

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, Loretta Smith, and Jessica Vega Pederson present.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Chair Kafoury: SO WE WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY. GOOD MORNING.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification # DCHS-21-18: Reclassification of a Position, and Incumbent, in the Department of County Human Services.
- C.2 Appointment of Brody Abbott, Orlando Lopez, Rick Hodges, Khanh Pham, and Sasha Pollack to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation for Two Years.
- C.3 Reappointment of Loulie Brown and Kimberlee Stafford to the Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovations for Two Years.

Chair Kafoury: I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR PLEASE. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. I WILL CALL FOUR AT A TIME. [READS NAMES]

Mr. Broussard: I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE A COUPLE OF THINGS WITH YOU. LAST WEEK WAS QUITE A WEEK BUT WE HAVE GOT TO

LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS, IN ALL DUE RESPECT, AND I WILL SAY AFTER I HAD LOOKED AROUND AND CHECKED THINGS OUT WE HAVE INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. IT'S NOT OWNING IN THIS COUNTY BUT THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY AND THE STATE FOR THAT MATTER. THE BOTTOM LINE WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK, I HEARD THE COMMENTS, AND PROFESSOR HALL WAS THE ONE THAT I MET WITH RIGHT AFTER THE COMMENTS WERE BEING MADE, AND HE TALKED BUT THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS CRISIS SOMETIME AGO WITH FORMER COMMISSIONER MCCOY.

Mr. Broussard: SHE PUT TOGETHER A COMMITTEE, AND HE ALSO MENTIONED ANOTHER NAME VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THAT ISSUE, AND THAT WAS PROFESSOR PRICE HERE SITTING OVER HERE TO MY LEFT. SAY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO GIVE HER AN OPPORTUNITY, COMMISSIONER GLADYS MCCOY WHO ALSO WAS A CHAIR OF THE PORTLAND SCHOOL BOARD AND HER HUSBAND WAS A SENATOR FROM THIS STATE. AWESOME FAMILY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE AND HOPEFULLY I WILL INTRODUCE YOU NOW TO THE PROFESSOR.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Prof. Price: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THERE NEEDS TO BE COUNCIL, THE MERIT COUNSEL WAS INSTITUTED BY COMMISSIONER GLADYS MCCOY. SHE APPROACHED ME. I WORK FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND AS THE -- IT'S SO LONG AGO, SENIOR H.R. ANALYST FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND THE WATER BUREAU AND THEN THE H.R. MANAGER FOR BOAC, AND I SERVED ON THE COUNCIL ALL THAT TIME. COMMISSIONER MCCOY CALLED ON ME AND SAID THAT I WANT YOU TO DO THIS, AND I SAID YES, MA'AM. IT WAS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT REPRESENTED BY A UNION, A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD VOICE THEIR GRIEVANCES WITH WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE UNJUST TREATMENT IN EMPLOYMENT. THE COUNCIL MET MONTHLY. THERE WERE THREE OF US. IF THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION ONCE WE HEARD THE GRIEVANCE AND THEIR WITNESSES AND THEIR SUPERVISORS, IF IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION, WHAT WE SAID RULED. IF NOT IT WENT TO THE WHOLE COMMISSION TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO. WAS IT VALID?

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I RECOGNIZE IN DOING THIS IS THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME WITH GRIEVANCES WERE WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS WAS IN THE 1990S. IT WAS SO EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THINGS CAME OUT THAT WERE NEVER REALLY REPORTED IN THE ORIGINAL OCCURRENCE OR THE HEARINGS OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS EMPLOYEE REALLY. AND PEOPLE GOT -- BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE ANYBODY TO REPRESENT THEM. WE DID THAT, AND I WAS ON THAT COMMISSION FOR NINE OR TEN YEARS, AND I BECAME CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, AND GLADYS MCCOY PASSED AWAY, AND IT WAS THE WHOLE

MERIT COUNCIL WAS DEMOLISHED AT THAT POINT. BUT IT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR ESPECIALLY AND WOMEN WHO WERE EITHER NOT EMPLOYED OR MISTREATED WHILE THEY WERE EMPLOYED, AND THEY HAD EVIDENCE, AND WE HEARD IT. SO THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO TALK ABOUT IS THE NEED TO REINSTATE THE MERIT COUNCIL. IT'S ALREADY WRITTEN UP. IT WAS IN THE STATUTES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR YEARS. IT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: MY CHIEF OF STAFF IS BACK HERE NANCY, IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND TALKING WITH HER BECAUSE I KNOW WE STILL HAVE THE MERIT COUNCIL BUT OBVIOUSLY IT'S NOT BEING UTILIZED, PROBABLY STILL IS ON THE BOOKS, SO IF YOU WOULD TALK WITH NANCY AND SHARE MORE OF THAT WE COULD GET MORE INFORMATION, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

Prof. Price: YES, I WILL.

Chair Kafoury: AND THANKS FOR COMING. GO AHEAD SIR. YOU ARE UP NEXT.

Mr. Webb: MY NAME IS RON WEBB. LIFETIME CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF OREGON. I AM ALSO AN AIR FORCE VETERAN. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BOTHERED ME MY WHOLE LIFETIME BEING HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON IS THE MINDSET OF THE PEOPLE WHO DO THE THINGS TO INCRIMINATE PEOPLE BEHIND THEIR BACKS. I HAVE WORKED FOR SOME REPUTABLE COMPANIES IN THIS STATE. THE OREGON LIQUOR COMMISSION, WORKED FOR TRI-MET. I WORKED WITH MEIER AND FRANK AND KOIN TV, AND EVERY ONE OF THESE EMPLOYERS HAS SAID, WELL, LET'S SEE. HE MIGHT BE WINDOW-DRESSING. THIS BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, IF I DIDN'T TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO DO MY WORK THEN I WAS NOT TRYING, ALTHOUGH THEY DID THINGS IN THE BACKGROUND TO DENY ME THESE PRIVILEGES. I ENDED UP BEING A CONTRACT NEGOTIATOR FOR KOIN. I HELPED GET THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE LYFT PROGRAM FOR TRI-MET SO I DO KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT, BUT LIKE I HAVE TOLD ONE OF MY FRIENDS, I AM A THINKER AND SOMETIMES OBSERVER, AND SOMETIMES I AM TOTALLY EMBARRASSED FOR HAVING TO SAY I LIVE IN THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GO ON IN THE BACKGROUND BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AND I FEEL LIKE SOMETIMES I'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF THAT.

I AM NOT HERE CRYING LIKE A BABY. I JUST DON'T LIKE WHAT I SEE AND WHAT I CONTINUE TO SEE. I THINK THAT THE MINDSET FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS ENTIRE STATE, CITY, COUNTY, EVERYWHERE I LOOK HAS TO CHANGE. I THINK THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND ASK THEIR SALES PEOPLE, WHO THEY ARE, WHAT ARE THEY DOING, WHAT ARE THEY SAYING? THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT GET DONE BEHIND THE CLOSED DOORS. I KNOW IT FROM EXPERIENCE. I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY CONVINCED ME OF ANYTHING DIFFERENT THAN THAT. I KNOW RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN SOME THINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON IN THIS AREA, NOT GOING

TO MENTION NAMES, I AM NOT GOING TO PICK ON PEOPLE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS A CITIZEN, A LIFETIME CITIZEN, I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST 80 YEARS, AND THIS IS ALL I AM SEEING.

Mr. Webb: THE ONLY THING GOOD THAT I HAVE REALLY EVER REALLY SEEN, I HAVE SEEN KIDS STRUGGLE TO GET EDUCATIONS, AND I WILL TALK TO A CHILD IN A MINUTE. I USED TO BELONG TO SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND DADS ARE DOING SOMETHING, AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. I USED TO BE WHERE RON HERNDON AND TONY ROBINSON AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS. I'VE BEEN IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WAY BACK WHEN MAYOR SCHRUNK WAS THERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SOMETIMES FEEL PROUD TO SAY I AM AN OREGONIAN AND THEIR DOING SOMETHING. AND I AM GOING TO LEAVE IT AT THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: YES. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. REAL FAST, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING ON THIS REGULAR AGENDA, THE PUBLIC WILL NOT SPEAK ON R.3. YOU ARE GOING TO CLAIM THAT THAT'S A BRIEFING YET AN AUDIT TO BE PRESENTED. AGAIN I AM HOPING THAT THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON THAT AGAIN, YOU DO NOT HAVE LISTED DOWN HERE AS A BRIEFING. ISSUE NUMBER TWO IS THAT AGAIN WE'RE STARTING TO SEE THE LEVY, THE ISSUE ON THE LEVY. AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND ALSO MULTNOMAH COUNTY I HAVE BEEN PROBABLY THE PERSON THAT HAS MADE MORE PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON THE LEVY TO BUILD A NEW LEVY. WE'RE BEGINNING TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THAT AND WHY I WAS GOING IN THAT DIRECTION. THE REALITY IS THAT IF WE GO IN THAT DIRECTION WE NEED TO START FOCUSING ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS TO PROTECT THE AIRPORT, WHICH I HAVE STATED FROM DAY ONE, AND THE TIMING OF THIS IS RIGHT.

AGAIN I AM HOPING THAT GOVERNOR BROWN WILL BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS AND FOLLOW SOME OF MY SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWED BECAUSE IN MY OPINION, IF SHE DOES NOT SHE WILL NOT GET RE-ELECTED. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO FOCUS ON BUILDING A NEW LEVY, BRINGING IN THE DOLLARS TO GET THIS DONE, AND CREATING THE JOBS, AND PROTECTING THE AIRPORT, AND PROTECTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY, AND IF THAT MEANS ANYTHING TO ANY ELECTED OFFICIALS, THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE OUT THERE CURRENTLY PROTECTING THE AIRPORT IS NOTHING BUT A SANDBOX. NOTHING BUT A SANDBOX, AND THAT'S ALL THAT IT REALLY IS. THEY KNOW IT. I KNOW IT. AND THE TESTS WILL PROVE IT, AND THEY NEED TO BUILD NEW TO PROTECT THE AIRPORT, THE TIME IS NOW. ISSUE NUMBER TWO I STILL WANT TO HAVE JEFF BEZOS DO A SECOND HEADQUARTER IN PORTLAND, AND IN MY OPINION TO HIM, AND I WILL SAY THIS DIRECTLY TO YOU IF YOU EVER HEAR THIS, IS THAT ASK THE PEOPLE

YOU HAVE EMPLOYED IN SEATTLE WHERE THEY WANT THAT SECOND HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. Lightning: ASK THEM IF THEY THINK FROM SEATTLE TO PORTLAND IT'S VERY BENEFICIAL TO THEM TO ENJOY SEATTLE, TO ENJOY PORTLAND, TO ENJOY THE OCEAN, THE MOUNTAINS, AND EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, BUT ASK YOUR EMPLOYEES WHAT THEY WANT, WHAT THEIR FIRST CHOICE IS, AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SAY PORTLAND WOULD BE IS A GREAT CHOICE. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THAT FROM SEATTLE TO PORTLAND. THE WATERWAYS, THE MOUNTAINS. AND EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER HERE IS BENEFICIAL TO YOUR COMPANY, BENEFICIAL TO YOUR EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S THE BEST CHOICE FOR YOU, MR. BEZOS, AND AS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU WENT TO SEATTLE TO BE NEAR SOME OF THE TECH TITANS LIKE BILL GATES AND PAUL ALLEN AND VARIOUS OTHERS, WE HAVE THAT HERE, ALSO. WE HAVE ELAN MUSK HERE AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT YOU WANT TO BE AROUND, SO COME TO PORTLAND AND LET THESE COMMISSIONERS SPEAK UP ON THIS ISSUE, TOO, AND I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE. I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING MA'AM, AND YOU CAN START.

