN THESE KEY AREAS AND DIRECTS COUNTY DOLLARS. MY TIME HAS PROVEN TO ME THAT WE NEED TO INVEST IN PEOPLE, NOT MORE PROCESS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE PEOPLE FACING CHALLENGES UNTIL THEY END UP IN JAIL, A COSTLY EMERGENCY ROOM OR

SHELTER BED. WE NEED TO SAVE LIVES AND RECOVER HOPE. TOWARD THAT END, I HAVE ASKED EACH DEPARTMENT TO COMB THROUGH THEIR BUDGET AND OFFER UP SAVINGS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND ASKED DEPARTMENTS TO EXAMINE EACH PROGRAM FOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS OR FINE OUT WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS BEING PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS. WE MUST PUT AT THE CENTER OF OUR WORK, THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE.

Chair Kafoury: THIS BUDGET CREATE AS ROAD MAP FOR DOING THAT. IT MEANS THAT SOME POSITIONS AND PROGRAMS WILL NOT REMAIN. THESE ARE DIFFICULT DECISIONS TO MAKE. BUT I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE HOPEFUL THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN RISE TO THE CHALLENGE. I'M CONFIDENT, WHEN WE ARE DETERMINED AND THOUGHTFUL, WE WILL EMERGE. I'M GOING TO START WITH HOUSING BECAUSE IT IS SO FUNDAMENTAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS BUDGET MAINTAINS OUR WORK IN THE JOINT OF OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. LAST YEAR, THE CITY AND THE COUNTY ADDED \$20 MILLION TO THIS EFFORT. DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF PUBLICALLY-FUNDED SHELTER BEDS AND INCREASING OUR INVESTMENT IN GETTING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AND KEEPING PEOPLE FROM LOSING THEIR HOUSES. 25,000 WERE SERVED. MORE THAN 6,600 ACCESSED EMERGENCY SHELTER. MORE THAN 5,200 WERE PREVENTED FROM LOSING THEIR HOME AND 4,600 PEOPLE WERE CONNECTED.

IT ADDS ADDITIONAL SERVICES, TO HELP MORE CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THEIR PARENTS. THIS BUDGET FUNDS A LOCAL HOUSING VOUCHER PILOT, WHICH WILL ALLOW FAMILIES AND SENIORS TO MAINTAIN HOUSING, EVEN IF THEY FACE A RENT HIKE OR A MEDICAL CRISIS. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES A NEW EVICTION OUTREACH EFFORT, CONNECTING TENANTS TO THE RESOURCES THEY NEED SO THEY CAN KEEP THEIR HOUSING, INSTEAD OF BEING FORCED TO SLEEP ON THE CAR OR IN THE STREETS. INTERVENTION AND CRISIS RESPONSE ARE A CRITICAL PART. THE BEST INTERVENTION COMES BEFORE THE CRISIS STRIKES AND THIS IS TRUE WHEN IT COMES TO OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THIS BUDGET MAINTAINS THE SUN INITIATIVE.

IT HELPS US RESPOND QUICKLY AND THOUGHTFULLY TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHEN FAMILIES AT THE APARTMENTS FACED RENT INCREASES OF UP TO 100%, OUR PROVIDERS WERE ABLE TO STEP IN AND HELP THE 26 CHILDREN WHO WERE THREATENED FROM MOVING AWAY FROM THEIR SCHOOL AT A CRITICAL TIME. THEY WERE ABLE TO STAY PUT BECAUSE OF THE WORK WE'VE DONE. THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH THE CITY OF GRESHAM TO INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES. CONTINUING THE COUNTY'S FOCUS ON PUTTING THE RESOURCES WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED THE MOST. PART OF THAT IS RESPONDING WHEN THE COMMUNITY CALLS FOR HELP. I'VE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM FAMILIES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS, A

CONSISTENT CALL FOR MORE HELP FOR OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DEEP TRAUMA. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES A NEW INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, FURTHER OUR COLLABORATION WITH TEACHERS, IMPROVING OUR OUTREACH AND BRINGING IN ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND RESOURCES. WE ARE WORKING TO CHANGE HOW OUR ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS WORK. A VARIETY OF EXISTING PROGRAMS PROVIDE RENT ASSISTANCE OR HOME VISITING BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.

Chair Kafoury: WE MUST BETTER-ALIGN AND COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS SO WE BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. THIS INCLUDES NEW INVESTMENTS, BUILDING ON THE HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE, TO IMPROVE BIRTH OUTCOMES AND LONG-TERM HEALTH. BY LAYERING THIS WORK WITH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY AND HEALTH SERVICES, FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATE WILL ALSO HAVE IMPROVED ACCESS TO CASE MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL EDUCATION, HOUSING STABILITY AND WORKFORCE SUPPORTS. IN MARCH, DISABILITY RIGHTS OREGON RELEASES A SCATHING REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF OUR COUNTY JAILS, PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON THE PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. I DIRECTED HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, JOANN FULLER, TO HELP AND INCREASE ACCESS TO TREATMENT AND RECOVERY FOR PEOPLE IN JAIL. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES NEW FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AT THE JAIL BOOKING AREA TO IMPROVE COORDINATION FOR INDIVIDUALS LEAVING THE JAIL.

TO EXPAND CLINIC HOURS AND DIRECTED OUR CORRECTIONS LEADERSHIP TO WORK WITH JAIL COMMAND STAFF TO INSURE THAT THE CARE PROVIDED IN JAIL IS TIMELY. I WANT TO THANK SHERIFF MIKE REESE FOR COMING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE FINDINGS IN THIS REPORT. WHILE THESE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, WE KNOW THAT JAIL IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR TREATING INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. WE BEGAN MOVING PUBLIC SAFETY DOLLARS AWAY FROM JAIL BEDS TOWARD PROGRAMS. ONE OF THE EFFORTS IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION PROGRAM, BETTER KNOWN AS LEAD. LEAD WILL ALLOW POLICE AND PROSECUTORS TO DIVERT PEOPLE WITH A LOW-LEVEL DRUG POSSESSION CHARGE INTO TREATMENT IN STEAD OF JAIL. IT SHOULD HELP US TACKLE THE WIDESPREAD DISPARITIES WE SEE IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THESE ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED. DIVERSION, ACCESS TO SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS.

THAT'S WHY I'VE PROPOSED WE DEDICATE UP TO 50 NEW POSITIONS FOR JUVENILES INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WITH THE UNCERTAINTY THAT WE FACE TODAY, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR BUDGET IS BALANCED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THIS BUDGET INCLUDES \$25 MILLION TO REPLACE OUR UNSAFE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. SPENDING ON THIS TODAY, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE BILLS, SAVES US MONEY. \$2.7 MILLION FOR OUR MOST

VITAL PROGRAMS, AS FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS RAMP DOWN. IT'S NOT CLEAR TODAY WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT WILL BE FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGETS, BUT IT'S CLEAR WE NEED TO PLAN FOR CUTS. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS BUDGET HAS INVOLVED MANY DIFFICULT CHOICES. AND IT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME TO HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OFFERING THEIR VOICES AND OVERSIGHT TO THIS PROCESS.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONERS SHARON MEIERAN, SHARETTA BUTCHER, JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON FOR THEIR STEADFAST COMMITMENT. THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION IS A VITAL PART OF THE SUCCESS AT THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF MIKE REESE. AND AS MUCH AS THIS BUDGET NEEDS THE COMMISSION TO MAKE IT A REALITY, IT WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT MIKE JASPIN AND HIS TEAM. MY STAFF AND ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS. THEY HAVE ALL PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS REVIEWING PROGRAM HOURS, COUNTING AND RECOUNTING AND COUNTING AND RECOUNTING. THE BUDGET IS A PRODUCT OF THAT DILIGENCE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. FOR SOME OF YOU, THE FINANCIAL IMPACT WILL BE VERY DIRECT. WHILE DEPARTMENTS HAVE TRIED TO DIRECT CUTS TOWARD VACANT POSITIONS, THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN POSSIBLE. THE SACRIFICE THAT THIS BUDGET IS ASKING MANY TO TAKE AND I DO NOT TAKE THAT LIGHTLY. I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE, AND THEIR DAILY CONTRIBUTIONS. YOU MAKE PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER AND WE OWE OUR EMPLOYEES GRATITUDE AND RESPECT. THANK YOU.

Mike Jaspin: GOOD MORNING, MIKE JASPIN, THE COUNTY'S BUDGET DIRECTOR. YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FY '18 BUDGET AND SUBMIT THAT DOCUMENT TO THE TAX SUPERVISING COMMISSION. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET ACCOMPLISHED TWO VERY IMPORTANT STEPS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. IT INSURES THAT WE MEET THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL LAWS. AND IT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO BEGIN ITS PUBLIC DELIBERATION PROCESS ON THE BUDGET. A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE, AFTER THE BUDGET HAS BEEN APPROVED, NO FUND CAN BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10%. NOR MAY PROPERTY TAX ESTIMATES BE INCREASED. APPROVEMENT DOES NOT IMPLY AGREEMENT, NOR WITH THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. THIS SIMPLY ALLOWS MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO MEET A TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT OF OREGON BUDGET LAW. NEXT WEEK, WE'LL START FIVE WEEKS OF BOARD WORK SESSIONS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THREE EVENING PUBLIC HEARINGS, WEDNESDAY APRIL 26 FROM 6 TO 8PM. WEDNESDAY MAY 4 AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILDING AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 AT THE EAST COUNTY BUILDING FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTED. NOW WE WILL RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT.

**R.2 Resolution Approving the Multnomah County Library District's Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for Submittal to the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission. Presenter: Vailey Oehlke, Department Director**

Vailey Oehlke: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY.

