

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, June 16, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Jules Bailey and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

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

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IT'S THURSDAY, JUNE 16.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION HD-34-16 Authorizing Two Position Reclassifications within the Health Department
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION DCM-15-16 Reclassify Finance Specialist Senior to Contract Specialist Senior in the Dept. of County Management
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a Grant Application to the CDC Building Resilience Against Climate Effects Funding Opportunity
- C.4 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit Application for 2016-2019 Victims of Crime Act Competitive Project Grant
- C.5 NOTICE OF INTENT for Submission of a Grant Application to Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.

Board Clerk: 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. MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. PAUL ADOLPH PHILLIPS, MARY ENG. MR. LIGHTNING. MR. JOE WALSH.

Mr. Phillips: YES, I AM PAUL PHILLIPS. THE SUBJECT IS KEVIN HAYES PART 5. LAST WEEK I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS PART FOUR. I AM SITTING HERE BECAUSE MY WALKER IS BROKE CURRENTLY. I CAN'T SIT IN IT. I WENT TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND A WOMAN HAD PUT THE WHEEL ON. IT WAS ALMOST READY TO FALL OFF. ALL THAT'S HOLDING IT UP THERE IS JUST THE FRICTION AND THE WEIGHT OF THE DEAL. OF COURSE I CAN'T SIT ON THIS VERY RELIABLY. BUT KEVIN HAYES -- WHEN HE WAS IN THE NEWS THAT HE HAD A WHEELCHAIR. THAT'S NICE. WITH HIM BEING PARALYZED I AM SURE THAT A POWERED WHEELCHAIR WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR HIM. I HAVE ADDRESSED THIS BOARD, A POWERED BED WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT. OF COURSE I SAID THAT HE USED TO BE HOMELESS, AND IT'S A TOUGH WAY FOR A HOMELESS PERSON TO GET HOUSING OR A SHELTER. ANOTHER THING IS THAT HOME FORWARD OF COURSE IS GOING TO BE GETTING SUED OVER DEALS THAT THEY HAVE DONE TO MY BROTHER. I EXPLAINED TO THEM THE LAST MEETING. I GUESS HE'S GOT AN ATTORNEY.

I'M NOT QUITE SURE. I WARNED HIM WELL HE'D BE GOING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURT WITH HOME FORWARD. THE COUNTY AS PARTNERS IN THE LAWSUIT. ANOTHER THING THAT I LOST THREE POUNDS LAST WEEK AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. I WAS JUST THERE IN THE WEEK BEFORE. I EXPLAINED TO THE PEOPLE THAT WITH 50 WEEKS A YEAR THAT'S 150 POUNDS I WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD BY THEN IF I CONTINUED ON THAT RATE. OF COURSE I DO WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT, BUT MY BLOOD PRESSURE IS ALSO HAS GONE DOWN FROM THIS MEDICAL MARIJUANA. LAST WEEK IT WAS 142 AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. AS I HAVE SAID 140 IS WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE APPLYING - - WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GIVING MEDICATION OR PRESCRIPTION FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION. IT JUST PROVES THAT I DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO SMOKE WITH 142 FOR BLOOD PRESSURE. I GUESS FROM A CONVERSATION THAT I JUST HAD WITH JOE WALSH THE ACTIVIST I ASKED HIM -- HE'S HERE AT THE MEETING WITH THE OTHER GENTLEMAN LIGHTNING. THE WATCHDOG. I ASKED JOE HOW MANY ACTIVISTS THERE ARE IN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID 2 MILLION.

Chair Kafoury: 2 MILLION. THANK YOU. WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO NEXT?

