

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET**

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MEETING DATE: 9/6/18

AGENDA ITEM # _____ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: JON GRAMSTAD

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I'm going to present a sequence of events that serve as an example of what Barbara and I now consider the futility of our 10 year effort to appeal to this Commission.

(This is just but one example of many, but it's the latest and perhaps the most telling.)

In January of 2015, we submitted an extensive records request in order to research a broad range of questions we had concerning performance at Multnomah County Animal Services. The cost was \$2,500.

One of our requests was for financial reports on the four designated donation funds which MCAS uses to accept money and bequests from the public. At that time, the four fund balances totaled almost \$800,000.

Upon a review of the reports we received, it was immediately clear that there were significant errors in the way the funds were being administered and spent.

That same year, we took this discovery along with many others to Multnomah County Auditor Steve March asking him to address it in his upcoming audit.

Auditor March was able to substantiate our findings and conclusions, and, after adding even more of his own, reported them to this Commission in his April 2016 "Animal Services Finances" report.

**JON'S TESTIMONY
9/6/2108**

Responding to the Auditor's revelations and subsequent recommendations, Director of Community Services, Kim Peoples, **committed - two years ago** -to instituting wide ranging reforms to bring the funds into compliance with standard financial accounting practices. Forward to last Spring's FY2019 Budget hearing, where I asked this Commission to insure that these reforms had been implemented **BEFORE** adopting MCAS's proposed budget. You failed to act... or even inquire... and passed the budget anyway.

This past July, out of curiosity, we did our own follow-up research by once again requesting the four donated funds financial reports.

Five weeks later, we found out.....in a one sentence email response from the County Records clerk : **"Finance does not have up-to-date financial reports at this time."**

This, of course, is but one case study of many that define this failed agency. How many more are there? And is it restricted to just Animal Control? Given our past engagement with Multnomah County, I submit not.

MCAS is a dumpster fire and replacing the current director and the people that hired her is only the first step. You own this now, and we intend to let everyone know it.

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NAME: BARBARA SPEARS

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BARBARA SPEARS TESTIMONY - SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

Jon and I presented the findings he just referenced to Commissioner Meieran at our meeting with her on Tuesday.

We had only 40 minutes to make our case, time enough to present only one example of the many pieces of damning information we have on MCAS - one example amongst many of the epic failure we've discovered.

After the meeting, we went home to regroup. Looking around at the boxes of file folders containing the results of multiple records requests and the vast numbers of reports and appeals we've written to present to leadership and officials, the question arose:

Is this the way you want County government to run?

Forcing citizens with legitimate, well-documented concerns to submit records request after records request trying to ferret out every detail so we can connect enough of the missing dots to prove to you that a chronically failing agency needs your immediate intervention?

Isn't that your job - to have the curiosity, the sense of urgency, the responsibility and drive to make things right?

We're now resigned to the fact that exposing even the most blatant deficiency in the hopes that something will be done is futile. If we had a hearing in a court of law, and were given the chance to prove our case in totality by presenting the volumes of evidence we've gathered, we would win an immediate sweeping verdict in our favor.

Your lack of interest and action has been successful in keeping us at bay, but it will no longer. We are done with the appeals, with the meetings, with the pretense of shared interests and concerns. We will now be taking our case directly to the animal-loving, tax-paying public.

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FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: Lightning Super Disruptor - Attack Dog

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: _____

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FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: JOE WARE

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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AGENDA ITEM # N/A OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT (C)

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: Charles Bridgecraft JOHNSON

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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