Chair Kafoury: I NEED A MOTION. COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Vailey Oehlke: I ALWAYS DO THAT, MY APOLOGIES. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. WITH ME IS BECKY COB, OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR. I'D LIKE TO JUST NOTE THAT THIS IS BECKY'S LAST TIME BEFORE YOU, COVERING OUR BUDGET, AS SHE IS RETIRING IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. SO, I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO BECKY FOR ALL OF HER WORK OVER THE MANY YEARS SHE'S WORKED ON BEHALF OF THE LIBRARY. SO IT'S A PLEASURE TO BRING THIS BUDGET BEFORE YOU. THIS IS THE FIFTH ANNUAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET SINCE 26143 IN 2012, ESTABLISHING THE LIBRARY DISTRICT. THE LIBRARY DISTRICT CONTINUES THE FY17 TAX RATE OF \$1.18, RATHER THAN THE FULL RATE OF \$1.24. BASED ON PROJECTION, \$1.18 WILL GENERATE ADEQUATE REVENUE. THE DISTRICT TAX EXPECTED TO BRING IN \$79.2 MILLION, COMBINED WITH OTHER FINES, FEES.

IT IS PROJECTED AT \$81.2 MILLION. \$79.2 MILLION IS BUDGETED FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY FUND. BASED ON THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND BUDGET OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS, \$.5 MILLION IS PLACED IN CONTINGENCY AND 10% OF THE EXPECTED TAX REVENUE IS PLACED IN THE FUND BALANCE AS THE DISTRICT'S RESERVE. AGAIN, AS YOU KNOW, THE LIBRARY RECEIVES NO ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY IS A DYNAMIC INSTITUTION, EXISTING BY DESIGN IN A CONTINUAL STATE OF CHANGE AND ITERATION. AS OUR COMMUNITY GROWS AND BEDMS MORE DIVERSE, THE LIBRARY WILL FIND NEW WAYS TO EMPOWER THIS COMMUNITY TO LEARN AND TO CREATE. THANKS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT, THE LIBRARY'S ABLE TO OFFER RESPONSIVE SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND PEOPLE THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY. I WANT TO THANK YOU, ALL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR ENGAGEMENT, AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT I DO HAVE A COMMENT. THANK YOU, AND YOUR STAFF, AND THE LIBRARY, FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU ALL DO FOR US IN THE ENTIRE LIBRARY SYSTEM. I BELIEVE THAT LIBRARIES ARE A CRUCIAL PART TO OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE SOMEWHAT SANCTUARIES FOR OUR MINDS AND OUR BODIES. LIBRARY'S HELP OPEN MIND AND EXPAND HORIZONS, FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD. LIBRARIES PROVIDE A WARM PLACE IN THE WINTERTIME WHEN THE WEATHER STRIKES. SO I'M SO VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU AND THE STAFF FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SERVING ALL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO INSURE THAT OUR LIBRARIES RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING A CENTRAL SERVICE AND I THINK WE TOOK CARE OF THAT WITH THE LIBRARY DISTRICT. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

Vailey Oehlke: THANK YOU SO MUCH, COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Becky Cobb: GOOD MORNING, BECKY COB. THIS WILL SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO APPROVE THE FY2018 LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET AND DIRECT US TO SUBMIT THAT DOCUMENT TO THE COMMISSION BY MAY 15 IN ORDER TO MEET OREGON BUDGET LAW REQUIREMENTS. IT COMES WITH THE SAME CAVEATS. THE DISTRICT FUND MAY NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10%. THIS BUDGET IS ALSO POSTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, THIS WILL BE BITTERSWEET, GOING THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROCESS. BECKY, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL LEADER AT THE COUNTY AND LIBRARIES AND WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU.

Becky Cobb: YOU'LL SEE ME AGAIN. [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS? GREAT. I THINK THERESA HAD SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THE LAST ONE AND WE MISSED HER. DO YOU WANT TO COME UP TO GIVE TESTIMONY ON THIS ONE, AS WELL?

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: I'LL BE BRIEF. CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT, ESPECIALLY WHAT COMMISSIONER SMITH TOUCHED UPON, THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY -- I DON'T KNOW, IT'S EVEN SOMETHING BETTER, BUT RISKIER THAN BALLET IN BALANCES IN SERVICES AND SHELTER, TO HOMELESS AND EXTREME POVERTY PEOPLE THAT THE LIBRARY, IT'S KNOWN THEY PERFORM THAT FUNCTION AND THEY'RE WORKING TO FIND WAYS TO GRASP WAYS TO PERFECT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY HAVE A TEAM OF OUTREACH WORK LIBRARIANS AND ACCESS SERVICE PEOPLE THAT GO TO HOMELESS SITES AND NIGHT STRIKE UNDER THE BRIDGE. THEY COORDINATE A TEAM. EVEN THOUGH -- NOW, THE LIBRARY BOARD, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW

LIBRARY DISTRICT WE CREATED. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE HAD FULL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR POVERTY AND THE LIBRARY WOULDN'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A LIFELINE. EVEN THOUGH, AS BUDGET -- IN CONVERSATIONS WITH DIRECTOR VAILEY AND OTHERS, OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE IN HIGH DEMAND BUT I THINK THE PEOPLE THAT WORK SECURITY, WHETHER IT'S STAFF OR FRED OR OTHERS WOULD LOVE IF WE COULD BUILD GREATER SYNCHRONICITY BETWEEN THE DISTRESSED PATRONS AND LOOK AT IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD SERVICE DENIALS AND WORK WITH CASCADIA. SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH THE BAN. I KNOW THAT SOME LIBRARY STAFF IS ABLE TO DO THAT, BUT THEY HAVE A VERY FULL PLATE SO IF WE CAN FIND MORE ROOM FOR SYNCHRONICITY AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO USE LIBRARY, TO GET THEM BACK IN. YESTERDAY, THE ROSE FESTIVAL PEOPLE CAME TO PRESENT. I HAD TO READ A LOCAL HEADLINE THAT SAYS, ESSENTIALLY, ROSE COURT MEMBER DIES OF HYPOTHERMIA, ONE BLOCK FROM THE LIBRARY. OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S STILL WORK FOR US TO PERFECT. THANKS FOR ALL THE LIBRARY STAFF, CAN'T NAME THEM ALL.

Chair Kafoury: TRACY, YOU'RE UP.

Teresa Railford: I WAS SITTING NEXT TO HER SO I'M GOING TO HAVE HER SIT THERE SO I CAN KEEP MY PROMISE AND FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS THERESA, I'M A NATIVE OREGONIAN, CURRENTLY, I'M THE LEAD ORGANIZER OF A SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT, WHICH IS CALLED DON'T SHOOT PORTLAND AND WE'RE ANTI-VIOLENCE, HUNGER, ILLITERACY. ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS WAS AT THE LIBRARY, I LIVED AROUND THE CORNER, WHERE THERE WAS A SHOOTING AND WE HELD A RALLY THERE AND I REMEMBER ASKING LORETTA IF SHE WOULD COME OUT AND SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE AND SHE DENIED THAT OPPORTUNITY. I'M HERE, AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, THAT DOES STAND UP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DOES BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR VALUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

THEIR VALUE IN THE PROCESS, THE POLICY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION, HAVING ACCESS TO THOSE TYPES OF ASSETS. THE MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN OUR STATE HAVE BEEN UTILIZED AS COMMODITY. WE CAN LOOK AT ANY AUDITS THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PROCLAMATION OR THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BUDGET, ALL OF THOSE DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES DETERMINE THAT JUST BY THE PURPOSE OF ME BEING A BROWN PERSON, THAT I AM HARMFUL OR A HEALTH-RELATED DISADVANTAGE OR AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE CALLED AT-RISK. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S TRUE BUT WHEN YOU MANDATE POLICY AND LEGISLATION, THAT HAS TO IDENTIFY ME AS A PERSON THAT IS DISADVANTAGED, THAT I MIGHT ALSO BECOME CRIMINALIZED AND THAT IS WHY WE CALL US, BROWN PEOPLE, MARGINALIZED AND SO AS COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOARD CHAIR, WHAT I WOULD ASK, IN RELATIVELY TO THE BUDGET AND ALSO THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THAT YOU GUYS

MAKE THE SUGGESTION THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DISPARITIES, YOU USE AUDITS AND YOU INVESTIGATION AND YOU USE INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS, LIKE WHAT USED AGAINST ROY TO NOT CONTINUE TO GIVE FOCUS AND FEDERAL DOLLARS TO THE SAME ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THOSE DISPARITIES AND WHY WE MIGHT THINK THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR WOULD NOT DO THAT, THE MALICIOUS INTENT IS NOT IN THEIR PURPOSE IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY, IT'S IN THE LEGISLATIVE MANDATES. MAKE SURE YOU USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AUDIT EVERY RELATIONSHIP TO SEE ITS TRUE VALUE AND CORE FOR OUTCOMES, PLEASE.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE BUDGET.

Teresa Railford: HE'S SAYING IT WILL BE COMPLETED ON THE 15 AND THE COMMENT IS BETWEEN THE 4TH AND 6TH. THAT'S WHAT YOU DID WITH LEAD, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO START IT IN THE SUMMER AND IT DIDN'T START UNTIL THE FALL. DON'T RUSH THIS AND BYPASS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T PUT OURSELVES IN ANOTHER POSITION.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

Teresa Railford: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET? ARE YOU DONE? WE'RE READY TO VOTE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

Vailey Oehlke: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE WILL ADJOURN AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**R.3 Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance Adopting the City of Portland Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan Elements. Presenters: Michael Cerbone, Multnomah County Planning Director, and Eric Engstrom, City of Portland Principal Planner**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS, APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

Michael Cerbone: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, I'M MICHAEL CERBONE. I HAVE AL BURNS. THE REQUEST BEFORE YOU IS A SECOND READING THAT WOULD APPROVE AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OR

WHAT WE REFER TO AS OUR URBAN POCKETS. IT IS PART OF AN AGREEMENT WE REACHED WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND IN THE 90S TO SEED AUTHORITY FOR LAND USE PLANNING TO THOSE URBAN POCKETS TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? I THINK WE'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE, SO WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING BACK AGAIN TODAY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR -- WE DON'T HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENE AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE MID-COUNTY STREET LIGHTING SERVICE DISTRICT NUMBER 14.

**R.4 Acting as the Mid-County Street Lighting Service District No. 14 - Authorizing the County Chair to Execute a Purchase Agreement with Portland General Electric (PGE) for Street Lights, Poles, and Circuits. Presenters: Tom Hansell, Finance Manager; and, Chet Hagen, Program Manager**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.4.