Ms. Eng: HI. I AM MARY ENG. COUNCIL DID YOU GET YOUR HANDOUTS? OK. WONDERFUL. IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE YOU. I WANTED TO RUN THE MAIL MASTURBATION GESTURE SIGN LANGUAGE LAWSUIT FROM RACHAEL ANDREW REGARDING THIS APPOINTMENT. I THINK THIS CARTOON SAYS IT,

MAYBE TWICE ASKING A WOMAN OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN RETALIATED AGAINST TO OFFER THAT MAIL MASTURBATION GESTURE. THE FACT THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF THE BOYS AND GETTING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IT COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE. AND THEN THE LESSONS LEARNED. WE HAVE A FALSIFICATION OF THE USE OF FORCE. THE DENIAL OF BACKUP FOR LADY COPS WHO ARE NOT OK WITH CRIMINAL CONCEALMENT OF EVIDENCE, FALSIFICATION OF POLITICAL REPORTER, WHISTLE BLOWERS BEING PUNITIZED. THIS IS A PUN IN THIS, CALLED LESSONS LEARNED.. WE'RE NOT TALKING SQUIRRELS. WE'RE TALKING PSYCHE SCREENING FOR PPB. I HAD A REALIZATION ABOUT TEN DAYS BEFORE BEN ALMOST KILLED ME FOR BEING A SECRET UNDERCOVER COP HIRING HOMOPHOBIC GANG COPS TO BEAT HIM UP IN ASTORIA. I HAD A REVELATION THAT MR. LARRY ADANI DID CHECK HIMSELF INTO A PSYCHE HOSPITAL OR REHAB, AND I ASKED HIM TO GO TO THE OREGON STATE HOSPITAL ON TWITTER TO INTERVENE IN THE, AND RESTORE FAITH IN HUMANITY. I HOPE HE WON'T ABUSE BENJAMIN PICKERING OR SHOOT HIM IN THE BACK.

Mary Eng: I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I HAVE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS OR THE KILLING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKER IN ST. HELENS. YOU DON'T DENY A LADY OFFICER, RACHAEL ANDREW OR LINDSEY HUNT BACKUP. MIKE AND I WALK INTO STARBUCKS, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STARBUCKS AND GUESS TO THE BATHROOM. HE GETS NERVOUS. HE'S LIKE, WHERE'S YOUR HUSBAND? HE'S IN THE BATHROOM. MIKE HAD HIS HEAD HANGING DOWN SO LOW. HE KNEW THAT THE OFFICER CRUSHED THE SKULL OF A BRAIN INJURY VICTIM WHO WAS SAVED BY THE COAST GUARD. THE COAST GUARD. THEN BEN PICKERING HAS LIVED WITH A VIETNAM VET WHO WAS ABUSING HIM. I MADE NUMEROUS ADULT PROTECTION CALLS. THAT WAS A BIT OF A LEO, LIKE ME, TWO FEROCIOUS LIONS FIGHTING IN HIS FACE, AND REFERS TO THE OPINION OF LEIGH ANN [INAUDIBLE], WHO MIGHT NEED A PSYCHE EVALUATION. SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SAGITARIUS ON THE CUSS OF CAPRICORN, WHICH I MIGHT LIKE, BUT MY LIFE WAS TO GET COMPLETE AND TOTAL CARE FOR BEN. AND YOU KNOW WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PERSON HE WAS. YOU KNOW HE SUFFERS FROM DELUSIONS, FROM BRAIN INJURY SYNDROME. I CONTACTED BEN AT OMALO, BEHIND WILL SMITH, LOVELY FILM, CONCUSSION, VERY SAD AND TRAGIC FILM.

Chair Kafoury: SORRY. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

Ms. Eng: MISS KAFOURY, YOU CAN'T PUT REESE IN THIS POSITION BECAUSE HE HAD SCHETT MONEY TO YOUR UNCLE AND THAT WILL BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. I SAW THE COX CASE. DO YOU SEE WHAT I AM SEEING? CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AND KAFOURY, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE BUT YOU CANNOT PUT MIKE REESE IN A PLACE TO HEMORRHAGE MONEY ON THE SEXUAL ASSAULT,

POLICE BRUTALITY, AND YOU KNOW YOU ARE BETTER THAN THAT! I BELIEVE IN YOU, KAFOURY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, MARY. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

