

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-173**

Declaring the Women's Transition Center Properties, Located at 722, 732, and 736 N.E. Couch Street, Portland, Oregon, as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Department of County Human Services to Offer the Properties through the Affordable Housing Development Program.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. By Resolution 04-185, dated December 9, 2004, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners ("Board") adopted a policy for declaring real property owned by the County as surplus ("Surplus Property Process").
- b. The Women's Transition Center Properties ("Properties"), located at 722, 732, and 736 N.E. Couch Street, Portland, Oregon, are three residential houses totaling 6,460 square feet on three contiguous parcels totaling 6,750 square feet. The sole County use, a Department of Community Justice (DCJ) Women's Transition Center Residential Program (WTC), relocated the last resident as of September 2012, leaving the buildings vacant.
- c. The Director of Facilities and Property Management Division ("Director") has determined that the Properties are no longer required for County use. The County will soon have no practical, efficient, or appropriate use for the Properties, and will have no use for the Properties in the near future. The Director recommends that the Properties be declared surplus.
- d. At the direction of the Board through a budget note, Board staff, DCJ, Department of County Human Services (DCHS), County Attorney and Facilities participated in a Work Group to review County disposition processes with respect to the Properties. The Work Group briefed the Board on August 21, 2012, to present its findings and recommendations.
- e. Multnomah County operates an Affordable Housing Development Program (AHDP) through DCHS. The AHDP transfers County-owned properties to non-profit housing providers for the express purpose of affordable rental housing or affordable home ownership opportunities. By Resolution 2012-093, dated May 17, 2012, the Board adopted revised application procedures for the AHDP process to conform to current best practices.

- f. It is the recommendation of the Work Group that the Properties continue to serve the community as affordable housing and be made available through the competitive AHDP process for disposition, with a preference for proposals that keep the Properties as affordable rental housing.
- g. The Director recommends that the Board exempt the Properties from additional process as allowed in Resolution 04-185, based upon the disposition recommendation of this Resolution.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

- 1. The Properties are declared surplus. It is in the best interest of the County to exempt the Properties from the Surplus Property process.
- 2. DCHS is directed to include the Properties in the 2012 AHDP offering for development applications. DCHS is further directed to brief the Board as early as practicable on recommendations made by the AHDP Technical Review Committee. Final disposition will be at the Board's direction at a scheduled public hearing.

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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