Tom Hansell: GOOD MORNING. TOM HANSELL, CHET HAGEN JOINS ME AS WELL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. AS THE AGENDA READS, WE ARE ASKING FOR THE GOVERNING BODY'S APPROVAL OF THE MID-COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC. HOW WE GOT TO THIS ASK IS A RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF PROGRESSION ON THE DESIGN AND TYPE OF STREET LIGHTS WE HAVE SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE ADVENT OF LIGHT-EMITTED DIODES BECAME PREVALENT IN MOST ALL RESIDENTIAL AND ROADWAY APPLICATIONS. PGE HAS RETHOUGHT HOW THEY'VE WANTED TO MANAGE RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENTS AND ENTITIES THAT THEY CREATED A NEW RATE TARIFF WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION WHICH FORCED OUR HAND TO MAKE AN ACTION TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY OWNED.

THE EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF STREET LIGHTS. THE NUMBER OF STREET LIGHT S IS 11 STREET LIGHTS, 69 POLES AND A SPAN OF CIRCUITRY. OUR PREFERENCE WAS TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP OF PG OWNING THIS EQUIPMENT, BUT AS A RESULT OF THE NEW RATE TARIFF, WE'RE REQUIRED TO OWN IT. IT IS \$35,000. THE BUDGET WILL BE BOURN BY THE LIGHTING DISTRICT. IT WON'T BE COMING OUT OF THE COUNTY OR TRANSPORTATION FUND. THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS WITH THIS IN RECEIPT OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE'RE ACQUIRING, THE NOTE WAS AS-IS CONDITION SO I WANTED TO ELEVATE THIS. WE ARE AWARE OF THE EQUIPMENT. WE'VE DONE FIELD

INSPECTIONS. MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT WE'RE ACQUIRING IS AT END OF LIFE IN THE WAY OF THE STREET LIGHTS AND POLES. WE'RE AWARE OF THE CONDITION AND WE'RE PREPARED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MITIGATE AND RESOLVE. THE CIRCUITS ARE FINE. THE L.E.D. STREET LIGHTS WILL BE REPLACING THE CURRENT LIGHTS THAT EXIST ON THE POLES TODAY. SO THIS IS REALLY A PROCEDURAL STEP FOR US TO COMPLETE OUR ACTIONS OF MOVING TO L.E.D. STREET LIGHTS TWO YEARS GO AND THAT ACTION WAS A RESULT OF THE EFFICIENCIES THAT WE WERE GAINING THROUGH A LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION. CHET AND I ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THIS QUESTION?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: WILL WE DO THIS WORK IN-HOUSE OR IS IT RFP?

Chet Hagen: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, THIS IS CHET HAGEN. WITH THE -- IN REGARDING TO THE MID-COUNTY STREET LIGHTING, WE WORKED WITH A CITY OF PORTLAND CONTRACT. ACTUALLY, ALMOST ALL THOSE LIGHTS ARE INSTALLED. AND WE'RE JUST NOW FINISHING UP THAT PROCESS BY BUYING THESE POLES, LIGHTS AND CIRCUITS.

Commissioner Smith: SO THIS IS A CONTINUATION SO THAT WE CAN PUT THIS LAST PIECE ON SO THERE IS AN RFP CONTRACTOR WHO WILL PUT THIS ON? OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Stegmann: JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. SO, THIS IS A REQUIREMENT, IS THAT CORRECT?

Tom Hansell: IT IS. THE RATE TARIFF -- SO, THE HIGH PRESSURE LAMP IS THE OLD STYLE, KIND OF A GLOWING AMBER LIGHT, DATING BACK TO HIGH-PRESSURE SODIUM. THE MOVEMENT TO L.E.D.S, PGE TOOK AWAY AN OPTION B CATEGORY WHERE THE JURISDICTIONS OWNED THE EQUIPMENT AND THEY HIRED PGE TO MAINTAIN THE ENERGIZE. THE OPTION A IS PGE OWNS THE EQUIPMENT AND MAINTAINS THE EQUIPMENT. WE LEASE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FROM THEM. OPTION C, WHICH WE ARE MOVING TOWARD, IS A RESULT WE OWN AND MAINTAIN AND ACQUIRE REGULATED POWER FROM THE UTILITY. SO, IT'S THE PIECE THAT WE OWN AND MAINTAIN IS THE CATEGORY THAT WE'RE FULFILLING. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PIECES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE UTILITY THAT WE NEED TO REMEDY TO GET FULLY-COMPLIANT WITH THE ACTION TO MOVE TO L.E.D.S. THERE'S SOME RESIDUAL EQUIPMENT WE NEED TO GET OFF THE PGE BOOKS, TO FILL THE MOVE TO THIS NEW OPTION C.

Commissioner Stegmann: WHEN DO WE NEED TO REPLACE THOSE?

Tom Hansell: THE UTILITY POLES WE SEE, THE WOOD POLES -- THE EQUIPMENT WE'RE REQUIRING IS A RESULT OF STREET LIGHT ONLY EQUIPMENT. YOU SEE UTILITY POLES THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY'RE CARRYING COMMUNICATIONS LINES, CABLE AND ELECTRICAL. THE POLES WE'RE REQUIRING ARE SOLELY SUPPORTING LIGHTING. SO THERE'S NO TELEPHONE, NO CABLE. JUST A STREET LIGHT POLE. SO THIS EQUIPMENT, UNDER THE OLD TARIFF, PGE WAS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THAT STUFF. THEY OWN THE EQUIPMENT. AND YOU KNOW, THE LAST THING THEY WANT TO DO IS HAVE A PIECE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT FAIL. FALL DOWN. SO, WE ARE REQUIRING EQUIPMENT THAT HAS BEEN THROUGH A PROCESS OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, WE'RE REQUIRING IT WITH THAT KNOWN MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE SO WE ARE AWARE OF THE LAST INSPECTION, THE LAST INSTALL DATE OF NEW EQUIPMENT, SO WE HAVE A HISTORY OF THAT. AND WE'LL TAKE THE CONSISTENCE ANTS PRACTICE OF POLES AND CIRCUITRY AND TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RESOLVE THOSE REPLACEMENTS. POLES ARE RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE. IT'S BASICALLY A PIECE OF TIMBER AND IT'S DIPPED IN A BATH AND IT'S DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PRETTY INEXPENSIVE. MAYBE TO THE TUNE OF \$800.

Commissioner Stegmann: SO WE'RE TAKING ON THIS EQUIPMENT AND I'M WONDERING WHAT IS THE SCHEDULED PLAN AND WHAT IS THAT GOING TO COST? THIS IS AN EXPENSE THAT WE DIDN'T USED TO HAVE.

Tom Hansell; IN THAT RATE STRUCTURE, WHEN THEY ADD ON THE EQUIPMENT, WE WERE PAYING -- IN OUR UTILITY COST, IN THAT RATE TARIFF, WE WERE PAYING THAT PREMIUM OF POLE REPLACEMENT SO WE ARE GETTING THE COST OF THAT EQUIPMENT AT -- AT THE VALUE IT'S VALUED AT. IN OUR NEW TARIFF, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LOWERED TO A UTILITY COST ONLY AND THE SAVINGS, THE DISTRICT WILL BE EXPERIENCING MOVING FORWARD AND THE PURCHASE PRICE WAS PREDICATED ON THE ASSET REPLACEMENT FUNDS SO THEY DISCOUNTED THE POLES, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WERE FUNDS SET ASIDE. MANY OF THE POLES WERE SET AT \$1. WE'RE RECEIVING THE BENEFIT OF THAT EQUIPMENT.

Chet Hagen: COMMISSIONER, WE HAVE REDUCED OUR OPERATIONAL COSTS BY ALMOST 50%, 60% FROM JUST THE ENERGY, THAT'S THE MAIN COST DRIVER, BUT THOSE THE REDUCTIONS IN OPERATIONS COSTS WILL HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE TO GET THOSE ON A PROPER REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE AGREEMENTS IS APPROVED. WE WILL NOW ADJOURN AS MID-COUNTY STREET LIGHTING

STREET SERVICE AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**R.5 Authorizing the County Chair to Execute a Purchase Agreement with Portland General Electric (PGE) for Street Lights, Poles, and Circuits. Presenters: Tom Hansell, Finance Manager; and, Chet Hagen, Program**

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS.

Tom Hansell: VERY SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS ACTION. THIS IS WITH THE TRANSPORTATION ROAD SYSTEM SO THESE STREET LIGHTS -- THIS IS ONE STREET LIGHT, NINE STREET LIGHT POLES AND A LITTLE UNDER 1,000 FEET OF CIRCUITRY. TRANSPORTATION EXERCISED THE DECISION TO MOVE TO L.E.D. SOLUTIONS, TO BENEFIT FROM THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT MOVEMENT. SO, THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW US TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS TO MOVE TO THIS NEW OPTION, THIS IS MORE HOUSEKEEPING, BUT IT GETS US IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW TARIFF WE'RE OPERATING UNDER.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED.

**R.6 Board Briefing on County Ethical Culture Survey Results. Presenters: Dr. Steve March, County Auditor; Frances Davison; and, Jennifer McGuirk .**

Steve March: GOOD MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Steve March: TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

Chair Kafoury: YOU DON'T WANT TO FOLLOW THE B.R.A.V.E. YOUTH. [LAUGHTER]

Steve March: FOR IN RECORD, MY NAME IS STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR. WITH ME IS FRANCES DAVISON AND JENNIFER MCGUIRK, TWO SENIOR AUDITORS WITH THE OFFICE. ETHICS ARE MORE THAN LAWS WRITTEN ON THE BOOKS OR POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN DOWN. ETHICS ARE PART OF THE CULTURE OF AN ORGANIZATION. PART OF ITS FIBER. AND I BELIEVE AT ITS HEART, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND ITS EMPLOYEES, ARE ETHICAL. THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY CONCERNS A STRONG ETHICAL CULTURE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN IMPROVE IN SOME CASES, THE EMPLOYEES WOULD

LIKE TO GO BEYOND THE CODE, HAVE A STRICTER OR A HIGHER LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY AND THEY SUGGEST A DESIRE FOR A HIGHER SENSE OF IDEALS, I THINK, IN SOME CASES. OVERALL, THOUGH, I WOULD SAY THAT IT'S A SOLID, POSITIVE REPORT. WITH SOME ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, AS A RESULT OF THE SURVEY, WE, IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE, HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES WITH REGARD TO IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY TO THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE.

