

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 22, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioners Judy Shiprack, and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Loretta Smith joined the meeting telephonically.

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

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING.]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-10-16: Reclassify Program Supervisor and Incumbent to a Program Mgr 1-ADVS Division of DCHS
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-11-16: Reclassify a Program Coord Position and Incumbent to a Program Spec Sr-ADVS Division of DCHS
- C.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-09-16: Authorizing four position reclassifications within the Health Department
- C.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCM-06-16: Reclassifying an Administrative Assistant to a Finance Specialist 2 in DART Business Services
- C.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCM-07-16: Reclassifying an A&T Technician 1 to a Contract Specialist in DART Business Services
- C.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCM-08-16: Reclassifying a Finance Supervisor to a Finance Manager in DCM/ DART Business Services
- C.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCJ-07-16: Reclasses a 1.00 FTE Office Assistant Senior to a Program Coordinator in the Juvenile Services Div
- C.8 ORDER Appointing Andrew Inman, Geoff Nelson and Pat Hellberg as Commissioners to the Ramsey-Walmer Road Special Road District

C.9 NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) to Submit an Application for up to \$300,000 to the CareOregon Access Initiative

C.10 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCS-06-16: Reclassification of an Engineer 1 from Engineer Tech 3

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? 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.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP. [CALLS OUT NAME]

Mr. Phillips: YES, I'M PAUL PHILLIPS AND I SPOKE HERE OCTOBER 8th OF THIS YEAR TWO WEEKS AGO AND I COUNTED, I DON'T THINK I'VE MADE MYSELF CLEAR ENOUGH, I COUNTED THE NUMBER OF CHAIRS IN THIS ROOM, INCLUDING THE ONES THAT'S OCCUPIED CURRENTLY. THERE'S 115 CHAIRS. I WAS SAYING TWO WEEKS AGO THAT THERE'S SOME 200 PEOPLE A WEEK THAT'S PARALYZED. THAT WAS ACCORDING TO THE CDC. IF YOU GO TO THEIR WEBSITE YOU CAN TYPE IN SPI, SPINAL CORD INJURY, AND FACTS AFTER THAT, AND YOU CAN READ A BRIEF REPORT ON SPINAL CORD INJURIES, 10,000 A YEAR. SO THAT WOULDN'T EVEN HARDLY BE HALF THIS ROOM IN JUST TWO WEEKS AND OF COURSE, IT FIGURES UP TO 400 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PARALYZED SINCE MY LAST SPEECH. THE SUBJECT THIS WEEK IS HOME FORWARD, OF COURSE, AND I STILL BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE HELLBENT ON EVICTING MY BROTHER, EVEN WITH LIGHTNING'S SPEECH LAST THURSDAY OR THE THURSDAY OF THAT 8th, AND THEY DID SPRAY MY BROTHER'S APARTMENT MONDAY, THAT IS HIS BEDROOM OF THE WHOLE THING, IS ALL THAT THEY SPRAYED.

THEY DIDN'T SPRAY THE REST OF THE APARTMENTS AND HE SAID THAT HE GOT THE NOTICE OF THE ENTERING THE APARTMENT TO SPRAY THE APARTMENT AND HE GOT IT MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 12:00 YEAR ONE IN THE MAIL AND I STATED IN THE LETTER THAT THEY WERE SPRAYING AT 9:00 IN THE MORNING. I GUESS THAT'S A 24-HOUR NOTICE ACCORDING TO STATE LAW. SEEMS FUNNY AS HELL TO ME. ANOTHER THING IS THAT THIS ARTICLE THAT I GOT FROM THE "PORTLAND TRIBUNE," I GUESS THE MAYOR COULD

PROBABLY SUE OR THE COUNTY COULD SUE THE NEWSPAPER, THE "PORTLAND TRIBUNE," FOR THE OCTOBER 6th ARTICLE SAYING THAT THEIR PARTNERS, THE CITY AND COUNTY AND THE STATE AND THINGS, BECAUSE WHEN I TALKED TO THE PORTLAND MAYOR TOM POTTER AT THE CITY COUNCIL YEARS AGO, I SAID WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHO HOME FORWARD IS AND HE SAID WELL THE CITY AND COUNTY HAS CONTRACTS AND THAT'S ALL HE SAID. I GUESS HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT AND, OF COURSE, THERE SEEMS TO BE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT THE MAYOR, THE CURRENT MAYOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THEY'RE PARTNERS AS OPPOSED TO JUST CONTRACTS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 RESOLUTION Approving BUDGET MODIFICATION #DCHS-03-16 Contingency Transfer of \$300,000 as Secured Real Estate Loan, Re-allocation of County General Fund and Increase of Other Funds for Human Solutions, Inc.'s Warming Shelter. Presenter: Mary Li, Div. Director - CSD; Marc Jolin, Director, Home for Everyone Initiative; Kenneth Elliott, Assistant County Attorney.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK BOTH MOVE AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK BOTH SECOND APPROVAL OF R.1.

Commissioner McKeel: I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE REVISIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Vice-Chair Bailey: SECOND.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE REVISION IN FRONT OF US THIS MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE BEGIN.

Mr. Elliott: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M KEN ELLIOT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE REASON FOR THE SUBSTITUTION IS TO PROVIDE THAT THE \$300,000 SOURCE OF FUNDING RATHER THAN COMING OUT OF CONTINGENCY WOULD BE DONE BY REALLOCATION WITHIN DCHS' FISCAL 2016 BUDGET AND THE FURTHER CLARIFICATION IS THAT THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS LIMITED TO THE 25,000 FROM THE METRO GRANT AND THE OTHER TWO SOURCES OF FUNDING ARE JUST BY REALLOCATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE IN FRONT OF US. THANK YOU.

Ms. Madkour: WE'LL NEED TO VOTE TO AMEND, AND THEN WE CAN HAVE DISCUSSION.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY. ALL IN FAVOR OF CONSIDERING THE SUBSTITUTION PLEASE VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] ALL RIGHT. THE MOTION PASSES. DO WE HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES? ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE CAN -- THANK YOU MARY LI. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Li: GOOD MORNING, MARY LI, COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE REVISED RESOLUTION RELATED TO OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT AND INVESTMENT TO THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE, SPECIFICALLY WARMING CENTER SERVICES. IF APPROVED, THE RESOLUTION WILL ALLOW US TO TAKE ACTION IN TWO AREAS. THE FIRST AS KEN SPOKE TO IS FINANCIAL. THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO RE-PURPOSE \$672,000 OUT OF ONE-TIME-ONLY SAVINGS DUE TO LATE STARTUP IN A VARIETY OF AREAS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION OF A SITE INTENDED TO BE THE STABLE HOME FOR THE FAMILY WINTER WARMING CENTER. AND THEN ALSO THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION OF THAT SITE PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S INTERESTS IN HAVING THAT SITE CONTINUE TO BE USED AS A SITE FOR THE WARMING CENTER SERVICES. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO TAKE THIS ACTION BECAUSE IT WILL IN THE END RESULT IN MORE FAMILIES BEING SERVED IN A BETTER WAY THAN WE ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO DO RIGHT NOW.

I THINK WE ALL KNOW THE CRISIS IN HOMELESSNESS THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND WORK FROM US OVER THE YEARS AND MOST RECENTLY WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THERE I THINK IS NOTHING MORE CRITICAL THAN THE THOUGHT OF A CHILD BEING OUT ON THE STREET, PARTICULARLY IN THE WINTER BUT ON ANY EVENING. OUR CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THESE FAMILIES IN THE WORST MOMENTS OF THEIR LIVES HAS BEEN HAMSTRINGED BY SITE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A STABLE HOME, A STABLE LOCATION AND THE LOCATIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD, DESPITE INCREDIBLE EFFORT BY OUR CONTRACT PROVIDERS AND PARTNERS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. OFTENTIMES, THERE ARE NOT ADEQUATE KITCHEN FACILITIES, THERE ARE NOT ADEQUATE HYGIENE FACILITIES, THERE'S NO LAUNDRY. I KNOW YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE BEEN OUT TO THE LOCATION, CHILDREN SITTING ON THE SIDEWALK, DOING THEIR HOMEWORK UNDER THE LAMPPOST. NONE OF US WANT THAT. WE WILL INCREASE CAPACITY, WE WILL INCREASE THE AMENITIES AVAILABLE AND WHEN I SAY AMENITIES I MEAN BATHROOMS, I MEAN SHOWERS, I MEAN

LAUNDRY, A TABLE FOR PEOPLE TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK AT. AND ALSO CREATE EFFICIENCIES IN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM OF CARE.

Ms. Li: CURRENTLY, WE ARE PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE DAY AND IN THE NIGHT AT THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. THIS SITE WILL ENABLE US TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AT A SINGLE LOCATION. SO LOOKED AT IN THIS CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN INVESTMENT THAT IS FOR THE SYSTEM OF CARE AND WE ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE STEPS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY'S AGENDA CONTINUES TO BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THIS ACTION. AS KEN SAID, \$300,000 WILL BE USED TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY THAT IS COMING IN THE FORM OF A REAL ESTATE LOAN. APPROXIMATELY \$372,000 WILL BE USED TO RENOVATE THE FACILITY AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR US TO USE IT IN THE PURPOSES WE DESIRE, AND THEN THE ACTUAL BUDGET MODIFICATION, THE REQUEST IS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE IN AN APPROXIMATE \$25,000 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING COMING FROM METRO THAT WAS GRANTED TO THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN SOLUTIONS PLANNING FOR THIS SITE.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION THIS WEEK. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE QUESTIONS AND ALL OF THE FEEDBACK. I THINK IT'S HELPED MAKE THIS A BETTER, STRONGER PROCESS AND REALLY CLARIFIED OUR INTENT SO THAT IS ALWAYS A POSITIVE ACTION. SO I THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFFS. AT THIS POINT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DETAIL I'LL BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS THEM. BUT IN CLOSING I WOULD JUST SAY WE KNOW THAT WHEN THIS HAPPENS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILL BE SAFER. THEY'LL BE BETTER SERVED AND THEY WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO GET ON TO THE PATH OF FINDING A PERMANENT HOME. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU MARY LI FOR ALL THE WORK AND ALL THE WRANGLING THAT YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT DID, THAT'S HUGE. BUT CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME A SNAPSHOT OF HOW WE GOT TO THIS POINT? SO WE'RE ACTUALLY VOTING TO GIVE DOLLARS TO A HOMELESS SHELTER PROVIDER, HUMAN SOLUTIONS, AND HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT? DID THEY LOSE THEIR ORIGINAL BUILDING?

Ms. Li: SO WHEN WE FORMED BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS HAD A HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE, WE'VE HAD A SERIES OF SERVICES, WHEN WE FORMED THAT SYSTEM OF CARE WE WENT OUT FOR A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR ALL OF THE SERVICES, SO THE WARMING CENTER IS JUST ONE SERVICE COMPONENT OF THAT SYSTEM. WE CONDUCTED A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND HUMAN SOLUTIONS WAS THE RESPONDENT. EVERY YEAR SINCE THEN WE HAVE PROVIDED OPERATING SERVICES TO OPERATE THE WARMING CENTER

THROUGH NOVEMBER 1st THROUGH MARCH, APRIL AND LAST YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF JUNE IN ORDER TO ASSURE BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WINTER MONTHS. AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE TIME THAT WE'VE HAD THIS CONTRACT WITH HUMAN SOLUTIONS, THE NEED HAS JUST DOUBLED.