Ms. Camper: MY NAME IS CATHY CAMPER, AND I AM A LIBRARIAN UNDER YOUR EMPLOYEE, AND I AM ALSO A CITIZEN HERE AND ARAB AMERICAN AND I AM HERE TO PROTEST CHAIR KAFOURY'S DISRESPECTFUL USE OF THE B WORD TOWARDS COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND WHY IS THERE NO REPRIMAND. IT SENDS A DIRECT MESSAGE TO HOW EFFECTIVE THE COUNTY WORKPLACE EQUITY INITIATIVE WILL BE TO STAFF AND PUBLIC WHEN A BOSS BEHAVES THIS WAY. ALSO JANUARY IS THE MONTH WHEN ALL EMPLOYEES ARE ASKED TO SIGN OFF ON EMPLOYEE WORK RULES INVOLVING EQUITY AND BEHAVIOR, AND WHEN THE COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIRS ARE NOT HELD TO THE SAME STANDARD THAT WORKPLACE EMPLOYEES ARE HELD TO IT LOOKS AWFUL. I ALSO THINK THAT THE, THIS SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF WHAT KIND OF CITY PORTLAND IS WHEN WE HAVE HIGH UP OFFICIALS BEHAVING IN THIS WAY. SO I AM HERE TODAY TO REGISTER MY PROTEST AS A WORKER AND CITIZEN OF THIS BEHAVIOR. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU CAN GO NEXT, SIR.

Mr. Walker: COMMISSIONERS GOOD MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walker: I AM CLIFFORD WALKER. LIKE MR. WEBB I AM A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OREGON AND HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES LIKE MR. WEBB. I AM ALSO AN AIR FORCE VETERAN. I SERVED IN GOVERNOR HATFIELD'S

HONORARY FLIGHT, TRAINING TO THE AIR FORCE IN 1961 WHEN I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. I AM HERE LIKE MANY WHO ARE EXCITED BUT THE HEADLINES IN OUR NEWSPAPERS, AND SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS. LAST NIGHT I WAS AT A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING THAT'S TAKEN ON THE CHALLENGE OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. AND WE'RE ASKING THE COUNTY TO JOIN WITH US BY SHARING -- WE SEE IN THE NEWSPAPER COMMENTS THAT THE COUNTY IS TRACKING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THOSE TRACKS ARE GOING. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THE TRACKS THAT WE HAVE, AND IF WE COULD WORK TOGETHER, ISSUE THAT YOU HAVE GREATER RESOURCES THAN WE HAVE SO POSSIBLY CONNECT JOIN TOGETHER AND FACING THIS INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT INSTITUTIONAL RACISM IS. AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

IF YOU COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY, WHEN I SAY OUR COMMUNITY, PORTLAND, THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS A HIGH SCHOOL NAMED AFTER A VIRGINIA SLAVE TRADER AND RACIST THOMAS JEFFERSON. OUR COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DIFFERENT PROFILE IN OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY ARE CHALLENGED TO IGNORE THE SHRINE OR THE EDUCATIONAL SHRINE TO A KNOWN SLAVE TRADER. AND MAYBE ONE OF MODERN HISTORY'S MOST SERIOUS, WHAT YOU CALL -- HE WAS A RACIST, AND IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM, THOMAS JEFFERSON IS AND WHAT HE DID FOR A LIVING AND THE THINGS THAT HE SAID AND WROTE ABOUT. YOU WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A COMMUNITY THAT WOULD ALLOW THOSE KINDS OF INSTITUTIONAL SYMBOLS OF RACISM TO RESIST. I MEAN, TO REMAIN. SO WE'RE REACHING OUT TO THE COMMISSION TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION, YOUR TRACKING, YOUR SUCCESSES AND GETTING RID OF RACISM BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. AND MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US GET RID OF THE RACISM THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IN NORTH PORTLAND.

Chair Kafoury: SIR, MY CHIEF OF STAFF IS IN THE BACK ROOM WITH DR. PRICE WHO SPOKE EARLIER, THERE IS A CONFERENCE ROOM BACK THERE, THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES. IF YOU WOULD NOT MIND GIVING HER YOUR INFORMATION AND WE CAN FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER.

Mr. Walker: HER NAME AGAIN?

Chair Kafoury: NANCY BENNETT. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Swaren: GOOD MORNING. I AM RON SWAREN AND I LIVE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAD SOME YOUNGER PEOPLE WORKING AT MY HOME THIS SUMMER, AND THIS 20-YEAR-OLD GIRL I FOUND HAD SOME CONVICTIONS. SHE LIVES IN THE ROCKWOOD AREA, AND I SAW WHAT I THINK WERE SIGNS OF METH ABUSE, AND SO VERY SAD TO SEE SOMEONE OF THAT AGE DEVELOPING

THOSE PROBLEMS. I LOOKED UP HER RECORD AND THERE WERE PROBABLY MORE THAN TWO ARRESTS. WHAT I WAS IS THAT HER FATHER WAS AN MS-13 SENIOR GANG MEMBER. AND I HAD SEEN FROM MAPS THAT EAST COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED PROBABLY THE LARGEST GANG PROBLEM IN THE, IN THIS AREA. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S INSTITUTIONAL RACISM TO SAY THAT SOMEONE WHO IS A GANG MEMBER. I CALLED THE GRESHAM GANG FORCE AND REPORTED THIS PERSON BECAUSE IF THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON THAT AFFECTS A YOUNG GIRL THAT WAY, THEN THAT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED AND HE NEEDS TO BE OUT OF HERE, IF POSSIBLE. I HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS SO-CALLED RESISTANCE MOVEMENT NOW, APPARENTLY RESISTANCE TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS TRYING TO PROVE.

Mr. Swaren: WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS FROM THESE THINGS THAT ARE CROPPING UP IN MAJOR SCALE IN EAST COUNTY IT IS TERRIBLE TO SEE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THAT. AS FAR AS SOME OF THE OTHER TOPICS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING PERSONAL. I HAD SOME COUSINS WHO WERE CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST MINISTERS, ONE OF THEM WAS OUT AT A CHURCH IN GRESHAM, GREW UP IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. I NEVER HEARD ABUSIVE COMMENTS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, HOWEVER IN THE WORK I DO, I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF THE CARPENTERS, IN 1979, AND I HEARD ALL SORTS OF TERRIBLE THINGS SAID, AND WOMEN COMMENTS, AND RACIAL COMMENTS, AND YOU NAME IT.

I HAD NEVER HEARD THAT KIND OF TALK AND ABUSE FROM PEOPLE AS I HEARD AMONG THOSE PEOPLE. NOW IT DID IMPROVE OVER THE YEARS, BUT I AM JUST TELLING YOU WHAT THE REALITY IS. I KNOW THAT A LOT OF US HAVE WOUNDS AND YOU, AND THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE ARE UNFAIR IN OUR LIVES, AND I HAVE EXPERIENCED THOSE THINGS, TOO HONESTLY. SO ANYWAY, I AM JUST SAYING THAT CHARACTERIZING PEOPLE SOMETIMES IT CAN BE UNFAIR, AND I KNOW AT THE SEMINARY THERE IS REALLY GREAT PEOPLE THAT HAVE GONE AROUND THE WORLD DOING GREAT THINGS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER, CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. AND I THINK WE WILL START OFF WITH MORE NAMES. LOULIE BROWN. KIMBERLEE STAFFORD WHO WILL NOW BE JOINED BY BRODY ABBOTT, ORLANDO LOPEZ, RICK HODGES, KHANH PHAM, AND SASHA POLLACK. THAT WAS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THEY WILL BE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE RECOGNIZE OUR CITIZENS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE GATHERED HERE AT THE \$70,000 A YEAR TABLE. SO NOT THIS TABLE, THAT ONE. I AM ALSO CONCERNED THAT MR. LIGHTNING RAISED GOING BACK TO 2013, RESOLUTION 2013-0 1, I KNOW THE CHAIR HAS SOME DISCRETION, WE CAN TESTIFY ON ITEMS THAT ARE BRIEFINGS AND WHATNOT.

Mr. Johnson: I AM NOT SURE THAT I WILL BE HERE WHEN THE JOINT OFFERS FOR HOMELESSNESS CONCLUDES BECAUSE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO AND HELP KATE BROWN GET MORE ENTHUSIASM FOR RESISTING THE COOS BAY PIPELINE LNG BOMB PROJECT, SO I MIGHT BE IN SALEM BY THE TIME THE JOINT OFFICE FINISHES, BUT I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO HAVE THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON R.3, THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S REVIEW OF WHAT WE'RE GETTING FOR A BUCK AS WE TRY TO HELP OUR CITIZENS. I THINK IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS OF TWO FIRST TWO PEOPLE TO MY LEFT RAISED. WE HAVE HAD, I THINK, ARE MORE THAN ONE IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS COUNTY EMPLOYEES COME FORTH AND TALK ABOUT REAL QUALITY LEADERSHIP AND THE NEED, THE LEADERSHIP MEANS HAVING A HIGHER STANDARD THAN WHAT YOU ASK OF THE PEOPLE WONDER YOU, AND SO I STILL HOPE THAT AS WE WORK ON THAT TROUBLING PHRASE OF MOVING ON, WE'LL FIRST DO THE PROPER AND ADEQUATE FIRST AID AND TREATMENT FOR THE WOUNDS THAT EXIST AND THEY WILL BE AN AGENDA ITEM THAT WE'LL DISCUSS HOW IS THE RECORD WILL REFLECT ANY INAPPROPRIATE AND UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT THAT HAS BEEN SO MUCH IN THE NEWS SINCE THE 21ST.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN A BIG FAN OF THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF PRESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOLS. BUT YOU KNOW, AS A WHITE MALE PRESENTING GUY IT'S NOT NEARLY AS WOUNDING TO THINK OF WHAT WAS JUST SHARED ABOUT JEFFERSON AND HOW THAT IS THERE INSTITUTIONAL RACISM IN THE FACE. I WANT TO SAY SALLY HEMMINGS, SHE WOULD BE WITH OPRAH AND ME, TOO, SO WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT. IT'S GREAT THAT WE HAVE THE MARGARET CARTER CENTER ACROSS THE STREET AT PCC BUT LET'S HAVE SOME ACTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mr. Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. I SPOKE HERE THE FIRST, OR JANUARY 27, 2011. AND AT THAT TIME IT STILL IS ONLINE. AT THAT TIME LORETTA SMITH IS STILL SITTING IN THE VERY SAME CHAIR. DEBORAH KAFOURY WAS SITTING IN THIS ONE. I MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT I WAS GETTING A LAWYER TO SUE THE COUNTY AND THE CITY FOR ALLOWING SEVEN DOG ATTACKS, OF COURSE, I AM A WHITE PERSON, I GUESS THAT'S WHITE PRIVILEGE TO HAVE A SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG AND TO BE INJURED. I SUSTAINED A BROKEN HIP AND TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD. I HAVE TROUBLE WALKING OBVIOUSLY. AND NOTHING WAS EVER DONE TO IT. OR DONE ABOUT IT. UNFORTUNATELY I GOT HOLD OF A AS HIGH ASKER ATTORNEY, DEBORAH KAFOURY'S UNCLE THAT DID NOTHING, AND I TURNED HIM INTO THE OREGON STATE BAR, AND THEY DID NOTHING. SO APPARENTLY A WHITE PERSON IS LUCKY, I COULD JUST IMAGINE A PERSON OF DIFFERENT SKIN COLOR, HOW MANY TIMES THEIR SERVICE ANIMAL COULD BE ATTACKED, AND IT'S AGAINST OREGON STATE LAW, AND OF COURSE THE COUNTY BOARD EVEN KNEW THAT WITH TED WHEELER WRITING A LETTER DATED WHEN HE WAS CHAIR JANUARY 16TH OF 2007.

