

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioner Diane McKeel were excused.

- E.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (h) for the purposes of discussing the possible settlement of a tort case and giving the Board an update on the Chasse case. Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Contact: Jenny Morf, Deputy County Attorney. Presenters: Carlo Calandriello and David Blankfeld.

Executive Session was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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MID-YEAR BUDGET WORK SESSION #2

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:43 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury arrived at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Diane McKeel was excused.

Also attending was Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

- BWS-2 FY 2012 State Rebalance – Public Safety (MCSO, DCJ & DA) and Aging and Disability Services, Developmental Disabilities, and Domestic Violence - Systems of Care Session. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Kathy Tinkle; Mike Schrunk, District Attorney; Sheriff Dan Staton & Chief Deputy Drew Brosh, MCSO; Peter Ozanne, Exec Director, Local Public Safety Council (LPSCC); Scott Taylor, and Invited Guests.**

- 1. Introductions and Purpose. Presenter: Joanne Fuller, County Chief Operating Officer.**
- 2. Public Safety System Overview. Presenter: Peter Ozanne, Executive Director, Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC).**

Ms. Fuller provided the introductions. Mr. Ozanne spoke about Senate Bill 1145, passed by the 1995 Oregon legislature. It directs counties to assume responsibility for all aspects of parole and probation supervision, and transfers management of offenders sentenced for 12 months or less to the counties. SB 1145 has created LPSCC around the state, with Multnomah County's being one of the most active and productive chapters. Mr. Ozanne explained that SB 1145 is considered by some to be a tradeoff between cost and effect. Although this SB leaves individual counties with more expenses, it also grants them broader control over their justice system.

- 3. Sheriff's Office. Presenters: Sheriff Dan Staton & Chief Deputy Drew Brosh.**

Sheriff Staton discussed the SB 1145 reductions from the State. He spoke about possible mitigating actions MCSO will take, including closing dorms, reducing overtime and achieving higher staffing efficiencies to offset the reductions.

Chief Deputy Brosh discussed the direct impact these cuts will have on MCSO and Sheriff Staton talked about the impacts on the systems of care and community consequences, including the courts, District Attorney (DA), Community Justice (DCJ), and local jurisdictions. Discussions ensued pertaining to public safety concerns these adjustments raise, and the parameters outlined in the Capacity Management Plan.

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

- 4. Department of Community Justice. Presenters: Scott Taylor, DCJ Director & Kathleen Treb, Asst. Director of Employee, Community & Clinical Services.**

Mr. Taylor provided the introduction. He explained that the difference between high medium and low risk offenders is their risk of recidivism. Criminality profiles show that high risk offenders are more likely to have prior youth dispositions, adult convictions, arrests or charges under the age of 16, incarcerations upon conviction, and non-compliance during prior community supervision. Mr. Taylor explained that high and medium risk offenders are where most of DCJ's time and resources are spent, since the biggest impact and change is made by preventing their recidivism.

Mr. Taylor spoke about the SB 1145 reductions to DCJ programs including FTE reductions, and reducing some contracts with community providers. DCJ proposes eliminating the STOP Court program as 87% of those in STOP are considered to be low

risk offenders. This is in keeping with prioritizing programs for high and medium risk offenders.

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

5. State Courts. Presenter: Chief Presiding Judge Jean Maurer & Doug Bray, County Circuit Court Administrator.

Judge Maurer provided the introduction. She spoke about the impacts of the budget reductions on the Circuit Court, including the significant number of FTEs lost and the court's need for pre-trial and post-conviction incarceration, and how the court uses both jail and prison. She discussed how they are compensating for these cuts and the effects these cuts have had on duties, court dockets, and response time.

Judge Maurer discussed the impacts to the community these reductions will have, including the programs that address treatment needs for offenders and can reduce recidivism.

Chair Cogen asked Judge Maurer if they will be still able to provide judicial services previously committed for the new East County Courthouse. Judge Maurer responded affirmatively.

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

6. District Attorney's Office. Presenters: District Attorney Michael Schrunk.

Mr. Schrunk provided the introduction. He discussed the reductions to the District Attorney's work in the Juvenile Court Trial Unit, the Oregon Department of Justice for Dependency work and the Impacts these will have on the valuable services the public safety system.

Chair Cogen asked if any cuts have been made to the Public Defenders' office. Mr. Schrunk replied that no cuts have been made, but if they handle fewer cases, their funds will go down.

He responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

7. Aging & Disability Services. Presenters: Kathy Tinkle, Interim Dir., County Human Services.

Ms. Fuller suggested that due to time constraints, the presentations on Developmental Disabilities and Domestic Violence be rescheduled. It was the consensus of the Board to hear these briefings at next week's meeting.

Ms. Tinkle provided the introduction. She talked about the reductions to their programs and the impacts these reductions will have on their services. Those impacts include individuals being served in the ADS Access & Early Intervention Services, which provide a 24/7 Helpline, nine District Senior Centers; the Oregon Project Independence funding; the ADS Long Term Care Base program. She said that they're currently under a three month contract extension, but anticipate the final contract by Sept. 30, 2011. The State is funding the County at 85% of what it would cost the State to run the program through February 2012, and the Legislator will decide whether to continue funding the County at that rate for the remainder of the 2011 – 2013 biennium at their February Emergency Board meeting. The loss in FTES will cause an overall decrease in services. Ms. Tinkle explained that they are diligently looking for ways to mitigate the impact on the community they serve.

Ms. Tinkle spoke next about the reductions to ADS Adult Protective Services, which is responsible for protecting seniors and people with disabilities from abuse, financial exploitation, neglect and self-neglect. This budget reduction will result in FTE reductions and impacts to the community.

The Board spoke about the benefits and disadvantages of backfilling the State cuts and whether that is a precedent the County wishes to set. Ms. Tinkle and Ms. Fuller responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by:
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Multnomah County