Mr. Lightning: YES. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. WITH LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. AS I HAVE STATED I HAVE CONCERNS WITH MIKE REESE. SHE'S PROVIDED YOU DATA ON OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE CONCERNS WITH MIKE REESE. THE CORRECTIONS DEPUTY'S UNIONS HAVE CONCERN WITH MIKE REESE. VARIOUS OTHER UNIONS HAVE CONCERNS WITH MIKE REESE. THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHAIR VOTED YES. NOW I ASKED THE PUBLIC IN HERE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF ONE THING. COULD THEY HAVE VOTED NO AND THEN HAD TO MAKE A VOTE ON ANOTHER PERSON THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD? IN MY OPINION THEY COULD HAVE VOTED NO. DID THEY DO THE PROPER RESEARCH ON MIKE REESE? FROM THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CLOUD AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND THAT I CAN ASSURE YOU MULTNOMAH COUNTY DOES NOT WANT ON TOP OF THEM WITH JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER PERTAINING TO THAT AGREEMENT. GUESS WHAT, THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHEN MIKE REESE ENTERS MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS THE SHERIFF. IN MY OPINION IT IS A TERRIBLE CHOICE.

IN MY OPINION THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHAIR COULD HAVE SAID NO. IN MY OPINION WE NEED TO LOOK IT SAID VERY CLOSE BEFORE MIKE REESE STEPS IN AND BEGINS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAS THE CONTROL HE SHOULD NOT BE IN A CONTROLLED POSITION AS OF THIS TIME. NOW PERTAINING TO THE FORECLOSURES IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND I AM AT A TOTAL DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND ON DOING ANY FORECLOSURES. THEY HAVE NOT DONE A FORECLOSURE SINCE 1971. MAYOR CHARLIE HALES YOU ARE BECOMING GREEDY BECAUSE YOUR TAX IS GOING TO GET PASSED BY THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS DURING THE BUDGET. YOU CAME UP \$8.5 MILLION SHORT. TOO BAD. DO NOT GO AFTER THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS PUTTING NUISANCE LIENS ON THEIR PROPERTIES TRYING TO TAKE THEIR PROPERTIES AWAY FROM THESE PEOPLE.

THEY ARE RESERVING FIRST RIGHT TO BUY THIS PROPERTY BEFORE IT GOES THROUGH FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS. THAT IS NOT BEING IMPARTIAL. YOU ARE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THERE IS NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF THUGS GOING OUT THERE AND RIPPING THE PROPERTIES FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, USING NUISANCE LIENS IN THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. THE AUDITORS ORIGINALLY WANTED TO BE REASONABLE WITH PEOPLE, DEAL IN A REASONABLE MANNER WITH PEOPLE, AND HELP THEM TO PAY THEIR LIENS OFF. MAYOR HALES IN MY OPINION HAS LED THIS EFFORT TO RIP THE PROPERTIES FROM THE MOST VULNERABLE

PEOPLE IN THIS CITY LIKE A VULTURE WAITING FOR THEM TO STOP MOVING AFTER YOU SINK THEM WITH ALL YOUR LIENS AND THEN PUT YOURSELF IN FIRST POSITION TO RIP THEIR HOMES OUT FROM UNDER THEM. IN THE PAST MAYOR HALES YOU'VE BEEN SUED. THE CITY HAS BEEN SUED. GUESS WHAT GET READY FOR LITIGATION. YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. YOUR FORECLOSURE PROCESS IS CORRUPT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE HAVE GONE ON THE RECORD OPPOSING MIKE REESE. I AM NOT GOING TO GO INTO ALL THE DETAILS. EITHER YOU KNOW ABOUT IT OR YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN MIKE REESE WENT TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. HE LEFT UNDER A CLOUD. NOW YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE HIM AN ADVANTAGE, AND YOU VOTED UNANIMOUS CONSENT, WHICH I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I READ YOUR CHARTER, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT. THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNANIMOUS CONSENT. MAYBE THE CHARTER DICTATES THAT. I DIDN'T FIND IT, BUT I WAS READING IT PRETTY QUICKLY WHEN I WAS DOING SOMETHING ELSE, ACTUALLY. THIS MORNING WHEN I LEFT MSNBC WAS ON, AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE SHOOTINGS IN FLORIDA, AND WE ALL SHOULD BE CRUSHED. AGAIN YOU KNOW THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOLD US ON THE LAST SHOOTING THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER ONE. UNTIL WE DO SOMETHING IN CONGRESS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. I'M NOT PERSONAL FRIENDS WITH BLUMENAUER, BUT HE KNOWS WHO I AM. SO WHEN I CALL THE OFFICE OR I SEND AN EMAIL IT HAS MORE EFFECT THAN JUST A REGULAR CITIZEN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO WHEN I CALL THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT BELONG TO THE OREGON DELEGATION BECAUSE A LOT OF THEM WITH ME ON THIS. 90% OF DEMOCRATS WANT SOMETHING DONE, AND WE COULD DO TWO SIMPLE THINGS. IF YOU ARE ON A LIST THAT YOU CANNOT FLY, THE NO-FLY LIST, YOU CANNOT BUY A GUN. HOW SIMPLE IS THAT ONE?