WE'VE MADE SURE IT NOW APPEARS ON THE COMMENTS PAGE AND WE'VE DONE A WEDNESDAY WIRE REPORT AND WE'RE LOOKING AT MORE OUTREACH. SO, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE INVESTIGATE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE REPORTS AND WE INTEND TO FOLLOW-UP WITH A SURVEY IN TWO YEARS, ON THIS, TO SEE WHERE WE ARE IN TWO YEARS. WE APPRECIATE THE VERY STRONG RESPONSE FROM CHAIR KAFOURY, AS WELL AS A STRONG RESPONSE FROM SHERIFF REESE, WHO VOLUNTARILY RESPONDED TO THOSE AREAS WHICH COULD AFFECT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. IT WILL HELP REINFORCE THE CENTRAL PLACE THAT ETHICS HAVE AT THE COUNTY. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO FRAN AND JEN.

Jennifer McGuirk: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M JENNIFER MCGUIRK WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND TALK ABOUT THE FIRST SURVEY. WE ISSUED THE SURVEY LAST FALL, NOVEMBER 29, TO ALL EMPLOYEES. WE KEPT IT OPEN FOR A FEW WEEKS AND CLOSED IT ON DECEMBER 16. ABOUT 40% OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE TOOK THE SURVEY AND THE EMPLOYEE POPULATION THAT TOOK THE SURVEY WAS SIMILAR TO THE WORKFORCE IN TOTAL, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT, GENDER, IDENTITY, RACE, ETHNICITY, UNION STATUS, TENURE AT THE COUNTY AND AGE GROUP. WE CONDUCTED THE SURVEY BECAUSE WE WANTED TO LEARN ABOUT PERCEPTIONS. STRONG ETHICAL CULTURES PRIORITY EMPLOYEE RIGHTS. THESE CULTURES ALSO PROMOTE TOLERANCE, COMPASSION, LOYALTY AND HONESTY. BOTH AMONG EMPLOYEES AND IN HOW WE TREAT THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. WITH THAT, I WILL NOW TURN TO FRAN.

Frances Davidson: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M FRANCES DAVISON WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO TALK YOU ABOUT SURVEY RESULTS. THE COUNTY'S ETHICAL CULTURE IS STRONG. NEARLY ALL SURVEY TAKERS SAID THEY'RE EXPECTED TO TREAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EQUALLY AND A HIGH PERCENTAGE ALSO AGREE THAT COUNTY EXPECTATIONS FOR ETHICAL BEHAVIOR ARE CLEAR. THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES ACROSS DEPARTMENTS AND WE'VE INCLUDED AN APPENDIX. IN THE SURVEY, WE GAVE EMPLOYEES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE COMMENTS AFTER EACH SECTION. THESE COMMENTS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS INTO RESULTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS IS A REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT RELATED TO THE ETHICAL CULTURE, I'M IMPRESSED WITH ETHICAL SENSIBILITY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THEY SEEM TO GENUINELY IDENTIFY WITH THE ROLE OF PUBLIC

SERVANT AND REFLECT ON THE ETHICS THAT ENTAILS. OTHER EMPLOYEE COMMENTS ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON ETHICAL ISSUES AND SOME CALLED FOR MORE DEFINITION AROUND EXPECTATIONS. WHEN WE ASK QUESTIONS RELATED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE FOUND THAT A MAJORITY SAID THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS FOR HIGH STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. LESS THAN HALF SAY AN ENVIRONMENT IS CREATED FOR RAISES ETHICAL CONCERNS AND LESS THAN HALF SAID THEY DEMONSTRATE STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. RESULT FOR THE QUESTIONS ARE ACROSS THE BOARD.

Frances Davidson: YOU'LL NOTICE THAT WE RECEIVED VERY HIGH LEVELS OF NEUTRAL AND DON'T KNOW RESPONSES. POINTING TO AREAS WHERE EMPLOYEES MAY BE UNCERTAIN OR HAVE LIMITED AWARENESS OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. THIS CAN IMPACT EMPLOYEE MORALE. SOME COMMENTS SHOWED THAT CURRENT PERCEPTIONS ARE INFLUENCED BY ETHICAL RELATIONSHIPS BY FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS. A FEW PEOPLE SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE MAY BE DISCONNECTED FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. OUR FINDINGS INDICATE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN DO MORE. ONE EMPLOYEE COMMENTED, WE DON'T GET A LOT OF CONTACT WITH OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS OR KNOW WHAT THEIR VIEWS ARE ON ETHICAL CONDUCT OR CONCERNS. ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE TONE AT THE TOP, THROUGH CAREFUL COMMUNICATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES. WHEN WE ASK ABOUT SUPERVISORS, A MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES SAID THEIR SUPERVISORS WERE ETHICAL. SOME PEOPLE SAY THEY NEED TO MAKE IT MORE COMFORTABLE TO RAISE THEIR CONCERNS ON ISSUES RELATED TO ETHICS.

SOME COMMENTED ABOUT HAVING PROBLEMS TALKING TO THEIR SUPERVISORS ABOUT TALKING ABOUT MANY ISSUES. WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT REPORTING, WE LEARNED THAT THIS IS AN AREA THAT NEEDS SOME ATTENTION. SOME EMPLOYEES ARE UNCERTAIN AND A FEW CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTING POTENTIAL ETHICAL VIOLATIONS. THIS QUESTION SET ABOUT REPORTING RECEIVED THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF DISAGREEMENT THROUGHOUT THE SURVEY. POINTING TO AN AREA THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. REPORTING CAN BE DIFFICULT AND THESE FINDINGS INDICATE THAT EMPLOYEES NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO REPORT, WHERE TO REPORT THEIR CONCERNS AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DO REPORT AND HOW REPORTS ARE HANDLED. A FEW EXPRESSED A FEAR OF REPORTING AND CONCERNS OF BACKLASH OR RETALIATION. OTHERS SAID THEY HAD NO CLEAR PATH TO REPORT THEIR CONCERNS, SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT MANAGEMENT. OF THIS COMMENT, IT ILLUSTRATES SOME EMPLOYEES DON'T FEEL THEY HAVE A PLACE TO REPORT THEIR CONCERNS, WHERE THE ISSUE WILL BE LOOKED AT. IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO REPORT ISSUES WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS NOT BEING DONE BY AN EXTERNAL, NEUTRAL INVESTIGATORS. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DEVELOP CLEAR INVESTIGATION SYSTEM AND LET EMPLOYEES KNOW THAT THEY'RE

BEING HEARD AND THEIR CONCERNS WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. ONE WAY THAT EMPLOYEES THEY CAN COMPLAIN IS THROUGH THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE. THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE MANAGES THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE. EMPLOYEES CAN REPORT CONCERNS OF FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE OF COUNTY RESOURCES.

Frances Davidson: THROUGH THE SURVEY, WE LEARNED THAT LESS THAN HALF OF RESPONDENTS SAID THEY KNEW HOW TO REPORT TO THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE AND AS STEVE MENTIONED, WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS THIS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, WE'VE TRIED TO EDUCATE EMPLOYEES BY DOING SOME PRESENTATIONS TO SOME EMPLOYEE GROUPS AND PUTTING A LINK ON THE COMMENTS FRONT PAGE AND THE WEDNESDAY WIRE AND WE PLAN TO DO MORE TO PROMOTE THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE. BUT TO BE CLEAR, THE HOTLINE IS NOT THE RIGHT MECHANISM TO REPORT ALL TYPES OF ETHICAL ISSUES. IT'S NOT TYPICALLY A PLACE TO REPORT PERSONAL-RELATED CONCERNS. WHEN WE RECEIVE PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS, WE GENERALLY TURN THEM OVER TO DEPARTMENT HR STAFF. NOW I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO JENNIFER TO TALK ABOUT ADDITIONAL FINDINGS AND OUR RECOMMENDATION.

Jennifer McGuirk: THANK YOU, FRANCES. WE ASKED ABOUT THE CODE OF ETHICS. MOST EMPLOYEES KNOW HOW TO APPLY IT TO THEIR JOB. 71% SAID THEY READ THE ENTIRE CODE EVERY YEAR AT THE TIME WE DO OUR REQUIRED REVIEW. I WANT TO NOTE, THAT WE LEARNED THAT SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE'S ARE NOT REQUIRED AND SO THEY'RE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES. WE ALSO INCLUDED A SERIES OF ETHICAL DILEMMAS TO GAUGE PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE CODE. THE MORE COMPLICATED, THE LESS LIKELY IT IS THAT THE CODE ADDRESSES THEM. SO THERE MAY BE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE CODE IN THAT WAY. THERE'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO CLARIFY WHERE EMPLOYEES CAN FIND HELP WITH ETHICAL ISSUES. MANY SAID THEY WEREN'T SURE OR DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO TO FIND HELP.

SOME OF THE ASSISTANCE EMPLOYEES NEED COULD COME THROUGH MORE TRAINING AND DISCUSSION. 58% OF EMPLOYEES SAID THEY'D RECEIVED SOME ETHICS TRAINING IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, MOST RECEIVED AS THEIR NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION OR THE E-MODEL ON ETHICS. IT'S NOT ONGOING TRAINING. ONGOING TRAINING ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO ENGAGE IN REGULAR DISCUSSION ABOUT ETHICAL DILEMMAS THAT THEY MIGHT FACE ON-THE-JOB. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TRAINING, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT IN THE CLASSROOM OR ONLINE, BUT BRINGING ETHICS INTO THE COUNTY CONVERSATION. AND, PROVIDING A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT IT IN THEIR DAILY WORK. SO BASED ON ALL THE SURVEY RESULTS THAT FRAN SHARED AND I SHARED, WE CAME UP WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND I'M GOING TO READ THEM. THE COUNTY COULD STRENGTHEN ETHICAL CULTURE THROUGH

ELECTED OFFICIAL OFFICIALS BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH EMPLOYEES AND CREATING ENVIRONMENTS THAT MAKE EMPLOYEES FEEL COMFORTABLE. CAREFULLY STUDYING THE SYSTEM FOR REPORTING, INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGING PEOPLE'S CONCERNS ABOUT RETALIATION AND TAKING STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT RETALIATION WON'T BE TOLERATED. EXAMINING TRAINING OPTIONS AND PROVIDING MORE TRAINING TO EMPLOYEES.