Mr. Pissedoff: AND THAT WAS AFTER FIVE DOG ATTACKS, AND I SPOKE TO THE CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 6TH AND PREVIOUSLY BUT THE DOG ATTACKS. AND NOTHING WAS EVER DONE. A GENTLEMAN JUST THE OTHER DAY WAS TELLING ME WELL DID YOU EVER CONTACT THE DISABILITY RIGHTS LAWYER? NO. I WROTE THE TOP COP, SUPPOSEDLY, ERIK HOLDER, IS WHAT THEY CALLED HIM, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT ENFORCES THE SERVICE ANIMAL LAWS, AND NOTHING WAS EVER DONE ABOUT IT. AND OF COURSE I HAVE HEARD WHERE THERE IS ACTUALLY 10,000 PEOPLE A YEAR THAT IS PARALYZED ACCORDING TO THE CDC AND ANOTHER 40 OR ANOTHER 2,000 TO 10,000 PEOPLE HAVE INCOMPLETE SPINAL CORD INJURIES, AND THAT GOES ON EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. 200 PEOPLE A WEEK ARE PARALYZED. OF COURSE YOU'VE BEEN HEARING STORIES ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN BEGIN WHEN YOU ARE READY. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Monroe: GOOD MORNING. I AM SHAFIA MONROE, AND I DO TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK SO GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. AND I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT I SPOKE ABOUT LAST WEEK, IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED ON DECEMBER 21 IS STILL A POLITICAL SORE FOR THE COUNTY, AND STILL ASKING FOR CLOSURE ON MANY OF THE SUGGESTIONS OF COMMISSIONER DEBORAH KAFOURY GIVING HER SEAT UP TO SHOW AN EXAMPLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE STUDENTS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DO WHAT MEDIA CONFLICT IS IN THE PROFESSIONAL WAY, SO I JUST WANTED TO SHOW CONTINUITY THAT LAST WEEK MY STATE, THEY STAY STILL TODAY AND NEXT WEEK, SO I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW I FEEL THAT YOU NEED TO, AS A PROFESSIONAL, LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND MAKE THE BEST DECISION STILL. THANK YOU.

Mr. McDonald: MY NAME IS MR. MCDONALD, THE PRESIDENT OF NEW CENTURY JUSTICE NETWORK. I CAME ACROSS THE BRIDGE FROM WASHINGTON STATE AFTER I WAS NOTIFIED OF THE COMMENT THAT THE CHAIRPERSON, DEBORAH KAFOURY MADE TOWARDS COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO IS A BLACK WOMAN OF A NEGRO RACE. THERE IS THREE RACES, CAUCASIAN, NEGROID, AND MONGOLOID. COMMISSIONER SMITH IS PART OF THE NEGRO RACE AND SO AM I, IT'S COMMENTARY TO NOTE THAT IN 2017 I, CHAIR-PERSON FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION CAN LOOK AT A, AT ANOTHER PEER, COMMISSIONER AND CALL HER A BITCH. USING THE WORD "BITCH" IS IN LIEU OF USING THE WORD "NIGER" IF YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING, SO YOU DID NOT USE THE WORD NIGER BECAUSE EVERYONE WOULD BE CRYING, THIS CHAMBER WOULD BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE DEMANDING THAT YOU RESIGN IMMEDIATELY. IN LIEU OF USING THE "N" WORD YOU CALLED HER THE "B" WORD WHICH IS A BITCH. USUALLY I RECEIVE AN EMAIL, THAT TELLS YOU A BITCH IS A FEMALE DOG.

Mr. McDonald: I DIDN'T WRITE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR THE EXPLANATION RELATED TO THE DICTIONARY BUT IT WAS STATED AND HAS BEEN STATED THAT BITCH IS A FEMALE DOG AND FOR YOU, CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY TO CALL A BLACK WOMAN, COMMISSIONER SMITH A FEMALE DOG, YOU HAVE WENT BELOW THE MORAL DECENCY OF THE DECORUM. NEW CENTURY JUSTICE NETWORK IS DEMANDING ALONG WITH THE CITIZEN, THE GOOD CITIZEN OF PORTLAND, I AM NOT HERE TO RECONCILE ANYTHING WITH YOU. WE ARE DEMANDING YOUR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION FROM YOUR POSITION AS CHAIR. WE DON'T ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY. DON'T CALL ME OUT OF MY NAME OR COMMISSIONER SMITH A NAME AND APOLOGIZE.

THE HELL WITH YOUR APOLOGY. YOU NEED TO RESIGN AND RESIGN NOW. AFTER YOU RESIGNED YOU CAN GO INTO CONFERENCE WITH YOURSELF AND ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION THAT, DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG OR DID I DO SOMETHING RIGHT? YOU NEED TO RESIGN, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY. AS A VETERAN OF THE GREAT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I WILL STAND WITH THOSE COURAGEOUS PEOPLE AND THE WORKING CITIZEN IN THIS COUNTY TO DEMAND YOUR RESIGNATION. I AM NOT HERE TO DRINK COFFEE WITH YOU OR TO EAT COOKIES WITH YOU OR BECOME A FRIEND OF YOURS, I AM DEMANDING YOUR RESIGNATION, WE ARE DEMANDING YOU RESIGN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AND CONTINUE TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON YOU TO RESIGN BECAUSE YOU ARE A DISGRACE, AN EMBARRASSMENT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT OF ORDER FOR SOMETHING THAT I THINK THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING BUT THE LAST TWO WEEKS, AND WE NORMALLY HAVE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE END OF AGENDA BUT I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY. ON DECEMBER 21ST IN THIS CHAMBER I HAD ONE OF THE MOST DEGRADING AND DISMISSIVE EXPERIENCES OF MY TENURE HERE AS A COMMISSIONER. CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY, YOU DID NOT ALLOW ME TO FULLY EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 2. YES, MADAM CHAIR, I FELT AS IF MY VOICE WAS SILENCED AFTER REPEATEDLY ASKING FOR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THEIR GUIDANCE, I WAS IGNORED. I SAW THE FEAR AND DISRESPECT ON OUR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S FACES AS I ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE DIRECTION, AND I RECEIVED NO HELP. IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT SHE WAS FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD.

CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY, THE IMPACT OF YOUR BAD BEHAVIOR AND YOUR VULGAR LANGUAGE GIVES OTHERS THE AUTHORITY AND THE LICENSE TO DISRESPECT, DISCREDIT, MALIGN AND DENY ME THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT EVERY COMMISSIONER DESERVES WHILE REPRESENTING THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE ON THIS DIOCESE. CHAIRWOMAN KAFOURY YOU CALLED ME A BITCH IN THIS CHAMBER. YOU BLAMED ME IN YOUR APOLOGY FOR USING

ABUSIVE, NASTY, VULGAR LANGUAGE. I DID NOT DESERVE THAT. IN POLITICS WE KNOW WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, AND I HAVE MADE MANY MISTAKES, AND I BLOW IT ALL THE TIME. WE'RE REALLY BIG HERE ON PRONOUNS, AND SOMETIMES I GET IT WRONG, TOO, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT USING THE CORRECT PRONOUNS. BUT THE PRONOUN, THE B WORD, IS NOT WHO I AM. I AM A DAUGHTER, A GRANDDAUGHTER, A NIECE. A MOTHER. AND A GRANDMOTHER. AND I DESERVE TO BE RESPECTED AND TREATED THE SAME WAY THAT OTHERS ON THIS DIOCESE ARE BEING TREATED.

Commissioner Smith: POLITICAL PROTOCOL CALLS FOR APOLOGIES, CONVERSATIONS, AND WORK OUT OF POLITICAL PROTOCOL WE SOMETIMES GIVE AN APOLOGY. BUT IN TERMS OF GOING FORWARD I AGREE TO DO THAT IN A COLLABORATIVE FASHION. I AGREE TO CONTINUE TO BE PROFESSIONAL. TO WORK WITH ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, BUT IN ORDER FOR ME TO REALLY HEAL FROM THIS LIKE I USED TO TELL MY SON WHEN HE WAS AN ATHLETE AND HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, AND IF HE WAS INJURED, I WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO GO FORWARD UNTIL HE HEALED. THESE WORDS ARE REALLY HURTFUL NOT ONLY TO ME AND MY FAMILY. IT'S HURTFUL TO THE EMPLOYEES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND IT IS HURTFUL TO A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN SO KIND TO ME. I AM THE SECOND AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN THE HISTORY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S 165 YEARS TO BE ON THIS COUNCIL. IT IS SUCH AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE REPRESENTING ALL OF YOU AND TO BE ABLE TO BE A VOICE NOT ONLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 2 BUT FOR FOLKS IN THE STATE OF OREGON.

I AM VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE IN DISTRICT 2. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE AS A BOARD. AND I AM VERY PROUD TO SIT HERE AND SERVE WITH WHO I BELIEVE ARE MY SISTERS HERE ON THE DIOCESE. BUT I WOULD BE DISINGENUOUS IF I WERE TO TELL YOU THAT THIS DOES NOT HURT. OR THAT THIS DID NOT INSULT ME IN A WAY THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HEAL FROM THIS, AND THE OTHER ISSUE IS I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW I AM GOING TO HEAL FROM THIS IN A NEW CYCLE TO KEEP EVERYTHING COMPACT AND IN A NICE SWEET BOX, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS IN ORDER FOR ME TO GO FORWARD I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR APOLOGY, MADAM CHAIR, BUT IN ORDER FOR ME TO HEAL I NEED YOU TO SAY TO ME, I APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING YOU A BITCH. I APOLOGIZE FOR BLAMING THE VICTIM FOR MY BAD BEHAVIOR. AND IN ORDER FOR ME TO ACCEPT THE ATONEMENT, THERE HAS TO BE SOME WORK. AND THAT WORK IS NOT DONE IN A SILO. THAT WORK IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TOGETHER.

I DO THINK THAT WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER, BUT TODAY I JUST HAVE TO TELL MY TRUTH. I SAW OPRAH WINFREY ON AN AWARD SHOW THE OTHER DAY, AND SHE SAID WOMEN MUST TELL THEIR TRUTH, AND I HAVE TO TELL MY TRUTH. I LISTENED TO EMPLOYEES OF COLOR ON SEPTEMBER 14 TALKING ABOUT BEING DISMISSED, MARGINALIZED, INSULTED, HAVING INAPPROPRIATE WORDS AND LANGUAGE DIRECTED TOWARDS THEM, AND

HERE WE ARE DECEMBER 21ST, TWO MONTHS LATER, I CAN RECOGNIZE THOSE SAME WORDS WERE SAID TO ME, TOO. I DO WANT TO MOVE FORWARD. I WILL ASK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP ME TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HEAL. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THAT IS TODAY. BUT I KNOW THAT IN ORDER FOR ME TO HEAL, NOT JUST TO GO FORWARD OR TO ACCEPT AN APOLOGY, THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT I NEED IN THE FORUM IN WHICH THEY WERE GIVEN. THANK YOU FORGIVING ME THIS TIME, MADAM CHAIR. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH, WILL YOU. I AM TRYING TO RESPOND. COMMISSIONER SMITH? I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING THE AGENDA ITEM BEGUN, I WAS GOING TO -- PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS, THANK YOU. I APOLOGIZE, I APOLOGIZE FOR CALLING YOU A NAME THAT SHOULD NOT BE UTTERED IN A PUBLIC SITUATION NOR IN A PRIVATE. AND I APOLOGIZED LAST WEEK HERE PUBLICLY, AND WE MET ON SUNDAY, AND I APOLOGIZED, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO APOLOGIZE AS I BELIEVE THAT IT IS SHOWING THE RESPECT THAT YOU DESERVE, AS WELL AS SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS. I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH MY CHILDREN ABOUT THE ACTIONS THAT I TOOK. IT HAS BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR US AS A FAMILY, AND I KNOW THAT THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE WILL MOVE US FORWARD.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD, I APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR APOLOGY. THE REAL ISSUE HERE IS THE PERPETRATOR CANNOT TELL THE VICTIM HOW TO HEAL OR WHAT THEY NEED. IT'S THE VICTIM THAT CAN TELL THE PERPETRATOR WHAT IS NEEDED TO GO FORWARD IN ORDER TO HEAL. IN ORDER FOR ME TO HEAL I AM TELLING YOU THAT I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT YOU DID WAS MORE THAN BAD BEHAVIOR OR BAD MANNERS OR DISRESPECTFUL OR UNPROFESSIONAL. IT HIT ME TO MY CORE. AND IT HAS AN IMPACT ON ME THAT YOU WILL NEVER, EVER UNDERSTAND, AND I NEED YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOES, I APOLOGIZE TO YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR CALLING YOU A BITCH AND BLAMING YOU THE VICTIM FOR MY BAD BEHAVIOR. THAT'S WHAT I NEED IN ORDER TO GO FORWARD. WHEN I WAS IN THIS COMMUNITY SINCE 2008, I TELL MY SON WHEN YOU DISRESPECT SOMEONE YOU APOLOGIZE.