Mr. Lightning: YOU ARE ON THE LIST.

Mr. Walsh: PROBABLY. [LAUGHTER] I AM NOT GOING TO BUY A GUN. I AM NOT GOING TO BUY A MACHINE GUN. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. 80% OF THE REPUBLICANS WANT SOMETHING DONE. SOME REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS LIKE IF SOMEBODY HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, WHAT LEVEL DO WE STOP THEM FROM BUYING GUNS? I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I KNOW THAT IF YOU DO A FELONY, YOU CANNOT GET A GUN. I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT MISDEMEANORS. MISDEMEANORS CAN BE VERY SERIOUS AS TIMES. SO I AM JUST ASKING YOU AS ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DO WHAT I DO AND KEEP THE PRESSURE ON CONGRESS. CALL BLUMENAUER AND TELL HIM TO TALK TO THE REPUBLICANS. THE FILIBUSTER IS OVER. THE REPUBLICANS ARE SUPPOSED

TO DO SOMETHING TO HOPEFULLY, SO HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO DO IT, AND I REALLY TRY NOT TO DO THAT RED LIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR WE HAVE ONE MORE PERSON SIGNED UP. LAURA VANDERLIN.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Vanderlin: THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: YOU NEED TO STATE YOUR NAME FIRST.

Ms. Vanderlin: I AM SORRY, I AM ARTIST LAURA VANDERLIN. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THERE IS A COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING THAT ARE OCCURRING IN PORTLAND, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. IT IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THEY ARE IN A CRISIS RIGHT NOW. THIS BOARD WAS SET UP BY A CONSULTANT GROUP CALLED ROSENBAUM AND WATSON LLP FROM CHICAGO. THEY COME HERE. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO -- THEY SELL -- I WOULD SAY KIND OF LIKE A FRANCHISE CALLED A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM. AND IT'S IS A TRAINING THAT IS SOLD ALL OVER THE NATION AND INTERNATIONALLY TO TRAIN POLICE OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT. THEY ARE CREATING THE ISSUE. THEY ARE CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RIGHT NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE, WITH THE MEETINGS, AND IF YOU ARE WATCHING THEM, BUT THEY ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF ORDER. IT'S CHAOTIC. THEY ARE TRAUMATIZING PEOPLE. THEY INVITE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SUFFERED FROM POLICE BRUTALITY, SO THAT WE COULD LEARN ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY AND HOW THEY SUFFERED.