Ms. Li: SO IT USED TO BE THAT WE WERE AT A CHURCH SITE FOR THE WARMING CENTER SERVICES. IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTION FROM THAT CONGREGATION AND WE WERE ABLE TO HOUSE WITH NO TURNAWAY, WHICH IS YOUR BOARD POLICY, THAT IN THE WINTER WE TURN NO FAMILY AWAY, WE WERE HOUSING PERHAPS 60 TO 75 INDIVIDUALS A NIGHT. LAST YEAR FROM THE MINUTE THE WARMING CENTER OPEN UNTIL THE MINUTE WE CLOSED, VIRTUALLY WE WERE UPWARDS OF 100 INDIVIDUALS EVERY NIGHT AND IN SOME WEEKS IN MARCH WHICH WE WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED, WE WERE IN THE 120, 130 NUMBERS. SO WE HAD COMPLETELY OUTGROWN THE SITE AND WE DIDN'T HAVE STABILITY IN THAT SITE. AT ONE POINT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE SITE HAD BEEN SOLD AND SO THE CONTRACTOR HUMAN SOLUTIONS WENT THROUGH A DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS TO TRY TO FIND ANOTHER SITE AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE TRYING TO FIND A PHYSICAL SPACE FOR THAT MANY PEOPLE WITH PARKING IS DIFFICULT.

SO IN THE PROCESS OF LOOKING FOR WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE THE THIRD OR FOURTH SITE, THIS PROPERTY BECAME AVAILABLE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY BECAME AVAILABLE. IT WAS NOT A KNOWN OPTION EITHER WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR THIS YEAR OR IN OUR INITIAL LOOKING FOR RECITING THE SHELTER, WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO BE IN ANOTHER LEASED LOCATION. WHEN THIS OPPORTUNITY CAME UP FAIRLY LATE IN THE PROCESS FOR A NOVEMBER OPENING, IN CONSULTATION WITH US AND THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, WE DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO TAKE ACTION ON AND THUS, WE HAD THE CONVERSATIONS AND THE DUE DILIGENCE THAT WE DID THAT BROUGHT US HERE TODAY.

Commissioner Smith: AND THEREASON WHY I ASK YOU THESE QUESTIONS IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW I HAVE GOTTEN SEVERAL PHONE CALLS.

Ms. Li: ABSOLUTELY.

Commissioner Smith: AND THIS IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND, YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY, YOU AND WHERE IS LIESL AT? YOU'RE HIDING. [LAUGHTER] THIS IS MY ABSOLUTELY ONE OF MY FAVORITE DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE YOU GUYS, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN. EVERYTHING THAT I'VE DONE GREAT HERE HAS COME OUT OF THIS DEPARTMENT. FROM COMPUTERS TO PROMISED NEIGHBORHOODS TO ALL THAT GREAT STUFF. SO, YOU KNOW, ALL THIS WRANGLING YOU ALL DID IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, I'M LIKE OH, MY GOD! IT WOULD NOT BE REALLY A THING

THAT I WOULD WANT TO GO THROUGH. SO, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO EXPLAIN THE EMERGENCY BECAUSE AGAIN, WHEN WE'RE DOING SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS, I MEAN, WE'RE LOOKING AT A GROUP OF NONPROFITS WHO ARE SAYING BASICALLY OKAY WE WANT THAT SAME KIND OF DEAL. AND IT JUST YOU KNOW, WHEN I THINK ABOUT ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT REALLY NEED SERVICES IN THAT AREA, IT JUST KIND OF BREAKS MY HEART.

Commissioner Smith: SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU, YOU KNOW SHARPENING YOUR PENCILS TO DO THIS WITHIN AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL, THANK YOU, I MEAN THAT WAS A HUGE, HUGE SAVE. BECAUSE I WAS REALLY WORRIED IN THE BEGINNING THAT WE WERE GOING TO TAKE OUR CONTINGENCY MONEY SO EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND IF WE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IF WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY, THEN WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE WOULD NEED A SAFETY NET AND AS A SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE DON'T HAVE A SAFETY NET AS A SAFETY NET. SO IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP US WHOLE BUT WITH YOUR EFFORTS THAT YOU MADE SOME SAVINGS OVER THE LAST FIVE MONTHS, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU LIESL FOR REALLY KIND OF HONING IN ON THIS. BUT I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

Ms. Li: SURE.

Commissioner Smith: AND WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU WITH THIS STRONG BACKGROUND ON HOW TO DO THESE THINGS. YOU GUYS REALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT WORK. DID YOU SEE THE STORY IN THE OREGONIAN, MULTNOMAH COUNTY PLANS TO PUT A HOMELESS SHELTER ON A STRIP CLUB? AND I WAS LIKE YES, YES, WHAT A WAY TO CHANGE A NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO MAKE THINGS COME TOGETHER. AND I ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIP WITH HUMAN SOLUTIONS. IT'S TRULY ONE OF THE HARDEST TYPES OF WORK THAT I CAN IMAGINE THAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, SERVING AND SUPPORTING HOMELESS PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO. SO THAT BEING SAID, THIS IS BY NO MEANS AN EASY "YES" FOR ME. THERE ARE ELEMENTS TO THIS RESOLUTION THAT I WISH WOULD HAVE GONE OUT THE DOOR. BUT THINKING ABOUT FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STAY, IT TUGS AT YOUR HEARTSTRINGS. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I KNOW MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES THAT WE CAN BRING TO BEAR FOR NONPROFITS.

SO FAR AND AWAY, THIS IS ONE OF OUR BEST STRATEGIES AND BEST USES FOR OUR DOLLARS. AND IN THIS WORLD OF NONPROFIT SERVICES, IT'S COMPETITIVE. AND IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THE FAITH THAT WE ARE BEING FAIR AND THAT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY AND SHOT AT THESE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESOURCES, IT'S SO VERY IMPORTANT

TO ME. SO WE USE OUR RFP PROCESS WHEN WE CAN IN MOST CASES. THIS IS OUTSIDE THE PROCESS. AND, YOU KNOW, I WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. THIS IS URGENT. THIS IS WHY I'M DOING THIS. I'M GOING TO TAKE A COUPLE OF PHONE CALLS AFTER THIS SAYING HOW CAN WE GET THAT DEAL? BUT THE ISSUE IS THIS IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO, SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY NOT JUST FOR TODAY, NOT JUST FOR THIS SIX MONTHS GOING FORWARD. I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH US, YOU KNOW, SETTING UP A NONPROFIT AND GIVING THEM AN ASSET THAT'S THEIRS. I WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED US BUY THE PROJECT AND THEY LEASE IT BACK, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER TOOL BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'RE UNDER THE GUN AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING REALLY QUICKLY.

Commissioner Smith: SO GOING FORWARD, LET'S TRY TO DO THIS A LITTLE BETTER. AS A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHAIR, WE NEED TO DO BETTER. WE CAN'T MAKE ONE SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY FEEL AS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO GET THAT SAME KIND OF SERVICE AND TO ACQUIRE THAT SAME KIND OF ASSET BECAUSE IF NOT, THEY'RE GOING TO SAY ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AFTER THE BUDGET, SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND YOU'LL GET SOMETHING BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT I WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE WE'RE FAIR. AND SO THAT BEING SAID I DO PLAN TO SUPPORT THE NEW AMENDMENT, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT AND THANK YOU.

Ms. Li: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER, I WOULD JUST OFFER TWO COMMENTS. I APPRECIATE YOUR FOCUS ON PRECEDENCE SETTING AND MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE OPPORTUNITY ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, THAT IS CRITICAL. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT OUR INVESTMENT AND OUR INTENTION IN BEING INVOLVED WITH THIS ACTION IS NOT ON THE BEHALF OF A SINGLE AGENCY. IT'S ON BEHALF OF OUR SYSTEM OF CARE WHICH HAS EIGHT DIFFERENT PROVIDERS, MANY DIFFERENT SERVICE COMPONENTS AND IN ESSENCE, HUMAN SOLUTIONS IS OPERATING THE WARMING CENTER IN TRUST FOR THE SYSTEM OF PROVIDERS AND FOR US AS A COUNTY AND THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER PRESERVE THAT TRUST IN THE EVENT THAT HUMAN SOLUTIONS IS NO LONGER OUR CONTRACTOR. AND RELATED TO THE COMMENT ABOUT THE OPEN PROCUREMENT, THIS ENTIRE SYSTEM WILL BE OPENED FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT THIS YEAR PER OUR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND THUS ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BEING ABLE TO OPERATE THE WARMING CENTER OR ANY OTHER COMPONENT OF OUR HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN AND PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD AND IF IN THE EVENT HUMAN SOLUTIONS DOES NOT WIN CONTINUED AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT, THE NEW PROVIDER WILL OPERATE WARMING CENTER SERVICES IN THE SITE THAT WE ARE GIVING MONEY TO PURCHASE TODAY.

Ms. Li: AND SECONDARILY I APPRECIATE YOUR APPRECIATION BUT I WANT TO SAY THIS IS NOT THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WAS A TOTAL TEAM EFFORT ACROSS THE COUNTY, STARTING WITH THE CHAIR AND HER STAFF AND HER LEADERSHIP. COUNTY ATTORNEY AND KEN HAVE BEEN PHENOMENAL IN MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S INTERESTS AND ASSETS. YOU ALL HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND THE INVESTMENT BUT ALSO, THE HARD QUESTIONS THAT MADE US GO BACK AND RELOOK AT THINGS AND THE CHAIR'S DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO COME BACK ONE MORE TIME, TAKE ANOTHER LOOK HAS CREATED THIS REALITY. SO NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT ALL OF US PLAYING OUR ROLES AND DOING WHAT'S NEEDED TO BE DONE FOR THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: SO THAT WE'RE CLEAR, MARY LI, THE ASSET DOES BELONG TO HUMAN SOLUTIONS, NOT EIGHT OTHER CONTRACTORS AND THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE MONEY TO DELIVER SERVICES. THIS PARTICULAR RESOLUTION IS ABOUT GIVING THEM \$300,000 TO PURCHASE A NEW SITE THAT WILL BE PERMANENT AND THE 379 IS TO DO UPGRADES. SO THIS IS TOTAL BRICKS AND MORTAR. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ADDING NEW ADDITIONAL SERVICES, I WOULD DO THAT IN A HOT SECOND. THE RUB IS THAT WE ARE HELPING THEM TO PURCHASE A BUILDING AND TO UPGRADE. YES, THEY MAY HAVE OTHER PARTNERS WITHIN THEIR SYSTEM THAT THEY WORK WITH BUT THAT'S THE REALLY HARD TOUGH THING FOR ME IS THAT WE'RE BUYING THEM A BUILDING. I WANT TO BE CLEAR, IT'S NOT EIGHT OTHER FOLKS. THIS IS THEIRS AND THEIRS ALONE.

Ms. Li: UNDERSTOOD, THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE ARE NOT BUYING THEM A BUILDING. THE \$300,000 THAT WE ARE LOANING HERE, HELPING TO PURCHASE A BUILDING IS GOING TO REMAIN -- WE WILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY. KEN, CAN YOU DESCRIBE THAT?