Jennifer McGuirk: IMPROVING EMPLOYEE AWARENESS OF WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THE DISCLOSURE FORM AND HOW TO ACCESS AND USE THE GOOD GOVERNMENT HOTLINE. EXAMINING THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES AND EXAMINING THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR GAPS, SUCH AS ITS DISCUSSION OF SERVICE ON NON-PROFIT BOARDS AND CONSIDERING MAKING THE CODE STRONGER FOR ETHICAL BEHAVIOR. WE RECOMMEND THE CHAIR DIRECT A WORKGROUP OF FRONT LINE STAFF AND MANAGERS TO STUDY BEST-PRACTICES AND ADJUST THE COUNTY'S APPROACH TO ETHICS, INCLUDING A CODE OF ETHICS, AS-NEEDED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Commissioner Smith: I LOOKED AT THE RECOMMENDATION AND I FIRST GOT HERE, I WAS ON THE ELEVATOR WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE I HAD KNOWN BEFORE AND I SAID, COME UP AND SEE ME AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT. AND THEY SAID, WE CAN'T. BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD BY OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, WE CAN'T TALK TO THE COMMISSIONERS. SO, THERE IS A GAP AND I SAID, LOOK, COME AND SEE ME. YOU'RE NOT BOTHERING ME. SO I THINK THERE'S THIS, YOU KNOW, NEED TO HAVE ONE SINGLE LINE OF COMMUNICATION FROM A DEPARTMENT AND THAT COMES FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR SUPERVISOR AND MANAGER AND NOT JUST AN EM EMPLOYEE. I'VE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS, WHEN I TELL PEOPLE TO COME TALK TO ME. THEY SAY, I CAN'T COME TALK TO YOU, I HAVE TO GET PERMISSION FIRST.

Steve March: I DO UNDERSTAND THAT AND I HAVE ACTUALLY MET WITH EMPLOYEES OUTSIDE OF WORK TO KIND OF TAKE CARE OF THAT. USUALLY, THEIR CONCERNS ARE NOT IN -- NOT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AS THE DIRECTION THE DEPARTMENT IS MOVING. IT'S MORE CONCERNS ABOUT, IS THE DEPARTMENT MOVING IN THE DIRECTION WELL? AND, THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE THING TO TALK ABOUT. NOW, I UNDERSTAND MANAGEMENT SOMETIMES IS RELUCTANT AT THAT. THE OTHER PART IS -- AND WE MENTIONED THE WEDNESDAY WIRE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A VERY NICE PIECE ABOUT THE NEW COMMISSIONERS AND THE AREAS OF THEIR INTEREST. AND, THAT WAS A NICE OUT PP REACH. I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE OF THAT, SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. WE'RE USED TO -- I MEAN, I ORIGINALLY WAS ELECTED BY

DISTRICT. MOST OF YOU ARE ELECTED BY DISTRICT SO WE HAVE A CONSTITUENCY IN OUR DISTRICT AND WE FORGET ABOUT THE CONSTITUENCY THAT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES REPRESENT. THEY'RE A CONSTITUENCY, TOO. BECAUSE THEY'RE CARING OUT AND GETTING THE JOB DONE THAT YOU SET THE POLICIES FOR. BEING ABLE TO SET UP THAT COMMUNICATION TO SOME EXTENT IS A WONDERFUL WAY AND PARTICULARLY, AROUND ETHICAL ISSUES. AND I APPRECIATE THE CHAIR'S STRONG RESPONSE ON THAT. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING AT THE ETHICAL CODE AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT POLICE STANDARD CODES, ET CETERA. THERE ARE STEPS WE CAN DO

Commissioner Smith: I'D BE WILLING TO DO A TOWN HALL MEETING. I TRY TO PARTICIPATE IN A LOT OF THE INFINITY GROUPS, THEY HAVE PROGRAM PROGRAMS AND I SPEAK ON THOSE. SO, THEY SHOULDN'T FEEL INTIMIDATED BY, YOU KNOW, STARTING UP A CONVERSATION.

Steve March: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE HAVE SOME WORK TO DO. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND I COME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHERE EMPLOYEES ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS AND I BELIEVE THAT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AS WELL. AND I JUST HAD A GREAT CONVERSATION WITH MARISSA MADRIGAL. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO DEVELOP A CULTURE OF TRUST AND OPENNESS. AND SO THAT'S KIND OF MY PROMISE AND THAT'S THE SUPPORT I'VE RECEIVED FROM MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS IS WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT. WE HAD AN EMPLOYEE E-MAIL OUR DISTRICT OFFICE AND ASK ABOUT SOMETHING IN MY DISTRICT AND IT WAS REALLY REWARDING BECAUSE WE RESPONDED TO HER E-MAIL AND SHE SAID, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER CONTACTED AN ELECTED, AND YOU RESPONDED. SO THAT IS MY PROMISE. IF YOU E-MAIL ME, IF YOU CALL ME, IF YOU COME BY MY OFFICE, I WILL TALK TO YOU AND I WILL ENGAGE WITH YOU. AND I REALIZE THAT AS A NEWER COMMISSIONER, WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO KNOW YOU AND YOU'RE TRYING TO GET TO KNOW US. IT'S A NEW RELATIONSHIP, BUT I JUST WANT ALL THE EMPLOYEES AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO KNOW THAT THAT IS A CULTURE THAT I REALLY PRIZE, THAT'S THE CULTURE I CAME FROM, THE CITY OF GRESHAM I THINK IS ONE OF THE MOST WELL-RUN CITY, OUR CITY MANAGER HAS WORKED HARD ON DEVELOPING A VERY INCLUSIVE, POSITIVE CULTURE AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT'S WHAT GETS US THROUGH, IF WE CAN RELY ON EACH OTHER AND TRUST EACH OTHER. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO MODEL AND IF I'M NOT DOING THAT, THEN YOU ALL SHOULD BE HOLDING ME ACCOUNTABLE AND LETTING ME KNOW. SO I WELCOME THAT FEEDBACK AND I WOULD BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHEN WILL YOU BE DOING ANOTHER SURVEY?

Commissioner Stegmann: SO THAT'S A REALLY LONG TIME. SO JUST IT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT -- I LOVE TO LEARN AND SO HOW DO I BECOME A BETTER COMMISSIONER? AND IF I DON'T GET FEEDBACK, THEN IT'S -- IT'S HARD FOR ME TO KNOW WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT AND WHAT I'M DOING WRONG SO MAYBE I WOULD ASK THE POWERS THAT BE, I'M NOT SURE, TO THINK ABOUT OTHER CREATIVE WAYS FOR US TO GET SOME POSITIVE FEEDBACK EITHER THROUGH ANOTHER SURVEY, AND PROBABLY NOT TWO YEARS FROM NOW, MAYBE SIX MONTHS FROM NOW OR A YEAR, BUT THAT WOULD BE REALLY, REALLY HELPFUL FOR ME. THE OTHER THING I WAS THINKING, TOO, IS I MET WITH THE FOLKS ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS, WHICH I THOUGHT WERE PHENOMENAL.

I'M HAPPY TO COME AND MEET WITH ANY OF THOSE GROUPS AND JUST SIT DOWN AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE, AND THEN THE LAST THING IS I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY BENEFICIAL LIKE IN MY PRIVATE LIFE, WE HAVE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLETE EVERY SINGLE YEAR AND IT IS -- THERE'S ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY AND SO FORTH SO I DO THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY GOOD TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF ONGOING -- BECAUSE COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON IS CORRECT, YOU GET PUT IN THESE SITUATIONS AND YOU'RE LIKE I'M NOT SURE HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO RESPOND AND THEN TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE HAS BEEN REALLY BENEFICIAL FOR ME. SO SEEING SOMETHING MORE SYSTEMATIC AND ANNUAL TO HELP TRAIN PEOPLE AND HAVE PEOPLE COME TOGETHER AND TALK WOULD BE REALLY BENEFICIAL FOR ME SO THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, I WANT TO ADD MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS REPORT. SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN MY LIFE. I'VE BEEN AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS HAD CONCERNS ABOUT MY WORKPLACE AND NOT HAVING SOMEWHERE TO GO WITH THAT THAT YOU FEEL SAFE IS A REALLY HORRIBLE THING, VERY DISEMPOWERING AND YOU SEE A SYSTEM PERPETUATE SO THIS IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING MY CO-COMMISSIONERS HAVE SAID AND I'M JUST SO PROUD TO BE ON THE COMMISSION WITH YOU. I WAS REALLY INSPIRED BY YOUR COMMENTS SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ON THIS AS WELL AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE REPORT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU AS COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SAID, SHOWING US IN ADVANCE, SO WE COULD REALLY READ THROUGH IT AND HAVE A BETTER GROUNDING AS TO WHAT THIS BRIEFING WAS GOING TO BE ABOUT. I WASN'T TERRIBLY SURPRISED AT SOME OF THE, YOU KNOW -- I MEAN, THERE WAS A LOT OF REALLY GOOD INFORMATION, BUT I WASN'T TERRIBLY SURPRISED THAT THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE THAT HAD EMPLOYEES THAT WERE NOT SURE ABOUT THE ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD AND THE ELECTED BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, AND I THINK I OUTLINED THAT IN THE LETTER