THEY INVITE THEM THERE, AND THEN THEY BRING POLICE AND THEY LINE THEM UP, THEY LINE THEM UP OUTSIDE OF THOSE MEETINGS. THEY TAKE POLICE, AND THEN THEY, AND THEN THEY PUT THEM INSIDE OF ANOTHER ROOM SO YOU HAVE POLICE COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, AND THEY ARE INVITING PEOPLE THAT HAVE SUFFERED FROM POLICE BRUTALITY. TO THOSE MEETINGS. THEY ARE TRAUMATIZING THEM. THEY ARE TRIGGERING THEM. THEY ARE CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE THAT ARE SHOWING UP TO SPEAK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. THEY ARE ARRESTING PEOPLE FOR SPEAKING UP. FOR USING THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO SAY WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY NEED TO SAY. IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER, AND NO ONE IS PAYING ATTENTION TO IT. MY FRIEND, TERESA, I INVITED HER TO GO TO THAT MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT. TERESA RAYFORD. COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. I INVITED HER TO GO TO THAT MEETING. IT WAS SO OUT OF ORDER. SHE WAS SO TRAUMATIZED BY

WATCHING TWO ACTIVISTS GET ARRESTED FOR SPEAKING. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

**R.1 RESOLUTION Establishing Fees, Charges, and Penalties for Chapter 21, Health, of the Multnomah County Code, and Repealing Resolution No. 2015-086. Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Health Department Director & Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Director, Health Department**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES. COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. STARTING NEXT MONTH, MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BE ISSUING LICENSES FOR THE RIGHT TO SELL NICOTINE PRODUCTION IN OUR COUNTY. I THINK THAT WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT LICENSING IS LONG OVERDUE. WE ARE FAR FROM BEING LEADERS ON THIS ISSUE. IN FACT, OREGON IS ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF STATES THAT DON'T LICENSE THEIR TOBACCO RETAILERS. I ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, ADVOCATES, RETAILERS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND BOARD STAFF AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR GETTING US TO THIS POINT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE FROM OUR FABULOUS HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOANNE FULLER AND TRISHA TILLMAN. THANK YOU.

Ms. Fuller: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. JOANNE FULLER YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, AND I HAVE WITH ME TODAY TRISHA TILLMAN WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF FEES AND PENALTIES AND THE PROCESS OF TOBACCO RETAIL INSPECTION THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IN RESPONSE TO THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU ALL HAVE PASSED TO IMPLEMENT TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING. SO I AM GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO TRISHA TO TALK ABOUT THE RULES PROCESS.

Ms. Tillman: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. TRISHA TILLMAN PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO JUST STATE, IT SAYS JAE ON THE POWER POINT, I AM NOT DR. JAE DOUGLAS. SHE IS OUT TODAY, AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO STEP IN AND SUPPORT HER AND THE GREAT WORK THAT SHE HAS LED FOR US. SO IT'S BEEN QUITE A LONG JOURNEY FOR US TO ACHIEVE THIS POLICY GOAL OF LICENSING TOBACCO AND NICOTINE RETAILERS. THE SYSTEM OF LICENSING WILL ENABLE COUNTY STAFF TO WORK WITH RETAILERS IN EDUCATING AND ENFORCING ALL THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SALE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS. OUR GOAL HERE IS TO ENSURE RETAILER COMPLIANCE IN PROTECTING OUR KIDS FROM ACCESS TO TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS. THIS SUCCESS INVOLVED MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS, YOUR STAFF AND ESPECIALLY BERNADETTE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND LIZ

SMITH CURRY FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE. WE ESPECIALLY WANT TO CALL OUT AND APPRECIATE TIA HENDERSON IN UPSTREAM PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL AS THE OREGON HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE. LUCY LONGORIA AND HER COLLEAGUES IN IN AND THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, AND WE WANT TO ALSO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE AND THANK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION, COORDINATION, PRESENTATION, SUPPORT FOR ADVOCATES, AND ADVICE TO GET US TO THE PLACE TODAY WHERE YOU CAN TAKE THIS IMPORTANT ACTION.