Commissioner Smith: WE'LL HAVE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL. IT'S THEIR PROPERTY. IT'S NOT OURS. IF THEY DECIDE TO SELL OR DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, WE HAVE FIRST RIGHT TO BUY IT BACK FROM THEM, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

Mr. Elliott: YOU'RE BOTH CORRECT, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER SMITH. [LAUGHTER] THE COUNTY --

Commissioner Smith: SMART MAN. [LAUGHTER]

Mr. Elliott: IN ADDITION TO THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY, THOUGH, THE COUNTY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST FOR THAT \$300,000 AND THAT OBLIGATION IS MET BY HUMAN SOLUTIONS OR A SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTOR IN YEARS BEYOND 2016 BY CONTINUING TO OPERATE THE SHELTER. SO THERE'S A \$50,000 CREDIT GIVEN AGAINST THE \$300,000 DEBT FOR EACH YEAR THE SHELTER IS OPERATED, AND THEN IF THE SHELTER IS NOT OPERATED, THE COUNTY DOES HAVE THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY. SO IT CAN TAKE CONTROL AND KEEP THE SHELTER THERE.

Commissioner Smith: SO IT'S REALLY NOT A LOAN? SO WE FORGIVE \$50,000 FOR EVERY YEAR THAT THEY HAVE THE PROPERTY?

Mr. Elliott: IT IS NOT A LOAN THAT IS REPAID BUT IT'S REPAID THROUGH PERFORMANCE SO THE COUNTY'S GOAL IS TO HAVE A SHELTER AT A PERMANENT SITE SO THAT THE CONTRACT PROVIDER DOESN'T HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING EVERY YEAR FOR A NEW HOME.

Commissioner Smith: AND HERE IS THE RUB ON THIS. IN ORDER FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO GET THE \$50,000 OVER THE NEXT FIVE OR SIX YEARS, THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND ONE THING THAT I LEFT OUT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN OPEN RFP BY 2016. I DON'T WANT OTHER PROVIDERS, THE OTHER 10 PROVIDERS WHO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES TO THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY CAN'T APPLY FOR THE RFP BECAUSE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HELPED ONE ORGANIZATION BUY A BUILDING. IT'S KIND OF INTIMIDATING IN A WAY, AND IT'S INTIMIDATING TO STAFF. HOW CAN THEY SAY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PICK ANYONE ELSE OTHER THAN THE CURRENT PROVIDER WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY? THAT'S THE UNFAIR PLAYING FIELD THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH.

Mr. Elliott: MAY I JUST RESPOND, COMMISSIONER SMITH?

Commissioner Smith: YES.

Mr. Elliott: THAT THE RFP WILL CLEARLY STATE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEASE THAT PROPERTY AND THROUGH THE LEASE PAYMENTS THAT WILL BE USED NOT ONLY TO PAY DOWN THE FIRST LOAN, THE \$700,000 LOAN FROM THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUT THROUGH OPERATIONS YEAR AFTER YEAR WILL GET A CREDIT AGAINST THE SECOND LOAN FROM THE COUNTY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO OTHERS HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK AROUND OUR QUESTIONS TODAY OR THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, MY

QUESTIONS WERE NEVER AROUND THE PROJECT. MY QUESTIONS WERE AROUND THE CONTINGENCY FUNDS. I DO APPRECIATE YOU PRESENTING THIS. IN A SYSTEM OF CARE, YOU KNOW I LIKE THE SYSTEMS OF CARE, AND THIS PERMANENT SHELTER IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT SYSTEM. SO THE LOAN WE'RE PROVIDING HELPS THAT SOLUTION BECOME A REALITY AND IT ALSO SECURES THE PROPERTY AS A PERMANENT SHELTER IN OUR INTERESTS FOR YEARS TO COME. SO I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT THROUGH FUNDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED FOR SHELTER AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND THAT KEEPS OUR BUDGET INTACT.

Commissioner McKeel: I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF CHAIR KAFOURY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND THE WHOLE TEAM YOU DESCRIBED, MARY LI, THAT WORKED ON THIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND PROVIDING THE FUNDING SUBSTITUTIONS. IT'S BEEN A GREAT COMPROMISE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AS WE KEEP OUR FOCUS, IT'S ABOUT HOUSING THE HOMELESS, AND IT'S ABOUT BEING ABLE TO DO THAT THIS COMING WINTER, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY GREAT. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Miller: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. MY NAME IS ANDY MILLER AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING. AS MY FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE BEFORE YOU AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SOLUTIONS. I KNOW JEAN DEMASTER WORKED FOR YOU FOR MANY YEARS TO BUILD A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP. MY HOPE IS IN THE COMING MONTHS WE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD ON THAT RELATIONSHIP, IMPROVE IT AND THAT I WILL TRULY BE YOUR PARTNER IN HELPING THE FAMILIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY ESCAPE POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. I'M HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION THAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU. THE PANEL IN FRONT OF ME REALLY DESCRIBED MOST OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE RESOLUTION SO I WON'T DWELL ON THOSE AND I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF.

I DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT HISTORICALLY, WE HAVE ACQUIRED WARMING CENTERS TO USE AS PART OF THE HOMELESS FAMILY SYSTEM OF CARE THROUGH A LEASING MODEL, AND I THINK MANY OF YOU HAVE VISITED THE WARMING CENTERS THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED THROUGH THAT LEASE MODEL AND HAVE EXPLAINED TO US THAT YOU FOUND THEM INADEQUATE AND THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE NOT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE FOR A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE MOST OF THAT RESULT WE THINK IS THE PRODUCT OF THE LEASING ARRANGEMENT.

THE SEARCH THAT WE DID THIS SPRING AND SUMMER YIELDED FACILITIES THAT EITHER WERE TOO SMALL, POORLY CONFIGURED, OR REQUIRED CODE IMPROVEMENTS TO BRING THEM UP TO STANDARDS THAT WERE COST PROHIBITIVE AND THAT'S A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WE ENDED UP HERE TODAY. THIS RESOLUTION CHANGES THAT DYNAMIC AND THIS RESOLUTION, THIS INVESTMENT WILL DELIVER I THINK FOR THE FIRST TIME THE KIND OF SHELTER IN TERMS OF ITS PHYSICAL AMENITIES THAT YOU AND WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO PROVIDE TO THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO FIND THEMSELVES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

Mr. Miller: MARY LISTED MANY OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS SO I WON'T DWELL ON THOSE BUT I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OTHER IMPROVEMENTS OR CHANGES OR BENEFITS I THINK THAT THIS INVESTMENT WILL PROVIDE. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT. IT'S PRETTY RARE WE GET TO GO OUT AND SAY THAT PUTTING A HOMELESS SHELTER IN A NEIGHBORHOOD IS CONSIDERED BY THE NEIGHBORS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO BE A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT. BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PURCHASE A STRIP CLUB AND TURN IT INTO A WARM, HUMANE, WELL-FUNCTIONING FAMILY SHELTER. I THINK IF YOU COUPLE THIS INVESTMENT WITH WHAT'S HAPPENED IN CULLY WITH THE SUGAR SHACK, MAYBE WE'RE STARTING A POSITIVE TREND HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FROM VICE TO NICE. [LAUGHTER] I THINK ANOTHER BENEFIT HERE IS PREDICTABILITY. WE'VE REALLY NOT BEEN ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT LEVEL OF AMENITIES THE SYSTEM CAN PROVIDE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. BY OWNING AND REDEVELOPING A SITE SPECIFICALLY TO BE A SHELTER FOR THE SYSTEM, WE GAIN THOSE AMENITIES PREDICTABLY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU WILL NEED TO WRAP UP.

Mr. Miller: OKAY. SO I WILL JUST THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS WE'VE HAD GREAT PARTNERSHIPS ON THIS PROJECT. HOLST ARCHITECTS IS RECOGNIZE THEIR SERVICES PRO BONO, AND THIS IS A GREAT INVESTMENT AND GREAT VALUE. WE THANK YOU AND URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Harmon Johnson: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I AM NKENGE HARMON JOHNSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE URBAN LEAGUE, AND IT'S LOVELY TO MEET YOU. WELCOME NEW GUY. I COME TO YOU IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION IN SO FAR AS THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR US, AS WELL. I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO TELL THE FOLKS ON THIS COMMISSION OR IN THIS ROOM THAT WHEN IT COMES TO HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY, THE RATES HAVE SHOT UP FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS MORE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP IN THE PAST DECADE. THERE ARE LOTS OF REASONS FOR THAT INCLUDING GENTRIFICATION. WE SEE A

LOT OF THAT IMPACT HAPPENING OUT IN EAST COUNTY, WHICH IS WHY THE URBAN LEAGUE NOW HAS AN OFFICE IN EAST COUNTY, NOT JUST IN NORTH RUSSELL. SO WE CAN OFFER SERVICES TO FOLKS WHERE THEY NOW LIVE IN HOPES THAT WE CAN HELP THEM TO STABILIZE THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND TO BUILD A FUTURE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO THRIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Ms. Harmon Johnson: I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR HUMAN SOLUTIONS. HUMAN SOLUTIONS IS, IN FACT, ONE OF THE PARTNERS WITH WHOM URBAN LEAGUE WORKS WITH TO HELP FOLKS GET JOBS AND TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. I AM ALSO EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE URBAN LEAGUE TO COME BEFORE YOU IN MONTHS TO COME WITH A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY WHEN IT'S OUR TURN TO SAY WE'VE GOT THIS DEAL, THIS PACKAGE THAT WE WANT TO BRING TOGETHER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY THAT WILL ALLOW US TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE, TO BETTER SERVE THE FOLKS WHO ARE YOUR CONSTITUENTS. TO ME, THIS SEEMS LIKE A GREAT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND BASED UPON THE BUILDERS AND ARCHITECTS THAT ARE INVOLVED THAT I JUST LEARNED OF, I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE FUTURE. SO I COME TO YOU IN SUPPORT.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS AREA BECAUSE INCREASINGLY THE URBAN LEAGUE IS STEPPING INTO THE HOUSING SPACE, PROVIDING SHORT-TERM, MID-TERM AND LONG-TERM HOUSING SUPPORTS, INCLUDING A SPECIALIST WHO FINDS THE TOUGHEST CASES OF HOMELESS FOLKS TO HELP THEM SEE A PATHWAY FORWARD TO GET INTO HOUSING AND WE ALSO PROVIDE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES FOR SENIORS, FOR YOUTH, FOR INDIVIDUALS, FOR JOB SEEKERS, FOR FAMILIES TO MOVE AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND OTHER RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFF THE STREETS, OFF OF COUCHES, INTO HOMES THAT ARE STABLE WHERE THEY CAN THRIVE AND PROSPER. SO I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE BECAUSE I THINK WITH THE VOTE YOU'RE ABOUT TO TAKE THAT -- I'VE BEEN ON THE JOB FIVE MONTHS FOR THE URBAN LEAGUE, SO WHEN I HAVE A PROJECT LIKE THIS THAT I BRING FORWARD TO THE COUNTY I WILL HAVE A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE TO FUND THAT PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON SOMETHING SIMILAR TO SERVE AFRICAN-AMERICANS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT'S COME TODAY TO TESTIFY AND TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO GET THIS PROJECT UP AND RUNNING. IN THE SIX YEARS THAT I'VE SERVED ON THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION I HAVE WATCHED EVERY YEAR AS WE HAVE GONE OUT SEARCHING FOR A SPACE FOR OUR HOMELESS FAMILIES. AND WHEN WE MADE THE DECISION AS A BOARD YEARS AGO TO NOT TURN ANY FAMILY AWAY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS THAT WAS A BIG STEP AND

SINCE THEN WE'VE MADE THIS DECISION AS A BOARD TO HAVE 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR SHELTER SPACE FOR FAMILIES SO THAT NO FAMILY WHO NEEDS SPACE IS SLEEPING OUTSIDE. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES OR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE HAVE BEEN TO THE SITE THAT WE HAVE BUT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WHAT I'M MOST EXCITED ABOUT WITH THIS NEW SPACE IS WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE LONG-TERM PERMANENT SERVICES BUT WE HAVE BATHROOM FACILITIES, A KITCHEN FACILITY, WE'LL HAVE ALL THOSE FACILITIES THAT FAMILIES NEED TO THRIVE.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK IT'S AN ADDED BONUS THAT WE'RE TURNING A VICE TO NICE BUT I DO KNOW THAT IN ADDITION TO ALL THE PARTNERS WE'VE OUTLINED THE CITY OF GRESHAM IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE STEPS THAT WE ARE TAKING WITH THIS VOTE AND HAVE BEEN SENDING POSITIVE MESSAGES OUR WAY ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR SITE, PUTTING IT INTO THE COMMUNITY HANDS INSTEAD OF HAVING IT BE A PLACE WHERE WOMEN ARE VICTIMIZED. SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE AGAIN WHO'S WORKED ON THIS PROJECT AND I REALLY APPRECIATE KEN AND THE LEGAL TEAM FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE SIDELINES AROUND THESE DOLLARS SO THAT WE ARE CLEARLY MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN A SYSTEM AND THAT SHOULD EITHER THE HOMELESS FAMILY SHELTER GO TO ANOTHER PROVIDER OR IF HUMAN SOLUTIONS SELLS THIS BUILDING, THOSE DOLLARS WILL RETURN TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] WE'RE VOTING AYE ON THE SUBSTITUTE MEASURE? YES, THANK YOU. THE SUBSTITUTE MEASURE IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M DOING IT CORRECTLY.