IF YOU HIT SOMEONE, IF YOU SAY A BAD WORD FOR SOMEONE, YOU TELL THEM I APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I DID FOR YOU AND YOU SAY THAT BAD WORD. I APOLOGIZE FOR HITTING YOU. I APOLOGIZE FOR DOING SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE UNTIL YOU DO THAT, IS THE EMPLOYEE OF THIS MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE YOU ARE GIVING LICENSE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN CHARGE TO TREAT THEM IN THE SAME DISRESPECT THAT I HAVE BEEN TREATED AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW TO APOLOGIZE, BUT I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT MY

TRUTH ON HOW I NEED YOU TO GO FORWARD IN ORDER TO HEAL FROM THIS. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE GLOSSED OVER. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE COMPLETE FOR US AS A UNIT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN US. I BELIEVE IN THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE, AND I RESPECT THE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES THAT WE ALL HAVE TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE IN THIS COMMUNITY. BUT YOU HIT ME VERY LOW, AND I WAS SITTING IN THAT ROOM WHEN FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA SAID, WHEN THEY GO LOW, YOU GO HIGH. AND I WILL ALWAYS GO HIGH, BUT I WILL TELL YOU MY TRUTH, AND THAT TRUTH IS THAT'S WHAT I NEED IN ORDER TO GO FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: I HEAR YOU. I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT REPEATING THE WORDS YOU ASKED ME TO. I WAS NOT HEARING YOU AT THAT TIME. BUT I AM HEARING YOU NOW. I AM SORRY, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR CALLING YOU A BITCH AND BLAMING YOU, THE VICTIM, FOR MY BAD BEHAVIOR. I REALIZE AND APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO. I REALIZE THAT THE HEALING NEEDS TO OCCUR ON YOUR TIMELINE. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU DON'T SEE ME AS TRYING TO PUSH YOU TO ACCEPT AN APOLOGY WHEN YOU ARE NOT READY. I KNOW YOU NEED TO HAVE, TO SEE ACTIONS FROM ME BECAUSE WHILE WORDS ARE BAD, ACTIONS CAN SOMETIMES HELP TO HEAL THOSE WOUNDS AS WELL. SO AS I SAID TO YOU ON SUNDAY, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. WE HAVE MANY AREAS, ISSUES, POLICIES, THAT AFFECT THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE CAN WORK ON TOGETHER, AND I EXPECT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS WE HAVE DONE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS WHEN YOU ARE READY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. AND I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR APOLOGY.

[FROM AUDIENCE] MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

Chair Kafoury: I AM SORRY, I AM TRYING NOT TO -- WE DO HAVE PROTOCOL. WE HAVE TIME AFTER THE AGENDA, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COMMENTS. WE HAD, WE ARE ACTUALLY CURRENTLY IN R1, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER BUSINESS TO DO. I AM HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU IF YOU WANT TO TALK WITH ME PERSONALLY AFTER THE MEETING OR YOU CAN MAKE A COMMENT AFTER THE BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU.

REGULAR AGENDA

R.1 Second Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 21 – Health to add §21.450 to §21.458 – Air Quality Regulation. Presenters: Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Services Director & Bernadette D. Nunley, Assistant County Attorney.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF R.1. GOOD MORNING.

Dr. Douglas: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD I AM DR. JAE DOUGLAS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ADOPTION OF A NEW ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS. THE PROBLEM OF WOOD BURNING IN THE WINTER MONTHS AND THE IMPACT ON AIR QUALITY. I AM JOINED BY BERNADETTE NUNLEY, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY. I AM UNFORTUNATELY NOT JOINED BY MATT HOFFMAN. HE IS OUR SENIOR TECHNICAL EXPERT ON AIR QUALITY AND HE IS TERRIBLY SICK THIS MORNING AND TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED AND SENDS HIS REGRETS FOR NOT BEING HERE THIS MORNING, ADOPTING GOOD HEALTH, HEALTH PRACTICE BY STAYING HOME. IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE FIRST READING AND THE SECOND WE DID HEAR QUESTIONS THAT CAME TO US THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS MORNING IF I MAY. THE FIRST QUESTION THAT WE HEARD FROM FOLKS WAS WHY, WHY AN ORDINANCE? WHY NOT JUST USE A VOLUNTARY MECHANISM TO GET WHERE WE ARE LOOKING TO GO WITH THIS?

THE FACT IS THAT WE HAVE HAD A VOLUNTARY ORDINANCE, LAST YEAR AND A HALF WE'VE BEEN OPERATING UNDER A VOLUNTARY ORDINANCE AND ALTHOUGH IN THOSE -- DURING THAT TIME, THE CONDITIONS DIDN'T REQUIRE US TO CALL A NO BURN DAY. AND THAT'S, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE EXPECT TO POTENTIALLY TO GO FORWARD. WE DON'T EXPECT THERE TO BE A LOT OF DAYS, BUT WE KNOW FROM BEST PRACTICE, AND WE KNOW FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT WHEN WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO VIOLATING THE NATIONAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS, WE REALLY MUST TAKE SOME ACTION AND WE REALLY MUST INSIST THAT ON CERTAIN DAYS OF THE YEAR WE EXPECT THEM TO BE VERY FEW, THREE TO FIVE, PERHAPS, THAT PEOPLE, WHEN THEY HAVE AN OPTION TO HEAT THEIR HOUSES ANOTHER WAY, DON'T USE WOOD TO BURN. WE DO EXPECT THAT THE NATIONAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PARTICULATE MATTER, 2.5, THE POINT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT, WILL BE TIGHTENED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

AS WE KNOW IT TAKES A WHILE FOR PEOPLE TO KIND OF GET SOCIALIZED TO A NEW REQUIREMENT, AND SO DURING THIS TIME AND THE TIME WHEN WE EXPECT THAT STANDARD TO BE TIGHTENED WE REALLY HOPE TO GET PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ON THOSE DAYS WHEN WE ASK THEM NOT TO BURN WE REALLY NEED THEM NOT TO BURN. THIS ORDINANCE IS PRIMARILY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOCUSED. WE EXPECT VERY FEW CIVIL PENALTIES TO BE LEVIED, AND I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO NOTE THAT WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE AREAS OF THE COUNTY WHERE WOOD BURNING IS MORE, MORE COMMONLY USED AS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF HEAT. SPECIFICALLY IN EAST COUNTY, AND WE HEARD THAT. WE DID TAKE A LOT OF TIME AND THOUGHT WITH THIS, AND WE DID MODIFY THE ORDINANCES IN-KIND WITH SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE HEARD RAISED FROM THE COMMUNITIES, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT LEVEL OF INPUT. THE SECOND QUESTION WAS ABOUT WHAT IF I HAVE A PRIMARY SOURCE OF HEAT BUT IT REALLY IS

INADEQUATE TO HEAT MY HOME OR MAYBE IT BECOMES OVERWHELMED. WE ADDED AN EXEMPTION TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THAT.

Dr. Douglas: THERE ARE MORE DETAILS ABOUT HOW THAT CAN BE FILED AND THE PROCESS, BUT WE HAVE INCLUDED THAT. AND FINALLY WE HEARD QUESTIONS ABOUT, FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK WITH THEM. WE KNOW THAT COMMUNICATION IS GOING TO BE A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS ORDINANCE. WE WILL USE ALL KINDS OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR GETTING THE WORD OUT, MEDIA, AND COMMON MEDIA, CONVENTIONAL MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWS MEDIA, ETC., BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED MORE HELP ON THE GROUND, AND SO WE WERE ASKED AT A COUPLE OF THE MEETING ABOUT HOW WE WOULD USE THAT, AND WE INTEND TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS HAVE CODE ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES THAT MIGHT, SHOULD WE GET TO THAT POINT THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE. SO THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HEARD. IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS, HAPPY TO ADDRESS THEM AND BERNADETTE NUNLEY, WERE YOU GOING TO TAKE IT FROM HERE?

Ms. Nunley: I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: MOSTLY JUST COMMENTS. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING TO HEART EVERY LITERALLY EVERY QUESTION THAT MY EAST COUNTY CONSTITUENTS HAVE ASKED ME, AND YOU HAVE DONE SUCH A TREMENDOUS JOB. I JUST WANTED TO CALL OUT THAT MANY EAST COUNTY RESIDENTS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THIS WAS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM. SO I JUST WANT FOLKS TO KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM BUT BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO ENSURE OUR AIR QUALITY, WE HAVE HAD TO TAKE THIS ADDITIONAL STEP. THE OTHER THING THAT I REALLY APPRECIATED IS THE EXEMPTION. ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN OUT IN EAST COUNTY KNOWS THAT, WE CAN GET 50 MILES PER HOUR WINDS WHEN IT'S TROPICAL AND BALMY IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND SO OFTENTIMES YOU NEED BOTH A WOOD BURNING DEVICE AND YOUR ELECTRIC AND GAS HEAT SO THANK YOU FOR THAT EXEMPTION.

ALSO THANK YOU, SOME OF THE SMALLER CITIES HAD ASKED THAT THEY COULD BE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEIR CITIZENS AND WANTED TO BE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU WORKING SO HARD AND REALLY TAKING THESE ON ONE BY ONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS A GOOD ORDINANCE THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE MOST AFFECTED CAN GET BEHIND SO THANK YOU, JAE AND BERNADETTE.

Chair Kafoury: DOES ANYBODY ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU JAE FOR THE PRESENTATION. WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIELDING THE COMPLAINTS AND WOULD THESE CASES BE HEARD BEFORE A COURT OR A HEARINGS OFFICER THAT'S NOT ATTACHED TO THE COURT?

Dr. Douglas: SO PRIOR TO ANY KIND OF CIVIL PENALTY PHASE OF OUR INTERACTION WITH SOMEBODY IT WOULD BE OUR OFFICE. WE WOULD BE FIELDING COMPLAINTS. IT'S A COMPLAINT-BASED SYSTEM SO WE WOULD BE FIELDING COMPLAINTS AND WE WOULD BE COMMUNICATING WITH THE -- WE HAVE AN IDEA WHERE WE WOULD REACH OUT TO A SET NUMBER OF HOMES AROUND THE HOME WHERE THAT COMPLAINT WAS REGISTERED, SO THAT THE WHOLE AREA WOULD BE GETTING INFORMATION BUT THE REQUIREMENTS SO THAT PERSON, THAT HOME WOULDN'T NECESSARILY FEEL LIKE THEY HAD BEEN UNFAIRLY SORT OF HELD OUT IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SO WE WOULD BE REACHING OUT TO EVERYONE AROUND THEM, BUT WE WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY REACHING OUT TO THAT HOMEOWNER AND LETTING THEM KNOW. AND THEN IF WE HAVE TOO MANY OF THOSE INTERACTIONS AND WE CAN'T GET THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REQUIRED, THEN IT WOULD MOVE ON.