Trisha Tillman: AGAIN I JUST WANT TO APPRECIATE JAE FOR HER STEADFAST LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS. SO I WILL TALK A BIT ABOUT THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE MET OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS AND QUESTIONS THAT HELPED US TO REFINE OUR RULES DURING THREE MEETINGS. THERE WAS A COMMITMENT AND A SHARED FOCUS ON INSURING EQUITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES AND ATTENTION TO ADDRESSING THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL RETAILERS AND PROVIDING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MATERIALS TRAINING AND OUTREACH. HERE IS A WONDERFUL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO SPENT THEIR TIME. THE MEMBERS INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BUSINESS OWNERS, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND YOUTH AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF GREAT CONVERSATIONS AND QUESTIONS, AS I MENTIONED, THAT HELP US TO REFINE OUR RULES, SO WE OFFER OUR THANKS TO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SO ONCE OUR RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK WE INVITED THE PUBLIC TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE RULES. WE POSTED THE FINAL DRAFT RULES AND SOLICITED COMMENTS ONLINE FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD. WE HEARD ONE PARTICULAR MESSAGE THAT WAS VERY CONSISTENT AND TWO QUESTIONS WHICH I WILL TOUCH ON. THE FIRST COMMENT WAS THAT THE PENALTIES SHOULD BE CLEAR IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE BURDENS ON RETAIL OWNERS, SO WE STRIVE TO DO THAT.

THE PROPOSED PENALTY STRUCTURE FOLLOWS EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES SHOWN TO REDUCE THE YOUTH ACCESS TO THE TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS. THE PENALTY STRUCTURE CONTAINS A TIERED SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES AND REQUIREMENTS PER VIOLATIONS CITED, WHICH JOANNE WILL TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT. IT'S A CONDITION OF THE LICENSE THAT RETAIL OWNERS ARE INFORMED OF THE RELEVANT TOBACCO RETAIL LAWS AND HAVE TRAINED ALL STAFF WHO SELL TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO COMPLY WITH THESE LAWS. ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETAILERS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE BEFORE A PENALTY WILL BE LEVIED. ONE QUESTION THAT KEPT COMING UP WAS WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE OF TOBACCO RETAIL LAWS. AGAIN THE GOAL OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. TO ENSURE THE RETAILERS COMPLY WITH THE TOBACCO RETAIL LAWS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE THE PRIMARY INSPECTORS ENFORCING THIS ORDINANCE. THE RULES STATE THAT THE

DEPARTMENT MAY DESIGNATE ANY NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO MONITOR THE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES, AND THIS RULE IS PUT IN PLACE IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE STAFF COVERAGE FOR EDUCATION OUTREACH AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. THERE MAY BE TIMES THAT THE PRIMARY TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE PROGRAM STAFF WILL NEED ADDITIONAL COUNTY STAFF SUPPORT TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. AND ALTHOUGH THE PEACE OFFICERS HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE TOBACCO RETAIL LAWS SIMILAR TO THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION LAWS, THEY INFREQUENTLY USE THEIR SCARCE RESOURCES TO DO SO. THE SECOND QUESTION THAT CAME UP FREQUENTLY IS WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION. AGAIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFERING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MATERIALS, TRAINING AND OUTREACH IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES.

Trisha Tillman: THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL DEVELOP APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES IN SEVEN LANGUAGES, AND WILL ENSURE THAT INTERPRETATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO RETAIL OWNERS WHEN INTERACTING WITH TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE PROGRAM STAFF. RETAIL OWNERS WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO INDICATE A PREFERRED LANGUAGE ON THEIR APPLICATION SO THAT THE FUTURE TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE COMMUNICATIONS TAKE PLACE IN THEIR PREFERRED LANGUAGE. IT'S A CONDITION OF THE LICENSE THAT RETAIL OWNERS ARE INFORMED OF THE RELEVANT TOBACCO LAWS AND HAVE TRAINED ALL STAFF AS I MENTIONED BEFORE WHO SELL THE TOBACCO PRODUCTION TO COMPLY WITH THESE LAWS.

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR COULD I ASK A QUESTION PLEASE? THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THIS AND THE WORK THAT YOU SAID YOU PUT INTO IT. I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE TRAINING. YOU TALKED ABOUT IT'S A CONDITION OF THE LICENSE THAT ALL -- EVERYONE HAS TO BE TRAINED. SO, I AM JUST THINKING YOU KNOW SOME OF THESE INSTANCES HAVE A PRETTY HIGH TURNOVER SO WHAT DOES THAT TRAINING LOOK LIKE AND HOW ARE WE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO RECEIVE THAT TRAINING? OR IS RECEIVING THAT TRAINING?