R.2 RESOLUTION Approving Offer of North Williams Center, Portland, Oregon, for Conveyance at No Cost for Affordable Housing Development Proposals. Presenters: Peggidy Yates & Mike Sublett, FPM.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVED, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Ms. Yates: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM PEGGIDY YATES, MANAGER OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROJECTS AND FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. AND I AM HERE ALSO WITH KEN ELLIOT FROM OUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND A BITTERSWEET MIKE SUBLETT, WHO THIS WILL BE HIS LAST TIME PRESENTING ON BEHALF OF THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT BUT WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO RETAIN MIKE AS HE WILL BE IN OUR DART PROGRAM. SO IT'S A LITTLE BITTERSWEET. WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY THROUGH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A PROPERTY THAT IS AT 2124 NORTH WILLIAMS. THIS PROPERTY IS APPROXIMATELY 50,000 SQUARE FEET, ONE AND A HALF ACRES. IT'S AT A GREAT LOCATION. IT'S ZONED R1-R2 AND WE ARE CURRENTLY -- THE BOARD HAS GONE THROUGH A

NUMBER OF STEPS TO GET US HERE TODAY AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHERE WE ARE. WE ACTUALLY RECEIVED THIS PROPERTY AS A SECURITY INTEREST BACK IN 2013 AND DURING THAT TIME, WE THEN MET WITH ORIGINALLY FOR THE PORT CITY, IT WAS PROVIDING CARE TO DEVELOPMENTAL ADULTS AS SERVICES AND WE FOLLOWED WITH TAKING THE CONVEYANCE WITH ALSO WORKING TO ALLOW THAT PROGRAM TO REMAIN FOR THREE YEARS ON A LEASE. SINCE THAT TIME, WE ALSO WENT THROUGH A SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS BECAUSE THE PROPERTY IS CERTAINLY -- IT DID NOT SERVE THE COUNTY NEEDS FOR LONG-TERM USE TO PROVIDE SERVICES.

Ms. Yates: WE ALSO AT THAT TIME, WE WERE ASKED TO GO BACK AND LOOK AT THIS PROPERTY AS A POSSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY AND WE WENT THROUGH A VERY STRINGENT PROCESS. ACTUALLY, I SHOULD GIVE THAT NOTICE TO MIKE SUBLETT WHO WORKED WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU AND THE NORTH-NORTHEAST HOUSING STRATEGY PROCESS OF MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC TO IDENTIFY WHAT THEY PERCEIVED AS A GOOD USE OF THIS PROPERTY. AND THEN IN 2015, THIS YEAR, YOU ACCEPTED THE SURPLUS PROPERTY SUPPLEMENT THAT WE HAD DONE AS A RESULT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH WITH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU AND WAS DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD PUT THIS PROPERTY IN FOR AN RFP FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO THAT IS WHAT'S LED US TO THIS POINT AND I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MIKE AT THIS POINT AND LET HIM CARRY ON.

Mr. Sublett: THANK YOU. MIKE SUBLETT, FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO ISSUE AN RFP OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE NORTH WILLIAMS CENTER. AND THROUGH THE COURSE OF OUR ADDITIONAL WORK IN PREPARING THE PROPERTY FOR THAT AND OUR WORK WITH THE PARTNERS AT THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY PROCESS THROUGH THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU IS THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR ISSUING THE RFP. MOST IMPORTANTLY WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH STAFF AND YOUR STAFFS TO COME UP WITH THE CRITERIA BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A COUNTY-DIRECTED RFP WITHIN THE NOFA. THE COUNTY'S FOCUS AS WE HEARD IN R.1, WE CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON FINDING FAMILIES SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SO NOT JUST TEMPORARILY, NOT JUST SHELTER BUT, OF COURSE, PERMANENT HOUSING. AND THIS IS A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD.

I THINK MOST PEOPLE IN PORTLAND KNOW IT'S A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD BUT IT'S NOT ONE THAT'S CHARACTERIZED BY FAMILIES WHO ARE MOST IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE EMPHASIZED AND THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT CRITERION WITHIN THE NOFA OFFERING. CERTAINLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIRES SUBSIDY AND IN OUR RESOLUTION TODAY, THE BOARD HAS ASKED TO CONVEY THE

PROPERTY AT NO COST AS ONE LEG OF THE STOOL FOR THE FUNDING PACKAGE IN THE NOFA OFFERING. ONE OF THE OTHER THEMES THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM LEADERSHIP IS THAT WE WANT TO LEVERAGE OUR RESOURCES, THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO ATTRACT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND ONE OF THE TWO OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS NOFA OFFERING THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT ARE THE IDENTIFICATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS THROUGH THE INTERSTATE URA THAT WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROPERTY. AND THEN SECONDLY, OUR PARTNERS AT HOME FORWARD HAVE ALLOCATED 40 PROJECT-BASED HOUSING VOUCHERS WHICH WILL ALSO BE PART OF THE PACKAGE. SO OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION IS THAT THROUGH THIS COMPETITIVE PROCESS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET VERY, VERY ATTRACTIVE OFFERINGS, RESPONSES TO THE RFP, TO THE NOFA OFFERING, FOR THE PROPERTY.

Mr. Sublett: SO THE SITE ITSELF IS 50,000 FEET. WE'VE DONE SOME VERY PRELIMINARY STUDIES AS TO THE CAPACITY OF THIS SITE AND IT IS AS CURRENTLY ZONED AND TITLED FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 UNITS WITH BONUSES. IT COULD ACTUALLY GO AS HIGH AS 60 OR 61 UNITS. AGAIN, WHAT WE'VE STARTED AS THE BASE, THE FOUNDATION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT OFFERING IS TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF UNITS AT ZERO TO 30%. SO MINIMUM OF 30 UNITS ARE BEING REQUESTED IN THE RFP FOR FAMILIES AT 0% TO 30%. WITH HOME FORWARD'S ALLOCATION OF 40 VOUCHERS, THERE ACTUALLY COULD BE 45 UNITS TOTAL. THEY WILL SUPPORT 90% OF THE UNITS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY VOUCHERS, THEY REQUIRE 10% OVER AND BEYOND THE VOUCHERS AND THOSE ADDITIONAL 10 UNITS WITH THE VOUCHERS COULD BE UP TO 50% OF MFI. THE SITE, ANOTHER CRITERION IS TO MAXIMIZE THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. SO WHAT WE'VE HEARD IS WE'VE HAD THIS ASSET, THE COUNTY HAS PREPARED TO CONVEY IT AT NO COST AND THAT IT'S DESIROUS TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ON THE SITE. AND SO THE ADDITIONAL UNITS COULD BE UP TO 80% OF MFI.

SO THERE'S THE POTENTIAL FOR AN INTERESTING AND A VIBRANT MIX OF INCOMES, AGAIN WITH THAT FOUNDATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES. YOU WILL RECALL FROM OUR PRIOR TIMES BEFORE THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SITE. THE SITE IS ENCUMBERED WITH AN EASE AND EQUITABLE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT. KEN WILL CORRECT ME IF I'VE MISCHARACTERIZED THE SAFE HARBOR THAT WE ENJOY IN OUR CURRENT NONACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THIS AND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BEEN COORDINATING WITH DEQ ON A VERY CONSISTENT BASIS ON OUR DIRECTION SO THAT WE DON'T INADVERTENTLY HAVE A LIABILITY THAT WE DIDN'T INTEND TO AND I KNOW THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD IS THAT WE BE VERY MINDFUL. AND SO WE WOULD REQUIRE A DEVELOPER TO HAVE EXPERIENCE AND THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THAT WOULD

THEN TAKE US OUT OF THE LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY, CHANGE TITLE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDITIONS ON THE SIDE. AND WE KNOW THAT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT.

Mr. Sublett: SO SHOULD THE BOARD APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TODAY, TENTATIVE SHOULD BE ITALICIZED WITH QUOTATION MARKS AROUND IT, BUT THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY WOULD BE ISSUED NEXT MONDAY. WE'LL BE GIVING ACCESS TO THE SITE, AN OPTIONAL TOUR OF THE SITE FOR PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS ON NOVEMBER THE 4th. PROPOSALS WILL BE DUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BEGINNING OF JANUARY. AND LOOKING FOR AN AWARD IN SPRING. AND THEN YOU'LL SEE THERE'S A LONG INTERVAL TO CLOSING. AND THAT IS THAT WE WOULD NOT CONVEY THE PROPERTY UNTIL A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER AGREEMENT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED BY A DEVELOPER WITH OREGON DEQ. AND MAYBE WITH AN AMBITIOUS CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, GROUNDBREAKING IN THE SUMMER OF 2017 AND POSSIBLY A FALL OPENING OF 2018. THANKS. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS?

Ms. Yates: CAN I ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS? I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD THROUGH THIS NOFA PROCESS THAT THERE IS A TIME THAT THEY'LL COME BACK TO THE BOARD AFTER INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH A SELECTION PROCESS, AND A MEMBER OF COMMISSIONER SMITH'S STAFF WILL BE ON THAT SELECTION PROCESS AND PROBABLY SOMEONE FROM FACILITIES, THAT THE CONVEYANCE WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THAT CONVEYANCE OF THAT PROPOSAL. SO WE SET UP THE CRITERIA THAT REPRESENT HOW THE COUNTY'S GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND VISION ARE, AND HAVE A WRAP-AROUND TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION AT THE END SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR ON OUR BALANCE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR? YES, MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. MIKE, ON YOUR POWERPOINT, YOU HAD THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE \$4.5 MILLION IN TIF MONEY. SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN IS NOT AWARDED THIS PROJECT THE TIF DOLLARS? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

Ms. Yates: WE HAVE CARL DINKELSPIEL FROM THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. THE \$4.5 MILLION IS IN THE NOFA.

Mr. Dinkelspiel: IN THE DRAFT NOFA. HI, COMMISSIONERS, I'M THE SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, RUNNING THIS NOFA. AND COMMISSIONER SMITH I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT, STILL THREE DAYS BEFORE THE NOFA'S RELEASE, I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE.