Ms. Nunley: BERNADETTE NUNLEY, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, SO THE NEXT STEP AFTER TWO VIOLATIONS WHERE A PERSON WOULD RECEIVE A NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS FOR THE THIRD VIOLATION, THAT'S WHERE THE TRIGGER FOR POTENTIAL CIVIL PENALTIES ARISES. AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO WOULD WORK ON THAT CASE, AND THEN IF THE, IF THE PERSON APPEALED THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND THE PENALTIES THAT WOULD GO TO A HEARINGS OFFICER. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS HIRED A HEARINGS OFFICER WHO WOULD MANAGE THOSE CASES.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS COMMISSIONER SMITH? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN? OK, GREAT. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: SO WE HAVE HAD SO MUCH WORK ON THIS ORDINANCE, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF YOUR TEAM AND SO MANY OTHERS HERE AT THE COUNTY THAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD A CHANCE TO THANK EVERYBODY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE SO MUCH. SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS IN MY OFFICE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT I KNOW THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM, THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AND THE CHAIR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS LONGER THAN THE YEAR THAT I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE. SO I REALLY WANT TO PARTICULARLY THANK YOU, JAE, MATT HOFFMAN, WHO I AM SO SORRY HE'S NOT HERE FOR THAT, FOR THIS FINAL

WORK BECAUSE HE'S REALLY BEEN SUCH A LEADER ON THIS ISSUE AND ALL THE WORK, PUBLIC PROCESS THAT HAS GONE INTO SHAPING THIS ORDINANCE TODAY AND ANDREA HAMBERG WHO HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB ON GETTING US UP TO SPEED ON THE ISSUE AND ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD AND CONSTITUENTS. OF COURSE PREPARING THE POLICY MATERIALS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WANTED TO ALSO THANK DR. PAUL LEWIS AND JEN FOR THEIR WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON THE NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS OF WOOD SMOKE AND ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND BERNADETTE NUNLEY, YOU AND ONA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THE ORDINANCES AND THE POLICY. WE REALLY HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR EXPERTISE AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. IN THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE I WANT TO THANK JULIE AND KATE AND JANET FOR ALL THE OUTREACH. WE KNOW THAT COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH WILL BE A CRITICAL POINT OF THE ORDINANCE SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU HELPED US WITH THAT. AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO PARTNER ON THIS. WE HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND SHAPING THE POLICY BUT WE KNOW THAT THE REAL WORK IS JUST BEGINNING. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU ON PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND REPRESENTING YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND YOUR GREAT QUESTIONS THAT SHAPED THIS POLICY AND MY OTHER FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE, TOO. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO AROUND AIR QUALITY ISSUES, IT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS A REALLY CONCRETE STEP THAT WE CAN TAKE TO LOOK AT THE BIGGER ISSUE AND MORE WORK IN AFFECTING THE AIR QUALITY AND AIR PARTICULATE MATTERS IN THE FUTURE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON, I THINK MY WORDS WILL BE ECHOY. I WANT TO PERSONALLY EXTEND MY THANKS, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO CALL OUT EVERYBODY WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS AND CAN'T DO IT TOO MUCH, SO I WANT TO THANK, FIRST THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES AND THE EVENING OR DURING THE DAY TO COME TO ONE OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND FILL OUT PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS AND EMAIL US TO OTHERWISE GET IN TOUCH, TO PHONE US YOU KNOW, THE OLD FASHIONED PHONING SYSTEM TO LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND TO PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS. I FEEL STRONGLY WE WORKED HARD TO CALIBRATE THE NEEDS FOR ADDRESSING THIS VERY SERIOUS ISSUE AS WE ALL EITHER HAVE KNOWN OR HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH MORE BUT THE TOXIC EFFECTS OF WOOD SMOKE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT AND TO OUR INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Commissioner Meieran: WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO SORT OF BALANCE THAT WITH THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS FOR MEETING WITH SMOKE TO HEAT THEIR HOME OR FOR DIFFERENT USES, AND THAT WE HAVE REALLY ARE DRIVEN TO ACHIEVE THAT BALANCE WHERE WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT PEOPLE NEED VERSUS THOSE LARGER IMPACTS, AND I THINK THAT WE CRAFTED A REALLY FANTASTIC, FANTASTIC ORDINANCE IN LIGHT OF THAT. AND JUST TAKING ALL THOSE COMMENTS AND REALLY SIFTING THROUGH ALL OF THEM WAS JUST SUCH A MAJOR UNDERTAKING, AND SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THAT. SO FIRST OF ALL THE PUBLIC. AND SECOND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY THANK YOU FOR JOINING WITH ME TO BRING THE ORDINANCE FORWARD AND I THINK WE BOTH AGREED IT WAS LONG OVERDUE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I VALUE YOUR DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ISSUE AND LARGER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WHAT YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THIS WHOLE PROCESS. IT HAS BEEN JUST FANTASTIC WORKING WITH YOU. AND I SO APPRECIATE THAT.

THEN I AM GOING TO ECHO THE GIANT THANK YOU TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM INCLUDING JAE AND MATT, IF YOU ARE OUT THERE WATCHING, FEEL BETTER. AND ANDREA AS WELL AS OUR HEALTH OFFICERS, DOCTORS PAUL LEWIS AND JENNIFER VINES. THE MASTERY OF THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE WOOD SMOKE POLLUTION AND IT'S EFFECTS ON OUR HEALTH IS TRULY ROCK SOLID. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE ANY BETTER SORT OF WORKS BEING DONE ON THIS ISSUE, AND IT'S ESSENTIALLY TO REALLY INFORMING US OF WHY THIS IS ACTUALLY NECESSARY. WHEN PEOPLE ASK US LIKE WHY DO WE NEED AN ORDINANCE ABOUT THIS? I FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE EXPLAINING EXACTLY WHY AND WHY IT IS SO CRUCIAL. AND EVEN MORE THAN THE SCIENTIFIC DETAILS I WAS JUST IMPRESSED THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE PROCESS BY YOUR ABILITY, LIKE UNCANNY ABILITY TO REACH OUT AND INTERACT WITH ALL OF THE PEOPLE, OUR RESIDENTS WHO CAME IN WITH SUCH REALLY VALID QUESTIONS. I TRIED TO RACK MY BRAIN TO THINK OF QUESTIONS, AND THEY JUST HAD SO MUCH MORE TO BRING FORWARD, AND YOU ANSWERED EVERYTHING DEMONSTRATED TODAY, ANOTHER COUPLE QUESTIONS CAME UP.

HERE'S THE I WANT DEPTH RESPONSE TO THOSE. IT TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE SO THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK BERNADETTE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS WORK ON THIS ORDINANCE. HUGELY APPRECIATE IT, AND JOHN W. FOR YOUR COUNCIL AND ADVICE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS, AND THANKS TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AGAIN, ESPECIALLY KATE WILSON, WHO IS THERE AT ALL THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AND JANET FOR YOUR WORK. SO, AND FINALLY LAST BUT NOT LEAST I DO WANT TO THANK MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS STEGMANN AND SMITH AND THE CHAIR FOR REALLY YOUR THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO JOIN WITH US THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE ORDINANCE. AND COMMISSIONER STEGMANN

FOR BEING OUT THERE REALLY WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN THE EAST COUNTY, MANY OF WHOM ARE THE MOST AFFECTED POTENTIALLY BY THIS, AND YOU ARE REALLY DOING THE WORK AND INCLUDING TO THE MEETING AND BEING THERE AND ASKING AND ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS SO THANK ALL OF YOU, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S IT. OK. I AM REALLY EXCITED.

Chair Kafoury: WE CAN TELL. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR, WE DON'T.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SECOND READING IS APPROVED, AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

R.2 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Tax Foreclosed Property to the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation. Presenter: Mike Sublett, Tax Title Program Coordinator, DART.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2, GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Sublett: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, MIKE SUBLETT, TAX TITLE PROGRAM COORDINATOR. BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS A SMALL 6,970 SQUARE FOOT PARCEL LOCATED ALONG BARBUR BOULEVARD AND A DEDICATED BUT UNDEVELOPED CITY STREET SOUTHWEST RALSTON. JUST TO GIVE YOU SOME BEARINGS IF YOU ARE ON TERWILLIGER ON THE CHART HOUSE AND WENT STRAIGHT DOWN TO BARBUR THAT'S WHERE THE SMALL PARCEL WOULD BE. AND IT'S ON THE TAX ROLLS FOR REAL MARKET VALUE OF 6,970, BECAUSE OF ITS CONFIGURATION ZONING OVERLAYS ETC. IT'S FAIR MARKET VALUE AND A TRANSACTION IS PROBABLY DE MINIMIS.

Mr. Sublett: SO THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS REQUESTED A GOVERNMENT TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY. AND FOR THE BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION WHO PARTNERS WITH ODOT BECAUSE SOUTHWEST BARBUR IS A STATE HIGHWAY, THIS WILL FACILITATE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CRITICAL SOUTH BARBUR BOULEVARD SOUTHWEST PORTLAND TRANSIT CORRIDOR. SHOULD THE BOARD APPROVE THIS WE WILL WORK TO GET IT DEEDED TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. ANY QUESTIONS? I AM DELIGHTED TO ANSWER.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. WHAT WAS THE AMOUNT OF THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN?

Mr. Sublett: THIS IS APPROXIMATE, AND I CAN GET YOU THE EXACT BUT APPROXIMATELY 1500 TO \$2,000. IT WAS LESS THAN THAT, ACTUALLY.

Commissioner Smith: AND HOW LONG WAS THE PROPERTY OWNER DELINQUENT ON THE TAXES?

Mr. Sublett: SO THROUGH THE TYPICAL SITE, SO GOOD QUESTION. OF COURSE A GOOD POINT. THE COUNTY ACQUIRED THIS THROUGH FORECLOSURE OF DELINQUENT TAX LIENS ON OCTOBER 24 OF 2017. SO GIVEN THE CYCLE OF THE STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS FOR TAX PAYMENTS IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 5.5 YEARS DELINQUENT AT THAT TIME. AND, I DID NEGLECT TO SAY WHEN WE ACQUIRED THIS, SO THIS WAS FORECLOSED IN 2015, TO YOUR REDEMPTION PERIOD, AND DEEDED TO THE COUNTY OCTOBER 24. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY AND I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT I HAD A REALLY INCREDIBLE BRIEFING ABOUT OUR FORECLOSURE PROCESS. I RECOMMEND IT HIGHLY. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THAT, TELL MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE IT REALLY DOES OUTLINE, BECAUSE I HAD CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT TAKING PROPERTIES WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THE OWNER OR IN THAT INTERIM PERIOD AND DO THEY NEED SERVICES OR WAS THERE SOME COMMUNICATION THING THAT THEY ARE VULNERABLE, THAT WE HAD A REALLY INTENSIVE AND DIRECTED PROCESS TO REACH OUT OVER A VERY SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME. I WAS ACTUALLY VERY PLEASED TO HEAR. IT WAS EVEN MORE THAN -- IT WAS TRULY ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT I THINK IS VALID. DEFINITELY ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THE STATE STATUTES REQUIRE IN TERMS OF THE KIND OF OUTREACH THAT IS DONE AND THE KIND OF REALLY HEROIC EFFORTS THAT OUR COUNTY PEOPLE TAKE TO REACH AND ADDRESS ISSUES AND NEEDS OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THIS, AND SO AT THIS POINT I AM MOVING FORWARD.

Commissioner Meieran: I FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU COME TO US AND SAY THAT THERE IS A PROPERTY THAT WE'RE GOING TO FORECLOSE ON, I MEAN, THOSE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, WHICH IS REALLY GOOD, AND IT IS A REALLY LENGTHY PROCESS, AS WELL, SO THERE IS QUITE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME THAT GOES INTO THIS WHOLE THING, AND WHO KNEW, BUT NOW I DO, SO ANYWAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR WORK.

Mr. Sublett: THANK YOU. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHEN YOU TELL PEOPLE THAT YOU DO FORECLOSURES, IN A SOCIAL SITUATION. THERE IS A LARGE PART OF THE WORK THAT WE DO THAT'S FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE. AND THAT'S SORT OF AN UNTOLD PART OF THIS. I SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS UNDEVELOPED, IS ON DEVELOPED LAND, AND THE EFFORTS ARE MUCH

GREATER WOULD INVOLVE THE RESIDENCES AND THE PEOPLE THAT DEVELOP PROPERTIES SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK THAT WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Board Clerk: [READS NAME]

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. OVER AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AS YOU KNOW, OUR INFAMOUS GETTING YOUR SALE BOAT AND LEAVE THE CITY, CHARLIE HALES, WAS THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WANTED TO BEGIN FORECLOSING ON HIS QUOTE LABELING THEIR HOMES AS A ZOMBIE HOME, WITH THE TERM THAT HE USED TO DEVALUE THEIR PROPERTY AND TO COME IN AND TO SCOOP IT UP FOR LITTLE TO NOTHING. AGAIN I SPOKE AGAINST HIM AT THE BEGINNING, AND I SPEAK AGAINST HIM NOW, AND MAYOR WHEELER TOOK NOTICE AND HE'S BEGINNING TO CHANGE HIS DIRECTION ON HOW THE CITY OF PORTLAND DOES FORECLOSURES ON HOMES. AND AGAIN AS STATED BY DR. MEIERAN IS THAT THE REALITY HERE IS THAT IF WE CAN COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTIES, IF WE CAN OFFER THEM SOME TYPE OF MONEY, SOME TYPE OF SERVICES, SOMETHING TO PREVENT THEM FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES, THEN WE ACTUALLY ARE BENEFITING THE COMMUNITY ITSELF BECAUSE WE'RE PRESERVING THE PEOPLE AND THEIR PROPERTIES IN THAT COMMUNITY AND KEEPING THEM THERE BECAUSE WHEN WE COME IN AND TAKE THAT PROPERTY, THEY ARE OUT.