THAT I SENT YOU. I DO BELIEVE THAT HAVING A NEW BOARD AND HAVING NEW ELECTED LEADERSHIP IN THE OTHER OFFICES WILL REALLY HELP. I THINK WHAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY IS THAT THIS IS A BOARD THAT'S COMMITTED TO HAVING THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES KNOW DIRECT LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND HOW THEY BEST CAN REPORT THINGS THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE WORKPLACE. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE TO PUT TOGETHER A GROUP TO TALK ABOUT BEST PRACTICES AND HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND I'M DEVELOPMENT GOING TO TAKE IT BACK UP AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE TO EXPLORE PUTTING TOGETHER A COMMITTEE AND HAVING THESE CONVERSATIONS MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.7 Proclamation Proclaiming Support for Access to Safe, Affordable, and Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services. Sponsors: Commissioner Smith, D-2 and Commissioner Vega Pederson, D-3. Presenters: Scott Olson, Policy Director for commissioner Smith; Ana Valderrama, Policy & Research Director for Commissioner Vega Pederson; Shantae Johnson and Charley Downing, We Are BRAVE Leaders; and, Other Invited Guests**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7. COME ON UP. WHO WAS STARTING?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M PROUD TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD ALONG WITH MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES ARE CRUCIAL TO THE WELLBEING OF WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN. AND WE ARE ALL FORTUNATE TO HAVE A DEDICATED COMMUNITY OF ADVOCATES WHO FIGHT TO ENSURE SAFE, AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, INCLUDING PRECONCEPTION AND ABORTION CARE, REGARDLESS OF THE RECIPIENT'S AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, RACE OR ETHNICITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, AS WE'RE SEEING ALL TOO OFTEN, THE RIGHT TO COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IS UNDER CONSTANT AND RELENTLESS ATTACK. AS WE SPEAK, LEGISLATURES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE DEBATING MEASURES THAT WOULD ROLL BACK A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN MEDICAL DECISIONS. AND TOO OFTEN, ESPECIALLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THE BELIEF THAT WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE STRONGEST, THE MOST PROTECTIVE LAWS ON FAMILY PLANNING AND ABORTION CARE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THESE SERVICES AREN'T EQUALLY ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AS WE SEE, A RISING TIDE OF ANTI-CHOICE OPPOSITION ACROSS THE COUNTRY, IT'S NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO MAKE CLEAR OUR POSITION ON THIS CRITICAL HEALTHCARE ISSUE. WOMEN HAVE A

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN HEALTHCARE CHOICES, INCLUDING AND ESPECIALLY THE CHOICE TO BECOME PREGNANT AND THE CHOICE NOT TO BECOME A PARENT. AS A MOTHER, I CAN THINK OF NO DECISION MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHETHER TO BRING A LIFE INTO THIS WORLD. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION FOR US. AND THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I APPRECIATE THIS CHANCE TO WORK WITH YOU TO BRING FORWARD TODAY'S PROCLAMATION. I'M ALWAYS PROUD TO REPRESENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BUT TODAY, I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD TO PARTNER WITH DISTRICT TWO ON THIS PROCLAMATION, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN OREGON AND SINCE THE INAUGURATION THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ARE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES NECESSARY TO TAKE CARE OF NOT ONLY THEIR BODIES, BUT ENABLE THEM TO DETERMINE AND CONTROL THEIR ECONOMIC FUTURES. INEQUITIES IN ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE CARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT WOMEN OF COLOR AND WOMEN IN THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES.

IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA, BLACK AND LATINA WOMEN EXPERIENCE HIGHER SHARES OF BIRTHS TO TEENAGE MOTHERS AND REDUCED PRENATAL CARE. IMMIGRANT WOMEN ARE LESS LIKELY TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE INCLUDING CERVICAL AND BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS AND TREATMENT, FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, HIV AIDS TREATMENT AND CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT SERVICES. WHEN WOMEN OF COLOR ARE ALREADY FACING MULTIPLE INTERSECTING OPPRESSIONS, ACCESS TO THESE BASIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES SHOULD BE THE LAST THING IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND SECURITY. AS A MAJORITY WOMEN OF COLOR BOARD IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT WE BRAVELY PARTNER WITH WE DON'T, WESTERN STATES TO BUILD REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY AND VOICES FOR EQUITY. IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE THE WE ARE BRAVE COALITION AND LLONDYN ELLIOTT FROM THE MOMENTUM ALLIANCE.

Zeenia Junkeer: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. I'M ZEENIA JUNKEER, I'M AN INDIVIDUAL LEADER IN THE BRAVE COALITION. WE ARE A CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT THAT BEGAN IN 2013. BRAVE WORKS ALONGSIDE SIX ORGANIZATIONS AND 30 LEADERS OF COLOR AS STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMPIONS FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE TO FOSTER DEEP ALLIANCES AND STRENGTHEN REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ADVOCACY. WE CREATE CULTURE CHANGE THAT IS VALUES-DRIVEN AND CENTERS THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY HEALTH INEQUITIES. OUR WORK FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IS ABOUT EXAMINING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ISSUES THROUGH A HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK AND RECOGNIZING THAT OUR REPRODUCTIVE DESTINY IS DIRECTLY

CONNECTED TO THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH OUR COMMUNITIES LIVE AND OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR AND ABOUT OUR FAMILIES. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, QUEER COMMUNITIES AND GENDER NONCONFORMING COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND IMMIGRANTS ARE ALL EXPERIENCING A HEIGHTENED STATE OF VIOLENCE AND HATEFUL RHETORIC AS MANY OF YOU MENTIONED ALREADY AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE EXAMINE, CHALLENGE, AND ALIGN IN SOLIDARITY IN AUTHENTIC MEANINGFUL WAYS. REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE BEGINS WITH HAVING THE POWER AND THE RESOURCES TO MAKE HEALTHY DECISIONS FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES, TO DETERMINE WHEN TO BECOME A PARENT, IF NOT TO BECOME A PARENT, TO PARENT THE CHILDREN WE DO HAVE AND TO HAVE REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY OVER OUR LIVES.

Zeenia Junkeer: WE ARE BRAVE BELIEVES IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYBODY HAS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER AND RESOURCES TO MAKE HEALTHY DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR BODIES, GENDERS, SEXUALITIES AND FAMILIES, IN ALL AREAS OF THEIR LIFE WITHOUT FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION, EXCLUSION OR HARM. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON FOR CHAMPIONING THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AS WELL AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING TO LIFT UP HEALTH DISPARITIES AND WORK TOWARDS SOLUTIONS. OUR COMMUNITIES SEE YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS PROCLAMATION. THEY LOOK TO YOUR LEADERSHIP TO ACTIVELY FIGHT FOR MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO NECESSARY SERVICES AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY TO END THE SHAME AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THIS IMPORTANT STEP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Charley Downing: CHAIR KAFOURY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY TODAY AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE SITTING HERE. I'M VERY EXCITED. MY NAME IS CHARLEY DOWNING AND I'M A RESIDENT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BEING A MEMBER OF BRAVE AS AN INDIVIDUAL LEADER HAS IMPACTED ME GREATLY. BRAVE PROVIDES SPACE FOR US TO ENVISION WHAT IT MEANS FOR ALL PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE. HAVING MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE OPTIONS FOR MY FAMILY MEANS THAT I AND THE PEOPLE I LOVE AND CHERISH WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ACCURATE AND RESPECTFUL SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION, WILL CENTER ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT HONOR OUR DIGNITY AND OUR INHERENT WORTH AND THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING OUR REPRODUCTIVE LIVES THAT HONOR OUR LIVED EXPERIENCES AND DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES. I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY ABOUT THE HYDE AMENDMENT, A FEDERAL RESTRICTION THAT IMPACTS OREGONIANS WHO

SEEK ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. THE HYDE AMENDMENT PASSED BY CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 30TH OF 1976 HAS FOR OVER 40 YEARS DENIED ABORTION COVERAGE TO PEOPLE WHO GET THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH FEDERAL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS VETERANS AND LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID. CURRENTLY, OREGON AND 14 OTHER STATES FILL THE GAP LEFT BY THE AMENDMENT BY PROVIDING THOSE ENROLLED IN THE STATE MEDICAID PLAN WITH COVERAGE FOR THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INCLUDING ABORTION. IF THIS WERE TO EVER CHANGE, THOUSANDS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS WOULD LOSE ACCESS.

Charley Downing: IN MY OWN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH JOURNEY I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE. MY MOTHER IMMIGRATED TO THIS COUNTRY AS A TEEN AND SHE WAS ABLE TO GAIN CITIZENSHIP. I WAS BORN HERE. I HAVE NOT ALWAYS HAD ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OR INSURANCE AND DESPITE MY LACK OF ACCESS TO REGULAR PREVENTIVE SERVICES, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER ENOUGH FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD BIRTH CONTROL AND IT WASN'T ALWAYS EASY. I HAVE HAD TWO PREGNANCIES RESULTING IN A MISCARRIAGE AND A LIVE BIRTH. THOUGH BOTH OF MY PREGNANCIES OCCURRED WHILE I WAS USING BIRTH CONTROL, MY BODY TYPICALLY RESPONDS WELL TO BIRTH CONTROL. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH LESS GOOD LUCK. I HAVE SPOKEN TO MANY PREGNANT PEOPLE WHO FIND THEMSELVES PREGNANT, DESPITE THEIR USE OF BIRTH CONTROL OR WHO FIND THE SIDE EFFECTS UNMANAGEABLE. RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE SOMETIMES FIND THEMSELVES SEEKING ABORTION, DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PREVENT PREGNANCY.

AND THE BARRIERS PLACED BEFORE THEM AS THEY SEEK ACCESS TO PERSONAL AND HEALTHY REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES DENY THEIR DIGNITY AND WORTH AS WHOLE HUMAN BEINGS. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH A MOTHER STRIVING TO RAISE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH A PARTNER WHO WAS WITHHOLDING IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION FROM HER. SHE HAD JUST FOUND OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT AND WAS DESPERATE TO TERMINATE SO SHE COULD FOCUS ON RAISING THE CHILDREN SHE HAD AND ON FINDING RESOURCES AND SAFETY FOR HERSELF AND HER FAMILY. HAVING DIGNIFIED AND EQUAL ACCESS TO THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON LUCK. IN A JUST WORLD THE FULL RANGE WOULD MEAN ACCESSIBLE AFFIRMING AND DIGNIFIED SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE. IN MY LIFE, THAT MEANS PEOPLE WHO ALSO HAVE TYPE ONE DIABETES, WHO ALSO STRUGGLE WITH JOB SECURITY, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING SECURITY, WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF TRAUMA, ARE GENDER NONCONFORMING AND ARE PEOPLE WHO MANAGE FOOD INSECURITY AND PEOPLE WHO ARE VALUED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION. THAT IS WHAT REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE MEANS TO ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PASSING THIS PROCLAMATION AND AFFIRMING THE

IMPORTANCE OF THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE LIVE AND HOW MUCH MONEY WE MAKE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Llondyn Elliot: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF BY SAYING I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS BUILDING BEFORE, AND IT'S SUPER AMAZING. I SHOULD PROBABLY TALK. MY NAME IS LLONDYN ELLIOTT AND I'M A TRANS-MASCULINE PORTLANDER. I'M COMING OUT TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE BRAVE PROCLAMATION THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF ALL COMMUNITIES ACCESSING A BROAD RANGE OF AFFORDABLE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS. I WAS BORN IN THE HOSPITAL IN NORTH PORTLAND AND WHEN I WAS BORN, THEY HANDED ME TO MY MOTHER AND SAID YOU'RE HAVING A GIRL AND RIGHT THERE HE DECIDED MY ENTIRE LIFE.