Commissioner Smith: NO, AND I'M NOT GIVING ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU

PROBABLY DON'T KNOW. SOMEONE SAID TO ME THAT THOSE DOLLARS ARE GOING TO BE ALLOCATED OTHER PLACES AND SO I WAS LIKE OKAY IS THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION?

Mr. Dinkelspiel: NOT THAT I HAVE HEARD. AND I'M VERY CONVINCED THAT LIKE I SAID, IN TWO OR THREE DAYS THIS \$4.5 MILLION WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE SITE.

Commissioner Smith: JUST IN TERMS OF PROCESS, IF WE PUT THIS, AND THERE'S A COMMITMENT FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO GIVE US 40 VOUCHERS, DO WE HAVE TO GET THIS PARTICULAR BUILDING, A DESIGNATION AS A SITE-BASED BUILDING IN ORDER TO GET THOSE 40?

Mr. Dinkelspiel: I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

Commissioner Smith: IF WE ONLY DO 40, IT'S GOING TO BE ALL VOUCHERS SO IT'S RELATIVELY GOING TO BE A SITE-BASED HOUSING FOR HUD, THAT YOU CAN ONLY GET -- IT'S NOT A VOUCHER THAT YOU CAN TAKE OTHER PLACES, IT'S ATTACHED TO THE SITE.

Mr. Dinkelspiel: CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: SO DO WE HAVE TO GET THAT DESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR FROM HUD DURING THIS WHOLE PROCESS?

Mr. Dinkelspiel: NO. SO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS COMMITTED TO PUTTING THE VOUCHERS TOWARDS THIS PROPERTY AND THAT COMMITMENT IN AND OF ITSELF IS SUFFICIENT. THERE WILL BE --

Commissioner Smith: IS THAT A VERBAL COMMITMENT OR PAPER?

Mr. Dinkelspiel: IT'S VERBAL FROM JILL SMITH WHO RUNS THE PROGRAM AT HOME FORWARD. THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ADVERTISED THROUGH THIS NOFA IS A MUCH HARDER COMMITMENT THAN THAT.

Ms. Yates: AND IN ACTUALITY WE DID GET A WRITTEN COMMITMENT DIRECTLY FROM JILL SMITH AT HOME FORWARD OF A COMMITMENT OF 40 VOUCHERS IN WRITING.

Commissioner Smith: AND JUST IN TERMS OF MAKING THIS, WE KNOW THE PROPERTY IS CLEAN ALL THE WAY UP TO THE GROUND LEVEL, DOWN TO SIX FEET. SO IF WE KEEP A MIXED USE, WE DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY NECESSARILY, SO A DEVELOPER COULD COME IN AND KEEP THE BOTTOM SPACE RETAIL AND UPSTAIRS CAN BE THE RESIDENTIAL?

Ms. Yates: WELL, CURRENTLY IT'S ZONED R1 AND R2 WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THAT TO RESIDENTIAL.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY.

Mr. Sublett: COMMISSIONER SMITH, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE BELIEVE HAVING A STRONG FOUNDATION OF A NUMBER OF FUNDING SOURCES, THERE ARE COMPLICATIONS WITH THIS SITE QUITE CANDIDLY AND IT'S CURRENTLY ZONED RESIDENTIAL. ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES IN PUTTING THE SITE OUT THROUGH THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY IS IT'S A VERY WIDELY DISTRIBUTED, VERY COMPETITIVE PROCESS. SO WE DEFER TO THE WISDOM OF THE CROWD AS FAR AS COMING UP WITH COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS FOR WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SLICE THIS SITE IN ORDER TO REDEVELOP IT AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Commissioner Smith: AND THIS IS NOT ACTUALLY DEALING WITH THE RFP? BECAUSE WE CAN DRAFT THE RFP AFTER THE FACT. THIS IS JUST ALLOWING US TO BE IN THE NOFA? THIS IS NOT GIVING US THE TERMS FOR THE RFP?

Ms. Yates: THIS IS THE RFP.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY.

Ms. Yates: AND WE HAVE LISTED CRITERIA FOR THE COUNTY THAT'S SPECIFIC AND IT'S A SUBCATEGORY, A SECTION, THAT'S SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE. SO THERE'S OTHER SITES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED. OUR SITE IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE COUNTY'S CRITERIA WITHIN THAT.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY, I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE IF WE'RE SAYING YOU HAVE TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 40 UNITS WHEN WE COULD ACTUALLY PUT WHAT, 60 OR 65 UNITS?

Ms. Yates: 61 MAXIMUM.

Commissioner Smith: 61 UNITS SO REALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING IS IF WE'VE ALREADY CORNERED THE ZERO TO 30, A DEVELOPER IS GOING TO COME IN AND JUST DO THE 40. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO THE 60 BECAUSE THOSE ARE GOING TO BE PAID FOR. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT WE GET MORE THAN 40 UNITS THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

Ms. Yates: ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR THE PROPOSAL IS THAT ANYBODY THAT CAN MAXIMIZE THE SITE. IF THEY'RE PROPOSING I WOULD ANTICIPATE THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO MAXIMIZE THAT SITE, THAT IS PART OF OUR CRITERIA.

Mr. Sublett: ABSOLUTELY. SO THERE'S A BASE CRITERION OF A MINIMUM OF 30 UNITS AT ZERO TO 30% FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, THERE'S A SEPARATE CRITERION THAT SAYS PREFERENCES ARE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS THAT MAXIMIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. AGAIN, THIS WAS THE DIRECTION THAT WE'VE HEARD THAT WE HAVE THIS ASSET, WE'RE PUTTING IT IN AND THE THEME IS TO LEVERAGE, LEVERAGE, LEVERAGE COUNTY RESOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR? I APPRECIATE HAVING A TURN. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT THAT TOUCHES THIS POPULATION FROM 0% TO 30%. THAT IS SO IMPORTANT AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERLINE MY APPRECIATION FOR HOW COMPLICATED THE FUNDING SOURCES ARE FOR REACHING DOWN TO THIS LEVEL OF HOUSING DIFFICULTY AND I WANTED TO DO A LITTLE COMPARE AND CONTRAST BECAUSE AS THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU IS WELL AWARE, THERE IS A TABLE OF AFFORDABILITY THAT IS ISSUED BY HUD EVERY YEAR THAT IS LINKED TO THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA. AND WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO WITH THIS PROJECT IS GET DOWN TO PEOPLE WHOSE ABILITY TO PAY RENT IS BELOW \$386 A MONTH. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT THESE ARE THE VERY FAMILIES OR THESE ARE THE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE THAT'S FOR A SINGLE PERSON, THESE ARE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPYING SHELTER SPACE OR LIVING IN A CAR OR COUCH SURFING. SO THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY PROJECT, I REALLY APPLAUD JUST ALL THE EFFORT AND REALLY THE HEARTFELTNESS THAT GOES INTO CAPTURING A PROJECT FOR THIS LEVEL OF NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, THANK YOU FOR BEING A PARTNER. AND FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK, AND WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU, MIKE. I KNOW THAT YOU'LL GET BURIED IN DART SOMEWHERE AND JUST COME UP AND SAY HELLO EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

Mr. Sublett: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: MADAM CHAIR? THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION THIS MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR COMING AROUND TO VISIT WITH US PRIOR TO THIS, TOO, SO WE COULD ASK QUESTIONS AND HAVE A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF THIS. SO MY QUESTION, YOU MAY ANTICIPATE WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR OUR VETERANS AND WHEN I HEAR THE WORD VOUCHER, I KNOW THIS IS NOT A HUD VOUCHER PROJECT, BUT CERTAINLY OUR VETERAN FAMILIES, OUR VETERAN FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WHILE I HAVE THE MICROPHONE I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MIKE. YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK OUT IN EAST COUNTY AND I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. BUT GLAD YOU'RE STAYING WITH US.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER NEW DAD? DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER? I WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL AND GO AHEAD.

Vice-Chair Bailey: I DID JUST WANT TO SAY, I WANTED TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY THAT HAD BEEN A PART OF THIS BECAUSE THIS WAS A TEAM EFFORT. IT WASN'T ANY INDIVIDUAL. I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF, LIZ SMITH CURRY, ALSO MARY CARROLL FOR WORKING WITH US THROUGH THIS EFFORT. I ALWAYS WANT TO THINK CARL AT PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU. I ALSO WANT TO THINK JILL SMITH AND DINA FORD-AVERY AT HOME FORWARD FOR THEIR EFFORT AND THEIR PARTICIPATION. KEN ELLIOT IS KEEPING US ALL ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AND I ALSO JUST WANT TO THANK MIKE SUBLETT, THIS WAS A GOOD LAST-DITCH EFFORT FOR US.

Chair Kafoury: IF IT SEEMS IT'S THE PROJECT THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOREVER AND SPED UP HERE AT THE END TO GET US TO THIS POINT, I THINK THAT THE BIG TAKEAWAY FROM THIS AS WELL AS THE PARTNERSHIP WE'RE HAVING WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THE UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIP AND WITH HOME FORWARD, THAT I THINK THAT THE WORK WE'VE DONE OVER THE LAST YEAR ON HOME FOR EVERYONE WHERE WE'RE ALL AROUND THE SAME TABLE, IT LEADS TO RESULTS LIKE THIS WHERE EVERYBODY PUTS IN A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE SO WE CAN HAVE A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY AND I'M ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE TO COMMISSIONER SALTZMAN FOR LETTING US AT THE LAST MINUTE PUT THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY INTO THE NOFA BECAUSE THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NOT ONLY THE TIF FUNDING BUT THE FOCUS ON FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. I THINK IT REALLY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A FABULOUS, FABULOUS PROJECT. SO THANKS TO EVERYONE. AND SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.3 Board Briefing on Tax Expenditure Special Report for Multnomah County 2015. Presenters: Dr. Steve March, Auditor – Multnomah County; Annamarie McNiel, Performance Auditor; and, Craig Hunt, Performance Auditor.

Chair Kafoury: SPEAKING OF KEEPING US ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW, IT'S OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR, STEVE MARCH! WELCOME.

Dr. March: THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD I'M STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR AND IN KEEPING WITH THE UNDERLYING THEME OF TODAY, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT IN R.1 YOU TALKED ABOUT THE EXPENDITURE OF ACTUAL CASH FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN R.2 YOU TALKED ABOUT THE EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES, I.E. A PIECE OF LAND AS GOING TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THIS IS ANOTHER KIND OF EXPENDITURE, TAX

EXPENDITURES, THE ABEYANCE OF REVENUES INSTEAD OF ACTUAL CASH, IT'S CASH YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED. SO THIS IS A SPECIAL REPORT, IT GOES GOING TO NEED A VARIETY OF TAX EXPENDITURES. SOME OF THOSE THAT YOU HAVE INPUT ON AND CONTROL OVER, OTHERS ARE THE RESULT OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO CRAIG HUNT AND ANNAMARIE McNIEL TO GO THROUGH THE REPORT.