THEY ARE GONE. THEY ARE REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNITIES. AND YOU HAVE TO WATCH THE PROCESS VERY CLOSE WHEN YOU START DEALING WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND THAT COMES IN AND THEY WRITE UP NUISANCE LIENS ON THE PROPERTIES. AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND COMES BACK AND THEY PUT LITTLE CLAUSE SAYS IN THERE BEFORE THE AUCTION TAKE PLACE WE MIGHT WANT TO BUY THAT FIRST. GREAT MOVER MR. HALES, WATCHING EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE. THAT'S WHY YOU ARE ON YOUR SALE BOAT AND ENJOY YOURSELF IN PANAMA AND LEAVE THE COUNTRY. WE ARE WATCHING CLOSE ON THIS. AGAIN FROM MUNICIPALITIES, PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE THAT CAN'T MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS AND THAT MIGHT LOSE THEIR HOMES AND WE WANT TO HAND THIS OVER TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND I DON'T THINK SO, CITY OF PORTLAND. YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF YOU WILL HAVE WAITING, SITTING, AND HOPING THAT YOU CAN COME IN AND SCOOP THAT UP AT THE RIGHT TIME.

GUESS WHAT, TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP, AND IN SEATTLE BY THE WAY, THEY ARE MAKING IT TO WHERE YOU CAN'T EVEN ENTER THAT PROPERTY NOW, WHICH I SAID YOU SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHEN YOU BOARDED THOSE PROPERTIES UP YOU AT THAT POINT WERE TAKING THAT PROPERTY, THAT HOME OF SOMEBODY ELSE AND DAMAGING THE WHOLE PROPERTY WITH THE MOLD THAT BUILDS UP

INSIDE OF THAT HOUSE BECAUSE OF YOUR NEGLIGENCE, AND I TOLD YOU THAT, AND GUESS WHAT, YOUR FORECLOSURE SYSTEM CAME TO AN END REAL FAST IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND WHAT I AM SEEING TODAY, CHARGE THE CITY OF PORTLAND FAIR MARKET VALUE, DON'T GIVE THEM ANY DISCOUNTS FOR THEIR VULTURE TYPE OF MENTALITY TO COME IN AND SCOOP UP THESE PROPERTIES FROM VICTIMS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. AND YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE, YOU MAKE THEM THAT BY YOUR ACTIONS, CONGRATULATIONS TODAY BY WORKING WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND. ALL THOSE IF FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

R.3 Audit of the Joint Office of Homeless Services. Presenters: Dr. Steve March, County Auditor; Marc Rose, Staff Auditor; and, Marc Jolin, JOHS.

Mr. March: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE MARC ROSE, OUR SENIOR PERFORMANCE AUDITOR WHO DID WORK ON THIS. WE HAD ONE OTHER AUDITOR, COLLEEN, WHO DID MOST OF THE FINANCIAL WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AUDIT, AND FOR THE RECORD, I AM STEVE MARCH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR, AND WE PUT THIS OFFICE ON OUR AUDIT LIST IN THE AUDIT SCHEDULE BECAUSE IT WAS A NEW GROWTH AREA. ALTHOUGH IT WAS OF EXISTING, FOR THE MOST PART, EXISTING SERVICES. WE THINK THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO GET THOSE SERVICES ORGANIZED, COORDINATED, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN NEED OF SERVICES. SO WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MARC, AND HE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE AUDIT.

Mr. Rose: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, I AM MARC ROSE FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE, AND I TRIED TO CONVINCE COLLEEN TO COME IN AND DO THIS PRESENTATION BUT SHE DECLINED SO I WILL GO AHEAD AND I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH A BIT OF BACKGROUND BUT THE JOINED OFFICE AND TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY WHY WE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THIS AUDIT. SO IN JULY OF 2016 THE CITY AND COUNTY ESTABLISHED THE JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES. AND MOST CITY AND COUNTY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES WERE FOLDED INTO THE JOINT OFFICE. A FEW NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS WERE THAT PERMIT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STAYED IN THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU, AND AS DID HMIS, DATA MANAGEMENT, AND DATA QUALITY AND EVALUATION ALSO STAYED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY. SO WHY DID WE DO THIS AUDIT SO EARLY INTO THE LIFE OF THE JOINT OFFICE? ALTHOUGH PERFORMANCE AUDITS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN BACKWARD LOOKING, AND MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE STARTED TO SEE THE AUDITS.

Mr. Rose: THEY ARE INTENDED TO BE DONE ALONG WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OR A PROCESS TO HELP IDENTIFY BARRIERS OR CHALLENGES OR BEST PRACTICES, AND A FEW EXAMPLES, LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE AUDITED THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXCHANGE WHEN THEY IMPLEMENTED THAT AND RECENTLY IN OUR OFFICE WE'VE BEEN AUDITING THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS THE BUILDINGS ARE BEING BUILT. SO WE HAD TWO AUDIT OBJECTIVES, AND THE FIRST WAS KIND OF THE INITIAL AUDIT OBJECTIVE THAT WE HAVE WHICH IS TO IDENTIFY THE DISTRIBUTION AND PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES. THE SECOND WAS SOMETHING THAT WE DEVELOPED AFTER TALKING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, JOINT OFFERS STAFF AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND DOING RESEARCH IN BEST PRACTICES, AND THAT WAS TO EVALUATE THE DATA QUALITY, PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND THE CAPACITY FOR DATA ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION.

I THINK I MIGHT IN SHORTHAND REFER TO THAT AS EVALUATING DATA INFRASTRUCTURE. I JUST WANT TO TALK MORE BUT THE OBJECTIVES AND WHY WE THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE IMPORTANT, FOR THE FIRST OBJECTIVE AS THE COUNTY AND THE CITY CONTINUE TO INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN, INTO HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE SERVICES, WE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AS MUCH TRANSPARENCY AS POSSIBLE INTO HOW THOSE SERVICES ARE TARGETED. AND WITH THE INFLOW OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING WE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY WASN'T VULNERABLE IN ITS CONTRACTING PROCESS, SO NEARLY ALL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE SERVICES ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDERS BY THE COUNTY. AND THERE IS A RULE WHICH I WILL GET TO IN A BIT, THAT THE COUNTY INSTITUTED ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE, THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT PUT TOO MUCH OF A SINGLE LINE OF BUSINESS WITH ONE PROVIDER IN CASE THE PROVIDER IS UNABLE TO PERFORM FOR OBJECTIVE TWO WHAT I WOULD CALL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, THE BEST, OR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEMS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE DATA DRIVEN, AND THAT IS THEY USE DATA TO REPORT ON PROVIDER PROGRAM AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE.

THEY USE THAT INFORMATION TO INFORM FUNDING DECISIONS AND IDENTIFY SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO PROVIDE. SO WE WANTED TO SEE WHERE THE COUNTY WAS OR THE JOINT OFFICE WAS EVEN IN ITS EARLY STAGE OF HAVING THIS KIND OF DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WE WOULD AGAIN WOULD BE ACCESSED TO HMIS DATA AND THE ABILITY TO ANALYZE AND DO PROGRAM EVALUATION BASED ON THAT DATA. SO THE REPORT IS ONLINE. AND INCORPORATES BOTH THE TRADITIONAL TEXT FORMAT AND TABLEAU. WE HAVE USED TABLEAU IN THE PAST. WE USE IT BECAUSE IT'S GOOD FOR DATA AND IT'S DIFFERENT THAN A STATIC REPORT IN THAT WE CAN GET MORE DIMENSION THAN WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT SO I WILL DO MY BEST AND HOPE

THIS WORKS AND, AND THAT WE CAN DISPLAY THIS. TO IDENTIFY THESE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF SPENDING AND SO WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS SIX WHAT ARE CALLED GENERAL PROGRAM AREAS.

Mr. Rose: SO YOU CAN SEE THAT AND UNFORTUNATELY, I'M SORRY, BUT THIS THING DOESN'T REALLY GIVE YOU THE WHOLE VIEW BUT HOUSING PLACEMENT AND RETENTION, ABOUT HALF THE MONEY THAT THE JOINT OFFICE CONTRACTED OUT WAS SPENT ON THIS HOUSING PLACEMENT AND RETENTION, AND THEN ABOUT A THIRD WAS FOR WHAT WE CALL SAFETY OFF THE STREETS, WHICH IS TEMPORARY SHELTER ESSENTIALLY. AND IF YOU HOVER OVER ANY OF THESE COLUMNS, YOU CAN SEE WHAT PROVIDERS HELPED PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND THE AMOUNTS THAT THEY RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY. ANOTHER VIEW THAT WE HAVE IS JUST TO LOOK AT IT SPECIFICALLY BY SERVICE PROVIDER SO IF YOU WANTED TO SEE WHAT TRANSITION PROJECTS HAS DONE IN TERMS OF CONTRACTING WITH THE JOINT OFFICE, YOU CAN SEE THAT THEY RECEIVED ABOUT \$7 MILLION, WHICH THEY USED FOR SHELTER AND THEN ANOTHER \$1.5 MILLION THAT THEY PUT TOWARDS RAPID REHOUSING.

THEN THE LAST CHART, WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL COLUMN HERE, WHICH IS CALLED SPECIFIC PROGRAM AREAS SO HOUSING PLACEMENT RETENTION, IT'S A LITTLE BIT VAGUE, BUT NOW, YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S RAPID REHOUSING WITHIN THAT GENERAL PROGRAM AREA, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SO IF YOU WANT TO KIND OF DRILL DOWN AND SEE HOW SPENDING WAS CONTRACTED OUT, YOU CAN SEE MORE DETAIL THERE. AND I'M GOING TO GO BACK, AND THEN WE HAVE ONE MORE SERIES OF CHARTS AND TABLEAUX AND THIS IS WHAT I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REFRESH THIS AND MAYBE IT WON'T WORK.

Dr. March: THE DANGERS OF LIVE TELEVISION.

Chair Kafoury: WELL DON'T WATCH THE LITTLE CURSOR TRY TO MOVE AROUND. YOU'RE GOING TO GET A LITTLE MOTION SICKNESS.

Mr. Rose: ONE MORE TRY. SO I MENTIONED CONCENTRATION RISK EARLIER. AND JUST TO BE REAL BRIEF ABOUT IT BASICALLY THERE'S A RESOLUTION THAT WAS PASSED IN 2008 THAT SAYS THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T PUT 40% OF ITS FUNDING FOR ONE PARTICULAR LINE OF BUSINESS WITH ONE PROVIDER. AND WITH HOMELESS SERVICES, I GUESS YOU COULD, THAT BECAME A BIT OF AN ISSUE, WHAT'S A LINE OF BUSINESS IN HOMELESS SERVICES? WE LOOKED AT IT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT IT BASED ON THE FAMILY SYSTEM AS A LINE OF BUSINESS, THEN WE COULD SEE THAT ABOUT 50% DID GO TO ONE PROVIDER IN THAT SYSTEM. I LOOKED AT IT ANOTHER WAY AND THAT WAS FUNDING FOR SHELTER. IT'S KIND OF A SIMILAR THING. WE HAVE ABOUT 50% OF FUNDING GOING TO ONE PROVIDER. IT

SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THAT PROVIDER WAS HELPING ROLL OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SHELTERS THAT WERE BEING PUT UP IN THE FISCAL YEAR 17. SO THAT DOES MAKE SENSE. AND ALSO, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THERE IS A RESOLUTION ABOUT THIS.

Mr. Rose: OUR INTENT IS JUST TO BRING A GENERAL AWARENESS THAT THERE IS A RISK IF FOR SOME REASON THAT PROVIDER IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. YOU COULD BE IN A BIT OF A BIND. SO LET ME SEE IF I CAN... OKAY. SO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE FOUND. OUR FINDINGS. SO WHAT I JUST MENTIONED IS THE CLIENT IS RELIANT ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROVIDERS IN CERTAIN HOMELESS SERVICES AREAS, THAT'S THE CONCENTRATION RISK. WE ALSO FOUND THAT THE JOINT OFFICE LACKS EVALUATION CAPACITY AND FULL ACCESS TO COMPLETE DATA. SO WHEN THE JOINT OFFICE WAS FORMED, THOSE DATA AND EVALUATION DEPARTMENTS STAYED WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. THAT CAPACITY WAS NOT BUILT INTO THE JOINT OFFICE. THERE IS TIERED ACCESS TO HMIS DATA AND THE JOINT OFFICE HAS NOT HAD ACCESS TO THAT FULL DATA AND PARTICULARLY RAW DATA, WHICH IS USEFUL FOR PROGRAM ANALYSIS OR PROGRAM EVALUATION AND DATA ANALYSIS.