I WORE PINK, I WORE PURPLE, I USED THE PRONOUN SHE, HER AND HERS AND THAT IS HOW I WAS SOCIALIZED AS A CHILD WAS AS A GIRL, BUT AS I GOT OLDER, I REALIZED THAT'S NOT WHO I AM AND IT WASN'T UNTIL MY SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL THAT I REALLY WAS ABLE TO COME OUT AS A TRANS MAN. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS PRETTY HARD. ESPECIALLY IN THE TIME AND POLITICAL CLIMATE WHERE THE RHETORIC AROUND TRANS PEOPLE ISN'T ALWAYS POSITIVE, IT'S NORMALLY NEGATIVE AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT. BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY REALLY APPRECIATES AND RECOGNIZES MY WHOLE SELF, AS A TRANS PERSON AND SOMETHING I WAS SUPER EXCITED ABOUT WAS THAT YOU ALL HAVE GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS IN A LOT OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND SO THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS SUPER AMAZING TO ME.

THE FIRST TIME I STEPPED IN THERE AND IT WAS ONE STEP THAT MADE ME FEEL WAY MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN I WAS COMING INTO ONE OF THE FACILITIES. I REMEMBER, LIKE I SAID, JUST GROWING UP AND NOT BEING ABLE TO BE MY FULL SELF, BUT THEN AS I GOT OLDER I REALIZED THAT BEING A TRANS MAN CAME WITH A LOT OF HEALTH RISKS BECAUSE OF HOW OUR LANGUAGE IS TODAY AND SO IF I MARK MALE ON ONE OF MY DOCUMENTS, IT CAN ACTUALLY TAKE AWAY THE ACCESS THAT I HAVE TO GETTING AFFORDABLE BIRTH CONTROL OR TO GETTING MAMMOGRAMS OR TO GETTING ALL THESE THINGS I NEED BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS THAT I HAVE, NO MATTER WHAT MY GENDER IS, THAT IS THE BODY THAT I LIVE IN. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP THIS PROCLAMATION BECAUSE IT REALLY SHOWS THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT A LOT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH AND THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE NEED ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER IDENTITY,

THEIR SEXUALITY, THEIR RACE, OR THEIR ABILITY TO PAY. I ALSO KNOW AS A PERSON –

Llondyn Elliot: I'VE LIVED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY MY ENTIRE LIFE, I'VE NEVER BEEN AT A COMFORTABLE INCOME TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD THESE SERVICES SO IF I WASN'T ON OREGON HEALTH PLAN I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE A LOT OF THESE SERVICES AND I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT EVEN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CLINICS IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS ARE TO PEOPLE IN PROVIDING BIRTH CONTROL AND PROVIDING CONDOMS AND I KNOW -- A LOT OF PREGNANCIES WERE GOING TO BE AVOIDED BECAUSE OF THOSE SERVICES AND SO AGAIN, I THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING LOCAL PIONEERS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND PASSING THIS RESOLUTION, RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE BASED ON WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD. AND YEAH, I JUST THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU PUT IT OUT THERE, BUT I KNOW LOOKING AT YOU ALL THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO PASS AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF YOU. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME TALK.

Chair Kafoury: OUR BUTTONS ARE A BED GIVEAWAY. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU SO MUCH. DO WE HAVE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT TESTIMONY BECAUSE IT WOULD BE REALLY DIFFICULT FOR ME, I JUST HAVE TO KNOW HOW OLD ARE YOU AND I WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ARTICULATE IN SUCH A VERY ELOQUENT WAY TO A VERY IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF WOMEN, LEGISLATORS, ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY. THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS COMMONLY DONE OR EASILY DONE. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE TO DO THAT AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE TO STAND UP AND PUSH US TO A POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL SUPPORT, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE SAID IN THE PUBLIC AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE FOR COMING, TOO. IT IS JUST AN AMAZING TIME NOW AND SO WE NEED TO BE WHO WE ARE, AND I THINK THIS WILL HELP MANY OF US DO THAT. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR SHARING YOUR STORY AND ALSO FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AS WELL AND TO MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR BRINGING THIS PROCLAMATION BEFORE US TODAY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DID BEFORE COMING TO COMMISSION, I WAS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE OREGON FOUNDATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH. AND WORKED ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES FAIRLY INTIMATELY. AND I JUST WANTED TO MENTION, FIRST OF ALL, IN RELATION TO WHAT THE CHAIR SAID IN HER INTRODUCING OUR BUDGET, THE BEST INTERVENTION IS BEFORE A CRISIS STRIKES AND THAT'S TRUE, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND ONE OF THE KEY THINGS THAT WE DO AS A COUNTY IS TO TRY TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY. AND WITH THE HEALTHY BIRTH INITIATIVE

WE ARE MAKING THAT EFFORT PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE UPSTREAM INTERVENTION THAT WE CAN DO -- AND WE TALK ABOUT UPSTREAM A LOT, IS TO PREVENT UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO CALL THAT OUT ALSO A LITTLE BIT HERE.

Commissioner Meieran: UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES ACCOUNT FOR HISTORICALLY ALMOST HALF OF ALL PREGNANCIES AND WHEN PREGNANCIES ARE UNINTENDED YOU MISS THE OPPORTUNITY, WOMEN MISS THE OPPORTUNITY AND THEIR CARE PROVIDERS FOR INTERVENTION IN THOSE CRUCIAL FIRST FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS WHEN YOU CAN MAKE INTERVENTIONS THAT CAN HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF THE PREGNANCY, ON BIRTH OUTCOMES, ON INFANT MORTALITY AND SO MUCH MORE. SO I'M GLAD THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH ACTUALLY MENTIONED RECONCEPTION CARE -- PRECONCEPTION CARE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENINGS SO THAT WE CAN HELP WOMEN MAKE THEIR -- THE DECISIONS THAT ARE RIGHT FOR THEM AT THE RIGHT TIME WHEN WE CAN DO IT TO EFFECT AS HEALTHY A PREGNANCY OR OUTCOME AS THE WOMEN DESIRE. SO I WOULD TAG THAT ON TO ALSO PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS DOWNSTREAM, IF WE GET TO A POINT WHERE WE SHOULD NEED TO HAVE ABORTION SERVICES, EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION, ETC. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I'M SO SUPPORTIVE AND EITHER NOW OR AFTER WE ALL SPEAK, I'M HOPING WE CAN GET YOU ALL TOGETHER TO GET A GREAT PHOTO. SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANTED TO ECHO WHAT'S ON YOUR SHIRT. YOU ALL ARE SO BRAVE TO COME AND I KNOW HOW INTIMIDATING IT CAN BE TO GIVE TESTIMONY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE NEVER DONE THAT. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU HAVING THE COURAGE TO COME AND TELL YOUR STORY AND JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP AND FOR FIGHTING FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. VERY PROUD OF YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING THIS ALONG AT THE COUNTY LEVEL AND THE STATE WITH THE LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING CONSIDERED THERE. I WANTED TO SHARE A VERY SHORT STORY OF WHEN I WAS 14 YEARS OLD AND I WAS TALKING ABOUT ABORTION WITH MY MOM WHO IS A MEXICAN CATHOLIC WOMAN AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE SHE WOULD STAND. AND I WAS ACTUALLY SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT SHE WAS STRONGLY PRO-CHOICE AND I ASKED HER WHY AND SHE SAID I CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF OLD WHITE MEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT MY BODY AND YOUR BODY FOR WOMEN. AND I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING, MY MOM'S AMAZING. I THINK OF NOTHING MORE APPROPRIATE THAN COMING FULL CIRCLE TO HAVING THIS PROCLAMATION BEFORE THIS BOARD OF ALL WOMEN, A DIVERSE BOARD, AND MAKING THIS STATEMENT TODAY SO THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AND USUALLY, WE DON'T HAVE PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR TESTIMONY, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY'RE DYING TO OFFER THEIR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT SO WE WILL ALLOW THEM THIS ONE TIME. [INAUDIBLE] WE WERE GOING TO GIVE JUST VERY QUICK -- YOU NEED TO COME TALK TO THE BOARD CLERK.