Mr. Hunt: THANKS, STEVE. FOR THE RECORD I'M CRAIG HUNT WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE. THE COUNTY HAS SEVERAL TYPES OF TAX EXPENDITURES. WE HAVE DIVIDED THIS SPECIAL REPORT INTO TWO SECTIONS, PROPERTY TAXES AND ALL OTHER TYPES OF TAX EXPENDITURES. I'M GOING TO BE TALKING FIRST ABOUT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE STATE-APPROVED PROGRAMS THAT RELIEVE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS FROM PAYING ALL OR PART OF THEIR PROPERTY TAXES. EXEMPT PROPERTY IS REMOVE FROM THE ASSESSMENT ROLL, EXCLUDED FROM PROPERTY TAXES AND RESULTS IN FOREGONE REVENUE. LOOKING AT THE FIRST TAB, THE TOTAL FOREGONE REVENUE TAB SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF FOREGONE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE IS THE TOTAL FOREGONE REVENUE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT'S ABOUT \$63 MILLION. NOW WITH ALL THESE ORGANIZATIONS, IF YOU HOVER OVER THE BAR, YOU CAN GET A LITTLE BIT MORE EXPLANATION ABOUT THE EXEMPTION. THE MIDDLE BAR IS THE FOREGONE REVENUE FOR THE LIBRARY OF ABOUT \$17 MILLION. AND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN IS THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT ABOUT \$725,000.

THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS ITS OWN CATEGORY BECAUSE ALL THE LEVY FUNDS ARE PASSED THROUGH TO THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE AT THIS POINT THAT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS IN THIS REPORT, THE AMOUNTS ARE NOT EXACT. THEY'RE ONLY A BEST ESTIMATE. FOR EXAMPLE, ASSESSED VALUES FOR EXEMPT PROPERTIES ARE NOT UPDATED. THE PROPERTY IS NOT REASSESSED UNTIL IT LOSES THIS EXEMPTION STATS. THIS MEANS THE ASSESSED VALUE OF EXEMPT PROPERTY IS UNDERSTATED WHICH WILL TEND TO MAKE OUR ESTIMATES A LITTLE ON THE LOWER SIDE. HOWEVER, AMOUNTS FROM MEASURE FIVE COMPRESSION AND URBAN RENEWAL ARE NOT INCLUDED AND WILL TEND TO MAKE OUR ESTIMATES A LITTLE BIT HIGHER. ALL IN ALL, I THINK THAT WE DO HAVE A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE FOREGONE REVENUES. THE EXEMPTION TYPE TAB, THERE WE GO, SHOWS THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY, LIBRARY AND OHS COMBINED. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM LOOKING AT THE CHART THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS. THE CHART SHOWS IF YOU LOOK AT THE GREEN BARS THAT THERE ARE LIMITED NUMBERS OF EXEMPTIONS WHERE THE COUNTY HAS SOME LEVEL OF CONTROL. OR SHARED AUTHORITY WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Mr. Hunt: STARTING AT THE TOP OF THE CHART, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY HAS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF FOREGONE REVENUE AT ABOUT \$10.8 MILLION. MOVING DOWN, HISTORICAL PROPERTY HAS ABOUT \$2.9 MILLION. MULTIPLE UNIT HOUSING IN CORE AREAS AND NEW HOME BUYER HOUSING OPPORTUNITY EXEMPTIONS ARE TWO GREEN CARDS OR PROGRAMS THE COUNTY PARTICIPATES IN WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND. IF YOU HOVER OVER THE NEW HOME BUYER HOUSING OPPORTUNITY BAR ON THE CHART IT WILL TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THAT PROGRAM. IF WE HOVER OVER THE OTHER BAR DOWN BELOW IT, IT WILL SHOW YOU A LISTING OF A LOT OF THE OTHER SMALLER EXEMPTIONS. MOVING ON TO THE PROPERTY CLASS TAB, IT BREAKS DOWN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS BY PROPERTY CLASS. FOREGONE REVENUE FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY HAS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT, FOLLOWED BY MULTI-FAMILY, INDUSTRIAL, RECREATIONAL AND SO ON. IN THE RIGHT-HAND CORNER IF YOU CLICK ON COMMERCIAL, IT WILL SHOW THE TYPES OF EXEMPTIONS FOR THAT CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY.

LIKEWISE, IF YOU CLICK BELOW ON RESIDENTIAL, IT WILL SHOW YOU THE TYPE OF EXEMPTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. THE ORGANIZATION GROUP OR BENEFIT TYPE TAB SHOWS THAT MOST PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, EXCUSE ME, SHOWS THAT MOST PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS BENEFIT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS ON THE LEFT. INDIVIDUALS BENEFIT, AS WELL. THE SOCIAL BENEFIT BAR, FOR EXAMPLE, CONTAINS THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY AND THE WAR VETERANS SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN AMONG OTHERS IN THAT CATEGORY. THE LAST TAB FOR PROPERTY TAXES IS THE EXEMPTION TYPE BY ZIP CODE. AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ZIP CODES DON'T NECESSARILY CONFINE THEMSELVES TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SO WE GO OUTSIDE THE BORDERS A LITTLE BIT. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW IS NONPROFIT LOW-INCOME RENTAL HOUSING AND THAT SHOWS A CONCENTRATION IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY. YOU CAN HOVER OVER ONE OF THOSE ZIP CODE AREAS AND YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXEMPTIONS IN THAT AREA. FARM AND FOREST EXEMPTIONS ARE MORE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WITH HIGHER CONCENTRATION ON THE WEST AND EAST SIDES OF THE COUNTY. NOW, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO ANNAMARIE TO TALK ABOUT OTHER TYPES OF TAX EXPENDITURES.

Ms. McNiel: THANK YOU, CRAIG, GOOD MORNING. I'M ANNAMARIE McNIEL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE. STARTING WITH THE OTHER TAXES, INCLUDING ARE BUSINESS INCOME TAX, BUSINESS INCOME TAX IS A TAX IMPOSED ON EACH PERSON DOING BUSINESS WITHIN THE COUNTY EQUAL TO 1.45% OF THE NET BUSINESS DONE WITHIN THE COUNTY. THIS GOES DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND THIS GRAPH REFLECTS THE ESTIMATED FOREGONE REVENUE FOR TAX YEAR 2013. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED

FOREGONE REVENUE WAS ABOUT \$3.6 MILLION FOR THIS TIME PERIOD AND THE LARGEST AREA OF FOREGONE REVENUE RELATES TO A COUNTY CODE THAT ALLOWS AN EXEMPTION FOR ENTITIES WITH GROSS REVENUES UNDER \$50,000. BECAUSE THE TAXABLE REVENUE IS NOT CALCULATED FOR THESE ENTITIES WE APPLIED THE \$100 MINIMUM TAX TO EACH ENTITY FILING FOR THIS EXEMPTION, WHICH WAS OVER 31,000 ENTITIES APPLYING FOR THE EXEMPTION AND RESULTED IN \$3.1 MILLION OF FOREGONE REVENUE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER EXEMPTIONS THAT THE COUNTY HAS LIMITED CONTROL OVER. MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX, THIS IS A 17% TAX IMPOSED ON EVERY PERSON RENTING A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM A COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT IN THE COUNTY. 14.5% OF THIS TAX GOES DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Ms. McNiel: IN ADDITION, THERE'S A 2.5% SURCHARGE FOR PURPOSES OF TOURISM. THIS GRAPH REFLECTS THE FOREGONE REVENUE OF ABOUT \$4 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014. COUNTY CODE ALONG WITH STATE LAW ARE THE DRIVERS FOR THESE EXEMPTIONS AND INCLUDE RENTALS, REPLACED VEHICLES BEING REPAIRED OR SERVICED WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR \$1.3 MILLION OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND. VEHICLES WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OVER 24,000 POUNDS RESULTED IN ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND AND CONTRACTED RENTALS OVER 30 DAYS RESULTED IN ABOUT \$700,000 OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE TRANSIENT LODGING TAX IS AN 11.5% TAX IMPOSED ON PERSONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF OCCUPYING ANY HOTEL IN THE COUNTY. 6% OF THE TAX GOES DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL FUND. THAT INCLUDES A BASE RATE AND A 1% SURCHARGE FOR TOURISM. CITIES ALSO IMPOSE THE 6% TAX AND FOR ENTITIES, THERE IS A COUNTY CODE THAT ALLOWS FOR A CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY'S TAX SO IT'S ONLY PAID TO THE CITY'S. AND IN THAT CASE THIS RESULTED IN ABOUT \$22 MILLION OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 14 AND ABOUT \$4.3 MILLION. ESTIMATED FOREGONE REVENUE WAS NEARLY \$29 MILLION. AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER EXEMPTIONS.

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY, SO WHERE DOES THE FOREGONE REVENUE FROM THE LODGING TAX END UP?

Ms. McNiel: IT'S A CREDIT BACK. SO THEY'RE ONLY PAYING THIS TOTAL OF 11.5%, CITY GETS 6%, WE SEND 5.5% THROUGH TO OTHER ENTITIES. WE COULD WITHOUT THE CREDIT ALSO BE CHARGING A 6% BRINGING IT UP TO A 17.5% CHARGE TO THE HOTELS.

Commissioner Shiprack: SO THAT IS FOREGONE IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CHARGE A TAX AND WE DO NOT CHARGE IT?

Ms. McNiel: CORRECT.

Commissioner Shiprack: OKAY THANK YOU.

Ms. McNiel: THE LAST TAX THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX. THE COUNTY IMPOSES 3% TAX PER GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL PURCHASED IN THE COUNTY. AND THERE ARE -- THIS GRAPH REFLECTS THE FOREGONE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 14 AND IT ONLY RESULTED IN \$16,000 AND WE'VE LISTED IT HERE BY CLAIMANT AND EXEMPT ENTITY FOR THE REFUND. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS BEFORE HANDING IT BACK TO STEVE FOR CLOSING REMARKS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO JUST LISTENING TO YOU AND BEING A FAIRLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES, I'M REALLY CAPTIVATED BY THE AMOUNT OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS WHAT OUR RURAL COUNTY COLLEAGUES ALSO FEEL A LOT OF FOREGONE REVENUE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF FEDERALLY OWNED LAND IN OREGON. AND SO I'M WONDERING WHY DOESN'T THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM (PILT) BACKFILL THIS GAP? WHICH IS PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL. IT'S STEEP.

Dr. March: THE PILT PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED AROUND THE REDUCTION OF FOREST HARVESTING IN WHICH SOME OF THE REVENUES WERE GIVEN TO THE COUNTIES AND WE ACTUALLY DO RECEIVE A SMALL BIT WHEN THEY DO PAY OUT FOR THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FOREST LANDS, BOTH THE ONC AND NATIONAL FOREST LANDS. HOWEVER, THAT WAS NEVER DESIGNED, THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, WAS NEVER DESIGNED TO COVER THINGS LIKE BONNEVILLE DAM, THE FEDERAL BUILDING, AND OTHER RESOURCES LIKE THE POST OFFICE. SO YES, THEY HAVE THESE WONDERFUL RESOURCES, SOME OF THEM MAKE MONEY, LIKE BONNEVILLE DAM BECAUSE THEY'RE GENERATING POWER AND THAT'S ACTUALLY THE NUMBER ONE FEDERAL-EXEMPT PROPERTY. BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DO PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR ANYTHING -- THEY HAVEN'T DONE THAT FOR ANYTHING, BUT THE FOREST HARVEST.

Commissioner Shiprack: JUST IF I COULD COMMENT. THAT SEEMS LIKE A SHAME! [LAUGHTER]

Dr. March: I DID MENTION THAT IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE JUST A SMALL FRACTION OF THE POWER MONEY COMING OUT OF THERE. YOU KNOW, IT'S THE LAST PIECE OF MAJOR PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE COUNTY IN DISTRICT FOUR.