OUR THIRD FINDING WAS THAT AS A NEED FOR REGULAR REPORTING OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES, AND I KNOW THAT THAT DOES HAPPEN AND I'VE BEEN TO A NUMBER OF BRIEFINGS WHERE THE JOINT OFFICE HAS PRESENTED ON HOW PROGRESS IS GOING. WHAT WE SUGGEST IN THE AUDIT IS THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL MEASURES AND PARTICULARLY HUD MEASURES. THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS RECOMMENDS HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MEASURES AND IT KIND OF KEYS IN ON SOME PARTICULAR ONES, BUT AS THESE MEASURES TEND TO BE A BAROMETER FOR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND AS AN EXAMPLE YOU WOULD HAVE AVERAGE DAYS HOMELESSNESS AND IDEALLY, THAT'S UNDER 30 DAYS AND IDEALLY, IT'S TRENDING DOWNWARD. I'LL GET TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN A SECOND. BUT SO INCORPORATING THOSE HEAD MEASURES ALONG WITH THE CURRENT REPORTING WOULD BE USEFUL.

SO THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE JOINT OFFICE WORK WITH THE HMIS ADMINISTRATOR AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO GAIN FULL ACCESS TO HMIS REPORTS INCLUDING SOURCE DATA. THE JOINT OFFICE SHOULD BUILD IN CAPACITY FOR ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION AND I BELIEVE I HAVE SEEN THE JOB LISTING FOR THIS SO THAT'S ONGOING. THE JOINT OFFICE SHOULD REGULARLY REPORT TO THE PUBLIC ON SYSTEM PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND RESULTS AND THERE'S OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT WAYS TO DO THAT. AGAIN, THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS POINTS TO THE COLUMBUS SHELTER BOARD AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A DATA-DRIVEN SYSTEM AND THAT COMMUNITY PUTS OUT QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT PROVIDER PROGRAM

SYSTEM GOALS AND RESULTS. AND ACTUALLY DOES RANK PROVIDERS BASED ON LOWER PERFORMING, HIGHER PERFORMING, NOT TO EXCLUDE THEM FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE FUTURE, BUT JUST TO USE THOSE RANKINGS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS.

Mr. Rose: WE RECOMMEND THE JOINT OFFICE WORK WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY AT THE SHELTER LEVEL. ONE OF THE THINGS WE LOOKED AT WAS DATA QUALITY AND THE DATA QUALITY AND COLLECTION WAS GOOD AND THOROUGH. THE EXCEPTION WAS AT THE SHELTER LEVEL WHERE THERE WAS SOME MISSING DATA ELEMENT AND IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE BECAUSE PEOPLE TEND TO COME AND GO MORE FREQUENTLY, BUT IN ORDER TO INFORM THE SERVICES THAT YOU WANT TO PROVIDE IT'S BEST TO COLLECT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. AND WE RECOMMEND COMPLYING WITH RESOLUTION 0812 AS IT'S KNOWN, WHICH IS CONCENTRATION RISK, OR REVISITING THE RULE, BUT AGAIN, I THINK OUR EMPHASIS IS ON JUST BEARING IN MIND THAT WHEN YOU'RE CONTRACTING THAT IT IS A RISK AND DON'T PUT TOO MANY OF YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET. AND WITH THAT, TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Dr. March: ANY QUESTIONS FOR US OR MARC JOLIN KINDLY JOINED US IN CASE THERE WERE QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR HIM.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY. QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Commissioner Meieran: I WANT TO SAY, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. THAT WAS REMARKABLE. I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY SOME OF THE TABLEAU INTERFACE AND HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO REALLY COMPILE SOME OF THE DATA. I KNOW ANNA PLUM IS AMAZING AND THAT'S GREAT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH HER TO GET SOME OF THOSE LARGE CATEGORIES BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I FEEL IS SO IMPORTANT IS KIND OF A BIG PICTURE SYSTEMS APPROACH TO LOOKING AT THOSE ISSUES AND IT MIGHT BE SAP, I'M STILL RELATIVELY NEW, SO FIGURING SOME OF THAT OUT, BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE'S --

Chair Kafoury: GETTING RID OF SAP.

Commissioner Meieran: I KNOW, GETTING RID OF SAP. THIS IS PERFECT TIMING. THIS HIGHLIGHTS WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SYSTEM THAT ACTUALLY INTEGRATES DATA AND IS SORT OF EASILY FOLLOWED AND TRACKABLE AND SO I APPRECIATE YOUR DOING THAT EXTRA WORK, GIVEN THAT WE HAVE SAP NOW. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER LATER SOONER AND THESE ARE JUST REALLY GREAT RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I THINK IT'S EXCELLENT THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS EARLY IN THE PROCESS INSTEAD OF RETROSPECTIVELY LOOKING BACK, LIKE WHAT SHOULD YOU HAVE DONE FIVE YEARS AGO TO MAKE THIS WORK? WE ARE DOING IT IN REAL TIME AND HAVE THE INFORMATION AT HAND AND CAN IMPLEMENT SOME OF

THOSE CHANGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS WE GO, WHICH IS REALLY BENEFICIAL. SO THANK YOU REALLY FOR THIS.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, STEVE FOR DOING THIS REPORT. IT REALLY GIVES US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT WHERE OUR RESOURCES ARE GOING AND THE POINT THAT YOU MADE ABOUT HAVING MORE THAN 40% OF ONE PROGRAM BEING MODELED AS A POSSIBLE THREAT, AND I THINK THAT ONE OF OUR CONCERNS THAT I'VE HAD AND I'VE TALKED ABOUT IT FOR MANY YEARS IS THE FACT WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY SPECIFICALLY WHO'S OUT THERE ON THE STREET AND WHAT THEIR PARTICULAR PROBLEM IS AND SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE HELPFUL, AND I THINK THE WORK THAT THE JOINT OFFICE IS DOING RIGHT NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON MORE DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE CAUSES BECAUSE WHAT WE KNOW IS EVERY DAY A WOMAN IS OUT OF HER HOME FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE. WE HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING AWAY WHO ARE ON OUR STREETS AND WE HAVE FOLKS WHO ARE DOWNSIZED, WHO CAN'T AFFORD HOUSING IN THIS VERY UNAFFORDABLE MARKET AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT MANY FOLKS HAVE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES THAT DON'T ALLOW THEM TO KEEP AND MAINTAIN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO HELP US MAKE THOSE DECISIONS IN THE SPRING IN TERMS OF WHERE OUR BUDGET DOLLARS SHOULD GO SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I JUST APPRECIATE YOU GUYS AGAIN REITERATING WHAT COMMISSIONER MEIERAN HAD SAID ABOUT LOOKING AT THIS EARLY ON IN THE PROCESS AS WE'RE STARTING THIS NEW VENTURE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO SEE WHERE WE CAN ADDRESS SOME ISSUES BEFORE THEY GET TOO BIG AND REALLY I THINK THE ISSUES YOU IDENTIFIED AROUND THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS AND MAKING SURE WE'RE CONSIDERING THE RISK FACTORS AND TARGETING IT, IT'S SUCH A CRUCIAL AND CRITICAL SERVICE THAT'S BEING PERFORMED AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE FOLKS THAT HAVE REALLY EXPERTISE IN THIS, BUT ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN I THINK MAYBE BUILD THE CAPACITY WITHIN THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING THE RISK COMPONENTS AND DATA IS ALWAYS ONE OF THOSE THINGS, IT'S CRITICAL, RIGHT?

SOMETIMES, IT'S HARD, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE PROVIDING VERY CRITICAL SERVICES TO THINK OF THAT SECOND PIECE OF TRACKING AND DATA GATHERING, BUT AS THE AUDIT HAS SHOWN THAT, THOSE PERFORMING BETTER ARE THE ONES THAT ARE ALSO CHECKING THE DATA AND HAVING THE DATA THERE, TOO. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A REALLY GREAT TOOL THAT

WE CAN USE GOING FORWARD FOR THE WORK THAT THE AGENCY IS DOING AND ESPECIALLY AROUND LOOKING AT WHAT THE GOALS ARE AND HOW WE CAN TRACK THE GOALS AND THE RESULTS THERE SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, I APPRECIATE IT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. I HAD A SPECIFIC QUESTION. I THINK IT WAS ON SLIDE SEVEN AND IT SHOWS THE PROVIDER FUNDING AND THE ONLY NUMBER THAT WASN'T THERE WAS UNDER VETERANS. IS THERE A DOLLAR FIGURE?

Mr. Rose: YEAH, IT IS THERE, I'M SORRY IT'S NOT THERE, BUT --

Vice-Chair Stegmann: IT'S REALLY THERE, BUT IT'S NOT SHOWING?

Dr. March: WHEN YOU GO IN THE TABLEAU.

Mr. Rose: WHEN IT MAKES THE CIRCLE THAT SMALL, IT JUST WON'T PREVIEW IT BASICALLY. BUT IF YOU GO AND HOVER OVER IT.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: SO WHAT'S THE NUMBER? 803,000?

Mr. Rose: JUST A NOTE ABOUT THIS, THIS IS NOT EXCLUSIVE. OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S SOME CROSSOVER BETWEEN ADULTS, VETERANS.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: I APPRECIATE THAT. I DO HAVE SOME OF THE OTHER SAME CONCERNS ABOUT THERE BEING CONCENTRATED RISK IN A FEW PROVIDERS AND MAYBE THIS IS MORE OF A QUESTION FOR MARC ABOUT -- WE'VE IDENTIFIED THIS AS A POTENTIAL ISSUE, HOW ARE WE GEARING UP TO ADDRESS THIS? SO I DON'T KNOW IF MARC WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT.

Dr. March: I WILL SAY IT'S A UNIQUE SITUATION FROM WHAT WE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST. IN THE PAST WE WERE THE SOLE CONTRACTOR. THIS JOINT OFFICE IS REPRESENTING BOTH CITY AND COUNTY MONEY SO DOES THAT SAME RULE APPLY, THAT'S A QUESTION, BUT THERE IS A RISK ANY TIME YOU CONCENTRATE WITH PROVIDERS.

Mr. Jolin: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M MARC JOLIN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GENERAL HOMELESS SERVICES. TO YOUR QUESTION, THERE'S A CONVERSATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AROUND THIS RULE AND HOW WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE JOINT OFFICE AND AS WE GO OUT TO REPROCURE ALL OF THESE DOLLARS, THE CONCENTRATION CONCERNS ARE PART OF THE ANALYSIS THEN SO WE HAVE OUR ENTIRE FAMILY SYSTEM OUT TO PROCUREMENT. WE'RE PREPARING THE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ADULT SYSTEM SO THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY NEW PROVIDERS AND TO FIND THAT BALANCE BETWEEN THE EXPERTISE THAT WE NEED AND THE CONCERNS

AROUND THE CONCENTRATION OF RESOURCES IN A SMALL NUMBER OF AGENCIES.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: GREAT THANK YOU MARC. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD IS DOES THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AUDIT THE CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE PROVIDERS?

Dr. March: WE LOOKED AT ALL OF THE CONTRACTS. WE REVIEWED ALL OF THE CONTRACTS. WE REVIEWED THE CONTRACTORS' FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. SO WE SPECIFICALLY LOOKED AT THEIR ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITS. SO YES, WE DID LOOK AT THE CONTRACTS. I WILL SAY SOME OF THE CONTRACTS WERE INHERITED WHEN THEY BROUGHT OVER SERVICES FROM THE CITY. WE WERE A LITTLE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT MOST OF THOSE HAD NEVER BEEN PUT OUT FOR AN RFP. IT'S THE COUNTY'S PRACTICE TO DO RFPS. AND WE APPRECIATE GOING FORWARD IT'S CONTINUING ON BEING DONE WITHIN RFP PROCESS. IT'S DIFFICULT SOMETIMES WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND MARC AND I TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT. SO DO YOU WANT TO KEEP BACK A LITTLE MONEY TO TRY TO DEVELOP THE FARM TEAM SO TO SPEAK. YOU HAVE SOME OF THESE FOLKS THAT ARE REALLY GREAT AT WRITING THEIR GRANTS OR THEIR PROPOSALS AND WE ALSO HAVE TO MAYBE BRING UP SOME OF THE SMALLER ONCE TO WHERE IF WE DID HAVE A PROBLEM IN THE SYSTEM, THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE TO RELY ON.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: ABSOLUTELY, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS GETTING AT IS HOW ARE WE HELPING BRING UP THAT FARM TEAM BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE CAN'T ALWAYS DEPEND ON JUST ONE OR TWO OF THE REALLY BIG SERVICE PROVIDERS. THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE IS KIND OF ALONG THE SAME LINES. DO WE LOOK AT THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED BY THOSE CONTRACTORS?