Board Clerk: [READING NAMES] PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR. YOU KNOW, THAT WAS JUST SO AWESOME AS CHAIR KAFOURY NOTED, IT NEEDS TO BE AMPLIFIED BY VOICES IN THE AUDIENCE. AND IT ALSO NEEDS TO BE AMPLIFIED BY YOU, NOT TODAY, BUT LATER. WE'RE COMING UP ON PARADE SEASON. IT WOULD BE EASIER AND MAYBE MORE APROPOS AT THE PRIDE PARADE, I HOPE WE FIND ALL FIVE OF YOU IN SOME GROOVY ELECTRIC VEHICLES AT THE PRIDE PARADE, BUT EVEN SOONER IN THE ROSE PARADE. THE REAL WAY TO RE-EMPHASIZE THIS POSITION IS FOR YOU ALL TO BE IN YOUR CARS CRUISING IN THE ROSE PARADE AND HAVE THEM WITH YOU, HAVE SIGNAGE FROM BASIC RIGHTS OREGON AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT AS WE COME UP TO OUR BEAUTIFUL PARADES WHICH ARE NOT GOING TO GET RAINED ON BECAUSE ALL OF OUR RAIN IS GETTING OUT OF THE WAY RIGHT NOW SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONERS FOR MOVING THIS FORWARD AND, YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY THANKS TO ALL THE STRONG ACTIVIST WOMEN VOICES WHO ARE RESISTING THE IDIOCY OF WHITE AND ORANGE OLD CONTROL FREAK MEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sarah Hobb: MY NAME IS SARAH HOBBS AND WITH ALL MY TWINKLE FINGERS, I FEEL VERY STRONGLY. IT'S MY 54TH BIRTHDAY AND AT THE AGE OF 18 I WENT THROUGH A CRISIS PREGNANCY WITH MY NOW 33-YEAR-OLD SON. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS VERY PERSONAL. MY CRISIS PREGNANCY HAPPENED IN '83. I AM NOW WATCHING ATTITUDES AND POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS THAT WERE HORRIBLE THEN COMING BACK NOW. AND IT SCARES ME. AND THAT IS WHY I AM SO EXCITED THAT YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT HERE BECAUSE WE NEED TO TAKE A STAND. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE WHITE MEN IN WASHINGTON OR ORANGE HEADED ONES, BUT AGAIN, WE NEED TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN. SHERIFF REESE REMEMBERS MY KIDS WHEN HE WAS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN THEY WERE 12 AND 14 I JUST TOLD HIM ABOUT MY CRISIS PREGNANCY WITH MY OLDER SON WHO HE KNOWS AND HE WAS SHOCKED. WE NEED TO KEEP ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OTHERS THAT HAVE BROUGHT THIS FORWARD AND I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. JOE, YOU'RE NEXT.

Joe walsh: GOOD MORNING AGAIN, MY NAME IS JOE WALSH FOR THE RECORD. I ASKED THAT WE BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK BECAUSE WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU ALL HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU AT THIS MOMENT. WE COME AND AS

ACTIVISTS WE CRITICIZE YOU A LOT SO IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I SIT BEFORE YOU TODAY AND SIT BEFORE THIS WONDERFUL CROWD AND SAY THANK YOU. AND THOSE OLD WHITE MEN IN WASHINGTON, IF THEY DON'T SUPPORT THIS, MAYBE THEY OUGHT TO JUST SHUT UP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: [READS PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Kafoury: THAT WAS A PROCLAMATION. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND YOU ARE ALL FABULOUS LEADERS. WE ARE PROUD TO STAND BESIDE YOU AND SUPPORT YOU IN MANY WAY THAT WE CAN. AND BY SUPPORTING THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE WITH YOU AND WANT TO BE WORKING BESIDE YOU SO THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT, WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE BRAVO COME NEXT AND THEY'RE GOING TO COME PLAY FOR US. WHILE THEY'RE SETTING UP THEIR INSTRUMENTS WE WOULD LIKE TO GET A PICTURE. WHAT'S THE BEST PLACE FOR THAT? OVERHERE? GREAT. PLACE HERE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ADAM WHO WILL BE CONDUCTING THE ENSEMBLE TODAY. CAN YOU WAVE YOUR HAND? [APPLAUSE] AND MR. TORRES AND SHARON ELDRIDGE, BRAVO'S OPERATION MANAGER WHO PLAYED A HUGE PART IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER FOR TODAY'S PERFORMANCE. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU. AND IN THE INTEREST OF TIME I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY RECOGNIZE THE MUSICIANS, I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL THE NAMES, BUT I WANT SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND I'M SO EXCITED. CAN WE START?

Chair Kafoury: BEFORE WE START WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN OUR MEETING SO THAT WE CAN ALL MOVE INTO THE AUDIENCE BECAUSE WE REALLY WANT TO ENJOY THE PRESENTATION. SO I WILL SAY SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE ADJOURNED, AND NOW WE CAN COME LISTEN, THANK YOU! [GAVEL]

**R.8 BRAVO and Metropolitan Youth Symphony Demonstration. Sponsor: Commissioner Smith, D-2. Presenters: Seth Truby, BRAVO Youth Orchestras; Diana Scroggins, Metropolitan Youth Symphony and Invited Guests.**

Seth Truby: AS THE COMMISSIONERS ARE TAKING THEIR SEATS ON THIS SIDE SO THEY CAN SEE, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRAVO. WE WERE INVITED BY COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK IN DECEMBER BUT DOES ANYBODY REMEMBER A LITTLE BIT OF SNOW WE HAD BACK IN DECEMBER? WE DIDN'T MAKE THAT VISIT, ALTHOUGH WE WERE ON THE AGENDA SO COMMISSIONER SMITH WAS VERY KIND IN EXTENDING A NEW DATE FOR US TO COME AND PERFORM WITH THEM. WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT THE COUNTY SUPPORTS OUR WORK IN NORTH PORTLAND. SINCE THAT SNOWFALL IN DECEMBER SOME

REALLY BIG THINGS HAVE HAPPENED FOR BRAVO JUST IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

I'LL GIVE YOU A COUPLE OF HIGHLIGHTS. WE WERE ACTUALLY INVITED TO PLAY AT THE INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR KATE BROWN IN SALEM IN EARLY JANUARY SO WE PLAYED FOR PART OF THE CEREMONY. OUR STUDENTS PERFORMED JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO ON STAGE WITH BLACK VIOLIN AT THE SCHNITZ' AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY SAW OUR STUDENTS ON NBC NIGHTLY NEWS OUT OF NEW YORK, DID ANYBODY SEE THE NEWS? GREAT, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND YOU CAN SEE THE NEWS CLIP ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.OREGONBRAVO.ORG. IT WAS OUR FIRST NATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE. THE LAST THING THAT I'M GOING TO HIGHLIGHT IS WHAT I'M HOLDING IN MY HAND. WE CAME TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND WE SAID WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH MUSIC.

AND THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE'RE CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC. THIS IS OUR FIRST EVALUATION RESULTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE ARE SEEING OUR FIRST NUMBERS. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR BRAVO STUDENTS COMPARED TO OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SAME SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE IS UP, TEST SCORES ON READING AND MATH ARE UP, SUSPENSIONS, OUT OF 36 SUSPENSIONS LAST YEAR IN THE SCHOOLS WE SERVED, ONLY ONE WAS A BRAVO STUDENT SO THEY'RE TERRIFIC NUMBERS THAT SUPPORT THE IMPACT OF MUSIC ON THE LIVES OF THESE KIDS AND THESE KIDS HAVE BEEN PLAYING FOR EIGHT MONTHS AND I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO THE STUDENTS. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Eckleston: GOOD AFTERNOON, GOOD AFTERNOON, THEY ARE SO EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY. SOME TOLD ME THEY COULDN'T EVEN SLEEP LAST NIGHT BECAUSE THEY'RE EXCITED TO MEET A PRESIDENT. [LAUGHTER] YES. BUT WE HAVE SOME OTHER LOVELY PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE JUST AS GOOD AND AS IMPORTANT AS A PRESIDENT. FIRST OF ALL, THIS GROUP IS RANGING FROM 3RD GRADE TO 6TH GRADE. SO DIVERSE IN AGE. BUT THEY ALL GET ALONG SUPER WELL. ALSO, WE'RE MISSING ABOUT THREE MORE KIDS, THERE'S 24 KIDS TOTAL IN THE ENSEMBLE, EVERY DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK FOR TWO HOURS. FOR TWO HOURS EVERY DAY.

THEY'VE BEEN STUDYING THEIR INSTRUMENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER AND DOING A REMARKABLE JOB. WE JUST FLUTES, CLARINETS, TRUMPETS AND TROMBONES. WE HAVE THREE AND A HALF SETS OF TWINS. THREE AND A HALF. THE OTHER HALF DOESN'T GO TO OUR SCHOOL. SO OUR SETS OF TWINS, RAISE YOUR HANDS! [APPLAUSE] I HAVE ONE STUDENT THAT WANTS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AT BRAVO. SO VY, HI, VY. VY PLAYS THE TRUMPET. VY IS IN 4TH GRADE AND TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE SINCE SEPTEMBER AND ALSO HE HAS AN OLDER SISTER WHO HAS HERE LAST YEAR WHO PLAYS THE TROMBONE IN OUR SECOND YEAR ENSEMBLE. [APPLAUSE]

Vy: HELLO. OKAY. MY NAME IS VY AND MY EXPERIENCE IN BRAVO WAS FUN AND I LIKE PLAYING THE TRUMPET AND I LIKE PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS AND BRAVO AND BRAVO'S REALLY FUN. AND YOU GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY ANY INSTRUMENT OUT OF THE TRUMPET, TROMBONE, FLUTE AND CLARINET AND JUST SAYING BRAVO'S FUN. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Eckleson: WE JUST HAVE FOUR PIECES FOR YOU GUYS TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE COOL BLUES. AND WE HAVE SOME SOLOS IN THAT, WHICH WE ARE SUPER EXCITED TO PRESENT BECAUSE WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT IMPROVISATION, WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, THE STRUCTURE BEHIND IT SO WE'RE SUPER EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU. THE SECOND PIECE WE HAVE IS JUST WITH THE WOODWINDS,

I'LL CONDUCT THAT, WE HAVE THE PIANO OVER HERE FOR MOST OF THE PIECES. WE HAVE ANOTHER JAZZY ONE CALLED I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS, WHICH I'M SCARED OF THE MOUNTAINS, BUT WE HAVE A PIECE CALLED I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS AND WE'RE GOING TO DO ANOTHER PIECE JUST WITH THE BRASS, THE BRASS STUDENTS HERE BY MOZART AND WE'LL END WITH A NICE LATIN SONG CALLED LA COCA LECHA. MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS. IT'S A BLACK SEED THAT'S FOUND IN THE OCEANS IN PANAMA AND THERE'S A SONG THAT TALKS ABOUT THE OCEAN AND THE SEA AND THE SEEDS FOUND IN THE OCEAN, AND IT'S DONE IN CUBA AND PUERTO RICO AND PANAMA AND ALL OVER SO WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR BRAVO RENDITION. SO PLEASE, ENJOY. [APPLAUSE]

**ADJOURNMENT – 11:46 a.m.**

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