Commissioner Shiprack: WELL JUST A COMMENT TO ADD TO THAT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THEY PROVIDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH THESE

INSTRUMENTS WHICH ARE REALLY CONVENIENT FOR FOLLOWING BOARD ACTIVITIES INSTEAD OF PAPER. THEY ALSO CONNECT TO THE WORLDWIDE WEB AS THOSE OF US OF A CERTAIN AGE STILL FIND TO BE AN AMAZING RESOURCE. AND AGAIN, ALSO A DANGEROUS SOURCE TO CITE, BUT, YOU KNOW, IN A QUICK SEARCH OF, YOU KNOW, PILT AND WHAT IS PILT, THERE ARE COMMUNITIES AND SADLY, I'M CITING WIKIPEDIA, SO I WANT TO BE REALLY CLEAR, IT'S A LITTLE PATHETIC I KNOW AS A RESEARCH EFFORT.

Commissioner Shiprack: HOWEVER, THERE ARE COMMUNITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, IT SAYS HERE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A WEST SIDE STADIUM IN NEW YORK CITY FOR USE BY THE NEW YORK JETS, THERE WAS CONTROVERSY OVER THE PROPOSAL BY THE MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, ALSO DATED, TO USE PILT MONEY FROM THE JETS TO HELP FINANCE THE PROJECT RATHER THAN APPLYING IT TO OTHER MUNICIPAL EXPENSES. SO I JUST HOPE I'M BEING A LITTLE BIT PROVOCATIVE THAT IT'S NOT JUST RURAL COMMUNITIES BUT ALSO URBAN COMMUNITIES WHO FEEL THE BURDEN OF A SWEEPING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND THAT MAYBE WE COULD SEEK SOME POLICY TO HELP US BALANCE THAT?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. WHERE IS DAVID BLAIR? COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME THE PILT AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR? CAN YOU COME UP HERE?

Mr. Blair: I'M DAVID BLAIR, NEW CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH. SO WHEN PILT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE '70s, IT WAS ESSENTIALLY GIVEN A TWO-TRACK SYSTEM IN WHICH WESTERN COUNTIES BASED ON A PERCENT OF FEDERAL LAND GOT A BASE PAYMENT FOR THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NON-TAX BEARING LAND IN THEIR COUNTY. THE REASON FOR TWO TIERS WAS BECAUSE OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON WHICH RECEIVED AMAZING SUMS OF MONEY BECAUSE OF THE TIMBER INDUSTRY AND THE TIMBER PRODUCTIVITY IN THIS REGION. BECAUSE HISTORICALLY COUNTIES GET 25% OF ALL TIMBER RECEIPTS THAT ARE HARVESTED FROM FEDERAL LAND. SO OVER THE YEARS, THAT'S A VERY BIG REASON WHY OREGON IS A WEALTHY STATE BECAUSE THAT NUMBER WAS IN THE ANNUALLY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS WHEREAS STATES LIKE MONTANA, IDAHO, UTAH WHICH DID NOT HAVE THOSE TIMBER RESOURCES, IT WAS IN THE MILLIONS.

Commissioner Smith: CAN WE USE PILT FOR ANY OF OURS?

Mr. Blair: IT'S FAIRLY UNRESTRICTED, ROADS AND SCHOOLS.

Mr. March: RIGHT AND IT'S NOT -- SO I THINK RECENTLY IN THE WESTERN STATES AS YOU POINTED OUT, IT'S BEEN TIED TO THE FOREST PROPERTIES. OTHER AREAS, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THEY GET ANYMORE.

Mr. Blair: THE COMPROMISE THAT SENATOR WYDEN STRUCK RECENTLY

ESSENTIALLY WAS A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN STATES TO RAISE THEIR PILT PAYMENTS WHILE WE WERE EXTENDING WHAT WAS CALLED THE COUNTY PAYMENTS, BECAUSE OREGON AND WASHINGTON GOT SO MUCH OF THE REVENUE RELATIVE TO COUNTY PAYMENTS, WHICH IS AGAIN THE EXTENSION OF THE 25% TIMBER REVENUE SHARING, SO THAT CAME DOWN A LITTLE, WE BROUGHT OTHER WESTERN STATES UP BUT AS A GENERAL MATTER, THE PILT WAS JUST A FUNCTION OF THE ACREAGE OF FEDERAL OWNERSHIP IN A RURAL COUNTY, WESTERN COUNTY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? STEVE, DID YOU HAVE SOME CLOSING?

Dr. March: I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOUR OFFICE, THE COO AND OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR A REVIEW OF OUR WORK. THE DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND TAXATION HELPED WITH THE PROPERTY TAX, TAX SUPERVISING AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION HELPED WITH SOME OF OUR OTHER INFORMATION. PLUS, THE CITY OF PORTLAND REVENUE DIVISION OR BUREAU WAS HELPFUL IN PART OF THE TAX STUFF. SO THANKS TO ALL OF THEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU SO MUCH. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR US TO THINK ABOUT AS YOU TALKED ABOUT EARLIER THE ACTIONS THAT WE TOOK THIS MORNING WERE SIMILAR BUT THOSE WERE -- WE WERE MAKING A CONSCIOUS DECISION. SO MUCH OF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT UNLESS IT'S IN THE FOREFRONT AND WE'RE TAKING A VOTE, WE DON'T REMEMBER OR REALIZE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER HOW MUCH TAX MONEY IS FOREGONE INSTEAD OF ALLOCATED. THANK YOU.

R.4 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for \$4,325,118 to the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau's Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program. Presenters: Kim Toevs, Adolescent Health Promotion and STD/HIV/HCV Program Manager; Margy Robinson, HIV Care Services Manager.

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

Ms. Robinson: I'M MARGY ROBINSON, AND I'M HERE WITH KIM TOEVES, THE HIV STD MANAGER AND WE WORK FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. WE WILL BE REQUESTING THE 22nd YEAR OF RYAN WHITE PART A. FUNDING TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS WHO LIVE IN THE REGION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, CLACKAMAS, WASHINGTON, COLUMBIA, YAMHILL AND ALSO CLARK COUNTY IN WASHINGTON. THE RYAN WHITE GRANT IS GUIDED BY THE WORK OF THE HIV

PLANNING COUNCIL, WHICH IS A GROUP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND MAKING ALLOCATIONS DECISIONS FOR THE RYAN WHITE FUNDING. IT IS THE PLANNING COUNCIL THAT MADE THE SERVICES DECISIONS THAT ARE REQUESTED IN THE GRANT THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. AND IF WE ARE NOT AWARDED THE FULL GRANT AMOUNT, IT IS ALSO THE COUNCIL THAT HAS TO MAKE THE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS OF WHAT SERVICES MUST BE DECREASED. IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE GRANT THAT AT LEAST 33% OF THE COUNCIL BE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE VOICE OF THE CLIENT IS ALWAYS AT THE CENTER OF OUR DECISION MAKING.

Ms. Robinson: I AM HONORED TO WORK WITH THIS GROUP WHO DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO HIV SERVICES PLANNING AND MAKING VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME DATA WITH YOU THE IMPACT. ALMOST 3,000 CLIENTS WERE SERVED DURING THIS LAST GRANT YEAR. 65% OF THOSE CLIENTS IDENTIFIED AS WHITE, 15% IDENTIFIED AS HISPANIC OR LATINO, 9% AS BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND 8% MULTIRACIAL. 67% OF THE CLIENTS WE SERVE ARE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. 86% OF THOSE CLIENTS ARE MALE. OF CLIENTS RECEIVING REGULAR MEDICAL CARE, 89 -- IT MEANS THAT THEY'RE HEALTHIER, IT MEANS TRANSMISSION IS LOWER. THAT DIFFERENCE IS REALLY A LOT OF WHAT GUIDES THE WORK OF THE RYAN WHITE CONTINUUM. RYAN WHITE PROVIDES MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES BUT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT CASE MANAGEMENT AND HOUSING TODAY AS KEY SERVICES THAT KEEP CLIENTS ENGAGED AND HEALTHY. MORE THAN 2,000 CLIENTS RECEIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

RYAN WHITE CASE MANAGERS WORK TIRELESSLY TO ENROLL THEIR CLIENTS IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND TO SMOOTH THEIR TRANSITION INTO NEW TYPES OF INSURANCE. CLEARLY, HAVING INSURANCE IS PRETTY KEY TO MAINTAINING THEIR ABILITY TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. 850 CLIENTS RECEIVED SOME KIND OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE FROM RYAN WHITE FUNDS. THESE SERVICES INCLUDE HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT, ASSISTANCE WITH FINDING HOUSING, FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS, TENANT EDUCATION, AND ALSO RENT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE. CHALLENGES CONTINUE FOR THIS POPULATION. THE POPULATION WE SERVE IS OFTEN DEALING WITH MULTIPLE CHRONIC DISEASES, NOT JUST HIV AND WITH AN AGING POPULATION, THIS IS BECOMING ALL THE MORE TRUE. IT IS DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING TO ENSURE ALL CLIENTS MAINTAIN ENROLLED IN SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT ALL THEIR CHOICES ARE AND THAT THEY REAPPLY DURING OPEN ENROLLMENT WHICH WE'RE JUST HEADING INTO NOW. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES CURRENTLY REQUIRES LONG WAIT TIMES AND IN SOME CASES IT'S NOT FULLY CULTURALLY COMPETENT IN SUPPORTING SEXUAL MINORITY POPULATIONS AND AS YOU'RE ALL VERY WELL AWARE, AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING IS BECOMING AN INCREASING PROBLEM DUE TO VERY LOW AFFORDABLE HOUSING VACANCY RATES.

Ms. Robinson: FINALLY PROVIDING A FULL-FLEDGED PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL HOME FOR HIV-POSITIVE CLIENTS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. AT THE HIV HEALTH SERVICES CENTER AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CLIENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS MEDICAL CARE, CASE MANAGEMENT, MEDICATION ADHERENCE ASSISTANCE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ALL IN ONE PLACE. THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL HELP ARE PAIRED WITH A CLIENT NAVIGATOR, SOMEONE WHO HELPS THEM NAVIGATE THROUGH THE SYSTEM, ENCOURAGES CLIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT AND TEACHES THEM HOW TO BEST ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES. THOUGH THIS MODEL OF CARE CERTAINLY KEEPS PEOPLE HEALTHIER AND SAVES COSTS IN THE LONG RUN, IN THE SHORT RUN, IT COSTS MORE. IT IS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST OUR CLIENTS WITH ALL THESE SERVICES THAT WE'RE SEEKING SUPPORT THROUGH ONGOING RYAN WHITE FUNDING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AS WE'RE SORT OF ON A HOUSING THEME THIS MORNING, THINKING ABOUT YOU. SO DO YOUR CASE MANAGERS ACTUALLY WORK IN THE HOUSING -- I MEAN, DO THEY HELP THE CLIENTS FIND HOUSING? IS THAT HOW THAT WORKS?

Ms. Robinson: THEY DO.

Commissioner McKeel: OKAY. SO IT'S THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT OR YOUR DIVISION.

Ms. Robinson: IT'S THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH CASCADE AIDS PROJECT AND MOSTLY THEY LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES SO THEY'RE PROVIDING THE CASE MANAGEMENT WHILE THE ACTUAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE COMING FROM OTHER RESOURCES.

Commissioner McKeel: RIGHT, RIGHT. WELL, THAT'S GREAT. I THINK AS WE TALK ABOUT HOUSING WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF ALL OF OUR POPULATIONS WE SERVE THAT NEED THAT HOUSING SO MUCH.

Ms. Robinson: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN. I REMEMBER LAST YEAR I ASKED YOU A QUESTION ABOUT RYAN WHITE AND YOU EXPLAINED THAT SO CLEARLY, AND I SO APPRECIATED THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Ms. Robinson: YOU'RE WELCOME.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND NO FURTHER COMMENTS?

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED.