Dr. March: THAT'S MARC'S JOB.

Mr. Jolin: SO THE ANSWER IS YES, SO EACH OF THE CONTRACT MANAGERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ONGOING KIND OF MONITORING OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE. WE HAVE A ROUTINE MONITORING SCHEDULE WHERE WE'RE ON SITE AND TALKING. WE CERTAINLY RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICES AROUND THE QUALITY ISSUES THAT WE GO AND ADDRESS. THAT KIND OF ONGOING MONITORING AROUND QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE THAT'S ALL WORK THAT HAPPENS THROUGH THE CONTRACT MANAGERS IN OUR OFFICE.

Vice-Chair Stegmann: WELL, I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE SOME AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND I KNOW THAT MARC, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY WORKING ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, BUT I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT I APPRECIATE THIS AUDIT. BUT I THINK THERE'S ALSO ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT AND I KNOW

THAT YOUR OFFICE RECOGNIZES THAT AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVING OUR OUTCOMES FOR ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT DEPEND ON US SO MUCH SO THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, ADDITIONAL QUESTION?

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST HAD ONE OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENT AND IT PERTAINED TO RECOMMENDATION NUMBER THREE ABOUT REGULAR REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC ON SYSTEM PERFORMANCE, TARGETS, AND RESULTS. AND THAT IS SO CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT AND I FEEL LIKE, ALTHOUGH AS YOU SAID THE INFORMATION IS OFTEN READILY AVAILABLE ONLINE, IF YOU KIND OF GO IN DEEP AND SEARCH FOR IT, THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY PUTTING IT OUT THERE TO THE PUBLIC. IT'S NOT EASY FOR THE PUBLIC TO DIGEST, AND I THINK THERE'S OFTEN A BIG DISCONNECT BETWEEN WHAT WE DO AND SORT OF PUBLIC PERCEPTION AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE DO. AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE US TRY TO NARROW THAT GAP AND SO PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THAT PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION AND HOW WE CAN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE AS YOU SAID, EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC WHAT WE'RE DOING, HOW WE'RE DOING IT AND REPORTING REGULARLY BACK SO I DO APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. [READS NAME]

Mr. Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER WATCHDOG X. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP ME QUITE EASILY. MY POSITION ON THIS AGAIN IS HOMELESSNESS IS BY FAR THE MOST COMPLEX ISSUE THAT WE CAN DEAL ON. AND AS A WATCHDOG THAT'S WHY I LIKE TO LOOK OVER ALL ASPECTS OF HOMELESSNESS. NOW, AGAIN TO MARC JOLIN I WILL COMMEND HIM FOR DOING A VERY GOOD JOB AND I KNOW A LOT OF SPEAKERS WILL GET UP HERE AND SAY NEGATIVE THINGS. HE'S PERSISTENT, HE'S VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD, AND HE KEEPS THINGS MOVING FORWARD. THAT'S THE KEY. NOW, WHERE I'M AT HERE AGAIN, WHERE SOME OF THE MAJOR FUNDING WAS GOING TO POSSIBLY EVEN TO TPI AGAIN TO MR. DEVINDORF, VERY GOOD WORK. THE SHELTERS HAVE BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL ON A GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED TYPE SITUATION THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN THE PAST.

AGAIN, A LOT OF PEOPLE USED TO SAY LET'S HAVE EVERYTHING OLD TOWN, CHINA TOWN LOCATION. AND WE'RE SEEING A CHANGE THERE THAT IS VERY BENEFICIAL ON THE COMMUNITIES THEMSELVES. NOW, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME RESISTANCE THERE. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT YOU'RE GETTING

PEOPLE OFF THE SIDEWALKS, OUT OF THEIR TENTS IN CERTAIN AREAS WHERE THE COMMUNITIES MAY NOT LIKE THAT, BUT THEY'RE IN THAT SITUATION AND THEY'RE BEING MOVED INTO A SHELTER, WHICH IS A TRANSITIONAL FORM OF MOVING INTO SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT AND OFFERING THE SERVICES WITHIN THAT SHELTER FACILITY TO DIRECT THEM IN OTHER AREAS. SO AGAIN, IT'S TRANSITIONAL AND PEOPLE NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND IS THAT SOME MIGHT OPEN, WE MIGHT HAVE MORE OPENED ONE YEAR AND THAT'S BASED ON THE DATA THAT'S BEING ANALYZED TO MAKE THOSE DETERMINATIONS. AGAIN, FROM MY POSITION, TALKING TO SOMEBODY DOWN AT THE WATERFRONT, WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE HOMELESS THAT WE SEE OUT HERE AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE CONFRONTATIONAL, BUT WHAT CAN WE REALLY DO?

Mr. Lightning: ONE OF THE THINGS I SAID TO THE INDIVIDUAL WAS FOCUS ON THAT \$500 MILLION BOND THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT AT METRO. LOOK AT THE BOND THAT WAS PUT INTO PLACE AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND. UNDERSTAND, GET YOUR GROUPS TOGETHER AND SUPPORT THE BONDS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT IS THE PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT IS THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THAT IS THE DIRECTION, THE ULTIMATE DIRECTION WE NEED TO GO AT THE END OF THE DAY TO REALLY ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS BEST FOR THE CITY, THE COMMUNITIES, AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS. PERMANENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAKES RESOURCES. NOW, ANOTHER ISSUE PERTAINING TO THE NONPROFITS AND MERCY CORPS -- [TIMER BEEPS] IF I MIGHT HAVE A FEW SECONDS.

CAN THE MUNICIPALITIES PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE WHERE ACROSS THE BOARD ON THEIR INCOME THAT IS DIRECTED INTO THESE TYPES OF SERVICES? A PERCENTAGE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S GOING INTO THESE TYPE OF SERVICES? AND THE REASON WHY I SAY THAT REAL FAST, MERCY CORPS, THEIR MONEY THEY BRING IN BASED UPON HOMELESSNESS AND BRINGING MONEY IN IS TWO TO THREE TIMES THE PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU'S BUDGET. I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT. HOW MUCH DO THEY PUT TOWARDS THE HOMELESS? AND THE MUNICIPALITIES BETTER REALLY LOOK AT THAT VERY CLOSE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE UP THE MONEY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL AUDITOR FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS AUDIT. I ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT STARTING THIS EARLY IN THE NEW OFFICE, THE MAYOR AND I REVIEWED THIS AUDIT AND ARE REALLY IMPRESSED BY THE THOROUGHNESS AND THE THOUGHTFULNESS THAT YOU PUT INTO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. LAST YEAR, WE SERVED 30,000 PEOPLE THROUGH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE JOINT OFFICE IN ALL OF OUR CONTRACTORS AND THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF THESE SERVICES, BUT ALSO RELY ON US TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE GETTING ARE ADEQUATE AND THAT THEY'RE FILLING THEIR NEEDS. WE KNOW

THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY MORE AND TRYING TO BALANCE THE RAPID EXPANSION OF SERVICES AS WE'VE SEEN OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE DOTTING OUR I'S AND CROSSING OUR T'S ALONG THE WAY IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL CONTINUE AS A BOARD AND AS A COMMITTEE FOR THE JOINT OFFICE TO LOOK AT HOW WE MOVE FORWARD, SO THANKS.

Dr. March: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, I THINK THIS IS YOUR BEST CHANCE, HAVING THESE COMBINED WITH THE JOINT OFFICE. YOU'VE DEFINITELY DEMONSTRATED COMPASSION IN OPENING THE SHELTERS, AND NOW, IT'S MOVING TO CARING, GETTING THOSE PEOPLE INTO SERVICES AND INTO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN MOVEMENT BY THE BOARD TO DO THAT AND THE DATA IS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF THAT BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT GATHERING DATA AT THE SHELTER LEVEL, THAT MEANS WE HAVEN'T PLUGGED THEM INTO THE SERVICES SO THAT'S AN INDICATOR. SO WATCH THAT ONE, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**R.4 Budget Modification # DCS-07-18: Appropriation of \$35,000 from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).
Presenter: Michael Cerbone, Director of Land Use Planning**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

Mr. Cerbone: GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. I'M THE PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I'M HERE TODAY REQUESTING APPROVAL TO \$35,000 FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE GORGE GRANT PROGRAM. THESE ARE FUNDS THAT ARE OFFERED BY THE STATE OF OREGON TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE LAND USE PLANNING PROGRAM WITHIN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GEORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA AND I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. WITH THESE RESOURCES PLACED IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE WORK BEING SUBCONTRACTED OUT OR WILL THIS WORK BE PERFORMED BY LAND USE PLANNING STAFF?

Mr. Cerbone: SO THE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY LAND USE PLANNING STAFF AND IT WILL ALLOW ME TO FREE UP SOME RESOURCES TO ACTUALLY CONTINUE A LIMITED DURATION EMPLOYEE WHO'S BEEN WORKING ON OUR DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION IN THE COUNTY SO PREPARING OUR COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO NATURAL DISASTERS.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS?

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Mr. Cerbone: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW, WE'VE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

Vice-Chair Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY BIRTHDAY, COMING UP. I WILL BE ATTENDING THE RACING TO CHANGE THE OREGON CIVIL RIGHTS YEARS AT THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY THIS WEEKEND AS WELL AS ATTENDING THE SCANNER BREAKFAST AND I ALSO WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JANUARY 13TH, THIS SATURDAY, IS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KOREAN AMERICANS AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, ONE OF THE FIRST KOREANS THAT CAME TO OREGON SETTLED IN GRESHAM, MY HOME TOWN, AS A FARMER. SO JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE KOREAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO SHARE ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WHERE HE SAID DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS. ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE, ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT. SO I HOPE YOU'LL ALL HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO JUST PUT OUT IN THIS PUBLIC FORUM, WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A BALLOT MEASURE 101 THERE'S GOING TO BE AN ELECTION THIS MONTH ON THAT AND ALTHOUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND STAFF CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN BALLOT MEASURES WE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN AND SO I AM PUTTING TOGETHER A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BALLOT MEASURE AND I WILL BE REACHING OUT TO YOU, MY COLLEAGUES AND HOPING THAT YOU WOULD ALSO JOIN ME IN SIGNING ON IN SUPPORT OF THAT LETTER SO I WANTED TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT THAT WOULD BE COMING. AND THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

Commissioner Meieran: ALSO, JUST WANTED TO MENTION THIS WEEKEND IN HONOR OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS THAT WILL BE GOING ON. I WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY INVITE PEOPLE TO, AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, WE HAVE A SHABBAT SERVICE, FRIDAY EVENING, IT'S BEEN A TRADITION FOR QUITE A LONG TIME WHERE WE HAVE REVEREND MATT HENNESSEY AND GOSPEL CHOIR COME AND SING ALONG WITH OUR CHOIR, IT'S ALWAYS VERY, VERY INTERESTING, LIVELY, INSPIRATIONAL, PASSIONATE AND WE ALSO HAVE TRADITIONALLY A SPEAKER WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED OR CONNECTED TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND DR. KING AND THERE WILL BE CONGRESSWOMAN TERRY SEWELL WILL BE SPEAKING THIS WEEKEND AND SHE'S AMAZING. SHE REPRESENTS ALABAMA'S CIVIL RIGHTS DISTRICT AND SHE'S AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE WHO WAS HERE OR IS WATCHING, IT'S AT CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, IT'S IN NORTHWEST AT FLANDERS, BETWEEN I THINK 19TH AND 20TH. AND SO PLEASE COME. I WILL BE THERE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD? SEEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 11:33 a.m.

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