R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION #MCSO-03-16: SB1145 Mid-Year Adjustment – Increasing the Federal/State Fund by \$599,158.00. Presenter: Linda Yankee, Chief Deputy of Business Services.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5. GOOD MORNING.

Chief Deputy Yankee: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM LINDA YANKEE, CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. AND THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUD MOD MCSO-03-16 WHICH INCREASES THE SENATE BILL 1145 FUND AS A RESULT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FINALIZING THEIR 2015-17 BUDGET. THIS IS AN INCREASE IN SENATE BILL 1145 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$599,158. SO IN 1995, SENATE BILL 1145 BECAME LAW, WHICH ALLOWS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO ASSUME CONTROL WITH STATE FUNDING OF PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION OF FELONS, ALONG WITH LOCAL INCARCERATION IN THE COUNTY JAIL OF FELONS SERVING PRISON SENTENCES OF ONE YEAR OR LESS. OUR FY 16 BUDGET WAS PREPARED WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD LIKELY BE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING, HOWEVER, THE ALLOCATION WAS NOT KNOWN AT THE TIME. THE COCHAIR OF THE BUDGET INCREASED THEIR ALLOCATIONS TOWARDS PUBLIC SAFETY.

Commissioner McKeel: I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION, IS THIS A ONE-YEAR ALLEGATION OR A TWO-YEAR ALLOCATION?

Chief Deputy Yankee: A TWO-YEAR ALLOCATION.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION #MCSO-04-16: Increasing the Sheriff's Office's appropriation by \$36,940 due to additional Oregon State Marine Board Funding from the State of Oregon. Presenter: Chief Deputy Linda Yankee.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Chief Deputy Yankee: THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS AN ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OREGON MARINE BOARD TO PROVIDE SAFE, COMMERCIAL, AND RECREATIONAL PASSAGE TO THE COUNTY'S 110 MILES OF WATERWAYS ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER, THE WILLAMETTE RIVER, SANDY RIVER, AND THE MULTNOMAH CHANNEL. WHEN THE OFFICE SUBMITTED THE PLANNED BUDGET IN FEBRUARY, THE OREGON MARINE BOARD INFORMED US

OF REDUCED FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. WE ANTICIPATED A \$40,000 REDUCTION FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WE DID KNOW THERE WAS LEGISLATION PROPOSING INCREASED VOTING FEES WHICH WOULD PROBABLY RESTORE THE FUNDING FOR FY-2016 BUT NO FIRM EQUIPMENT ON THAT. ON JULY 1ST, GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNED HOUSE BILL 2459, IMPLEMENTING A \$4.50 FEE ON ALL BOATS REGISTERED IN OREGON EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 OF 2016. THIS RESTORED 36,940 TO OUR BUDGET. THESE SUPPORT CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS AT THE RIVER PATROL WITHOUT THE FUNDING, OUR OFFICE WOULD LIKELY HAVE TO DECREASE RESOURCES AND MAKE THE POTENTIAL CUTS TO OUR RIVER PATROL.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR LINDA? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION #MCSO-05-16: Increasing the Sheriff's Office's appropriation by \$155,425 due to additional Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Grant Funding from the State of Oregon. Presenter: Chief Deputy Linda Yankee.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R7.

Chief Deputy Yankee: SO THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION IS RELATED TO THE EAST METRO GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM. THIS ESTABLISHES A COMBINED OPERATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS ON THE CITIZENS, THE SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, AND NEIGHBORHOODS, OF THE CITIES. GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE, AND THE ADJOINING UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY THROUGH A LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE, OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES AND TACTICS, AND TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH COORDINATED APPROACH DESIGNED TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY LIVABILITY. THIS TEAM WORKS WITH THE SCHOOLS, THE COMMUNITIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND PROBATION. THIS TASK FORCE INCLUDES PARTICIPATION FROM GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW, AND OF COURSE, OUR OFFICE. THIS ADDS ONE DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET. WHEN THE TROUTDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT MERGED WITH OUR OFFICE, THERE WERE SERVICE CONTRACTS ASSOCIATED WITH TROUTDALE THAT WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. SO, THIS IS A RESULT OF THE TROUTDALE MERGER, AND IT WAS A PREVIOUS CONTRACT WITH TROUTDALE, TO WHICH NOW, IT IS A CONTRACT WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ANY QUESTIONS?

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

R.8 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the City of Fairview. Presenter: Chief Deputy Tim Moore.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R8.

Chief Deputy Moore: I AM CHIEF DEPUTY TIM MOORE FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I AM HERE TODAY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN IGA BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF FAIRVIEW. THE PURPOSE IS TO FACILITATE MCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION COMMAND STAFF PERFORMING THE ROLE OF INTERIM FAIRVIEW CHIEF OF POLICE DUE TO THEIR CHIEF'S RETIREMENT. SCOTT ANDERSON IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING THIS ROLE. THE IGA OUTLINES THE COMMANDER ANDERSON WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COUNTY EMPLOYEE DURING THIS TIME FRAME, AND WILL REPORT TO SHERIFF STATON ON SHERIFFS REGARDING OUR DIVISION, BUT WILL REPORT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE FAIRVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT DICTATES THAT THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW REMAINS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE COMMANDER ANDERSON ACTING AS THEIR POLICE CHIEF, AND OF COURSE, THE COUNTY REMAINS VIABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS AS A SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMANDER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON THIS MATTER. IF I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE IGA IS APPROVED.

R.9 Master Certification Agreement 29110 with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Amended to Address Finance Procedures. Presenter: Riad Alharithi, Capital Improvement Program Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R9. HI.

Mr. Alharithi: GOOD MORNING. I AM RIAD ALHARITHI, THE CAPITAL PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, AND ROADWAY SECTION. THIS MASTER IGA NEEDED SOME UPDATES. WE HAVE IT APPROVED IN 2010, JUST NEED SOME HOUSECLEANING IN TERMS OF THE REVISED TERMS, REGARDING THE ACCOUNTING, AND REGARDING SOME CHANGES IN OUR STAFF AND ORGANIZATION. SO WE WOULD REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS IGA, AND NEW IGA TO REPLACE THE OLD ONE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT BENEFITS DO WE GET WITH THIS IGA IN TERMS OF THE EFFICIENCIES?

Mr. Alharithi: ON THE COUNTY SIDE, OF THIS REVISED IGA, WOULD NOT ADD ANY EFFICIENCY. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ODOT, AT ONE POINT, REGARDING THEIR ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES, AND THEY FOUND THAT STATEWIDE, THEY DID NOT HAVE A PROPER ACCOUNTING OR DOCUMENTATION PROCESS IN PLACE, SO WE REQUIRED IT BE PRESENTED FROM US TO ODOT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

R.10 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming the Week of October 18 – 24, 2015 as National Retirement Security Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Chris Yager, Plan Administrator.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.10.

Mr. Yager: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. CHRIS YAGER, PLAN ADMINISTRATOR. I AM HERE TODAY TO PRESENT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24 AS NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ON SEPTEMBER 22, CONGRESS PASSED SENATE RESOLUTION 263 SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK. NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATIONAL SAFE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK. IT'S THE FIRST CONGRESSIONALLY ENDORSED NATIONAL EVENT FORMALLY CALLING ON EMPLOYERS TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF SAVING FOR RETIREMENT, AND ENCOURAGING THEIR EMPLOYEES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EMPLOYER SPONSORED PLANS.

THE GOALS FOR NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK ARE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS FOR THE NEED TO SAVE FOR THE FUTURE'S FINANCIAL SECURITY, PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF GETTING STARTED EARLY, SAVING FOR RETIREMENT, AND INCREASE THE PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY, AND ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEES TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PLANS. THIS PROCLAMATION DECLARES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24 ASSESS THE NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WITH THE GOALS AND INTENT OF HELPING TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING, BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAVING FOR THEIR FUTURE. I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION.

[Mr. Yager read the Proclamation into the record]

Mr. Yager: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION BUT I HAVE A COMMENT. THIS IS REALLY GOOD INFORMATION, AND I THINK WE ALL NEED TO KNOW THIS. I THINK IT STARTS WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG, AND THAT'S WHY WE PUT A PIECE IN OUR SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM. WE HAVE A LITERACY PIECE FOR THE YOUTH SO THEY UNDERSTAND FINANCING, SO THIS IS REALLY, REALLY GOOD. THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

Mr. Yager: THANK YOU. NEVER TOO YOUNG OR LATE.

Vice-Chair Bailey: THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE I'VE BEEN TRACKING FOR A WHILE, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE COMMUNICATING THIS, BUT THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING THE TOOLS AND THE POLICIES TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE, AS STRAIGHTFORWARD AS POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THE BARRIERS, AND WHEN POSSIBLE, TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE KINDS OF NUDGE FACTORS THAT CAN HELP PEOPLE GET INTO SAVINGS. IT CAN SOMETIMES BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SEEMS A LONG WAY OFF, BUT THROUGH THE MAGIC OF COMPOUND INTEREST, IT'S HERE TODAY.

Mr. Yager: YEAH. AND WE STARTED AUTO ENROLLMENT A FEW YEARS AGO WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF MICHAEL HANNAH, THE BEST PRESIDENT, AND SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE JOINED DURING THAT, AS WELL SO WE'RE GETTING THE NEW EMPLOYEES THAT WAY.

Vice-Chair Bailey: GREAT. I AM A FAN OF THE 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN, AND I ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO SIGN UP FOR IT. AND WE HAVE ONE FOR AUGUST.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD MY THANKS -- ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES -- THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND ONE THAT IS AT THE TOP OF MINE FOR, I THINK, ALMOST EVERYONE, WHETHER THEY ARE YOUNG AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH RETIREMENT OR WHETHER THEY ARE REACHING RETIREMENT AGE AND WONDERING IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO RETIRE ON. SO, A COUPLE OF THE THINGS IN THE PROCLAMATION THAT I LIKE IS THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFERS THIS VOLUNTARY DEFERRED COMP SAVINGS PLAN WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF INVESTMENT OPTIONS, AND A ROBUST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. I THINK THAT THAT'S SO IMPORTANT.

Mr. Yager: YES.

Commissioner McKeel: AND THAT RAISING THAT PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND FINANCIAL SECURITY AND RETIREMENT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO.

Mr. Yager: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 1980, JUNE OF 1980 BY THE BOARD, AND CONTINUED SUPPORT HAS BEEN GREAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS. ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR AGENDA FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE ANNOUNCEMENT. I AM HAVING MY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AGAIN ON SATURDAY FROM 8:00 TO 12:00 AT THE HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER, SO IF ANYONE WANTS TO COME OUT AND JOIN US, ME AND MY STAFF WILL BE THERE COOKING BACON, PANCAKES, SERVING SENIORS FROM 8:00 TO 12:00.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR, THANK YOU. THAT SOUNDS VERY GOOD RIGHT NOW, COMMISSIONER SMITH. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE HAD ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL EAST COUNTY STAND-DOWN LAST SATURDAY IN TROUTDALE. DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS YET OF VETERANS WHO CAME, BUT MANY OF OUR COUNTY AGENCIES WERE THERE TO WORK WITH THE VETERANS THAT SHOWED UP, AND APPRECIATE THAT, AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE ALL ON MY FACEBOOK. SO, AND LIKE I SAY, I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS YET BUT WE WILL, AND IT WAS VERY, VERY BUSY, WHEN I WAS THERE, IN THE MORNING, AND AS THE DAY WENT ON, IT WAS VERY, VERY BUSY. VERY PLEASED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GREAT, THANKS. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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