Trisha Tillman: SO THE TRAINING SHOULD BE FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE LAWS ARE PRETTY CLEAR ABOUT HOW TOBACCO PRODUCTION ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOLD, THAT THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SOLD TO MINORS. FOR EXAMPLE PACKAGES ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SOLD AS SINGLE CIGARETTES JUST SOME THINGS. SO OUR EXPECTATION IS JUST LIKE ALCOHOL SALES AND THAT THE -- THAT TRAINING, AND THAT TRAINING SHOULD BE HAPPENING TODAY TODD FRANKLY THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE LAW IS ABOUT SELLING THESE.

Commissioner McKeel: THAT WOULD COME THROUGH THE OWNER OF THE STORE?

Trisha Tillman; YES.

Commissioner McKeel; BUT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT GOES INTO THAT TRAINING.

Trisha Tillman: JUST AS THEY ARE TODAY.

Commissioner McKeel; OK.

Trisha Tillman: SO JUST A REALLY QUICK PROGRAM OVERVIEW. THE LICENSE FEE AND CIVIL PENALTIES ARE PART OF WHAT WE DID WAS LOOK AT WHAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE DOING ACTIVE EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSURE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LANDSCAPE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND WE TRIED TO SORT OF TARGET OUR PROGRAM TO THE BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE OUT THERE. AGAIN I WANT TO EMPHASIZE A COUPLE OF POINTS. THIS PROGRAM IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED TO FIND PEOPLE DOING BAD THINGS AND IMPOSE CONSEQUENCES. OVERALL WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS INCREASE THE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT -- AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS AND REDUCE THE YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO IN THE COMMUNITY. IS THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF THIS PROGRAM IS REALLY DESIGNED TO TRY TO DRIVE TOWARDS THOSE GOALS. THE LICENSE FEE THAT WE DEVELOPED IS 580 PER LICENSE PER YEAR. WE HAVE ESTIMATED THAT WE WOULD ISSUE ABOUT 875 LICENSES THIS NEXT YEAR. THAT WOULD BRING IN A LITTLE OVER 500,000 IN REVENUE THAT WILL FUND 4.1 FTE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

OUR PLAN IS TO CONDUCTED A MEDIA CAMPAIGN BEFORE WE EVER SEND ANYBODY OUT TO DO ANY LICENSING OR INSPECTION. SO PART OF WHAT WE WANT TO TRY TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RETAILERS IN OUR COMMUNITY FULLY AND COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATIONS THAT THE LICENSURE ENTAILS. SO WE'LL DO THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN. AT THE SAME TIME WE'LL BE STARTING TO DO EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GET A LICENSE AND THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE INSPECTION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE ARE FOLLOWING THE LAW. LICENSING IS GOING TO BEGIN JULY 1, SO SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN AND OUTREACH. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IS NOT JUST THE PENALTIES BUT SORT OF THE PROCESS OF THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES. SO JUST LIKE OUR RESTAURANT INSPECTION, PHILOSOPHY AND STRATEGY THIS IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE. NOT TO CATCH PEOPLE DOING BAD AND FINE THEM FOR IT. SO THE PROCESS WILL BE THAT AN INSPECTOR WILL GO OUT AND THE INSPECTOR WILL INTERVIEW THE STORE AND LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STORE. THEN IF THERE ARE VIOLATIONS THE INSPECTOR THEN WILL REVIEW WITH THE STAFF PRESENT WITH THOSE VIOLATIONS ARE AND THE EXPECTED CHANGES ARE. JUST LIKE

WITH RESTAURANTS COME BACK AND REINSPECT IN 30 DAYS TO SEE IF THE SITE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE RULES AND THE EXPECTATIONS. IF THE SITE HAS COMPLIED AT THAT REINSPECTION NO VIOLATION WILL BE ISSUED AT THAT POINT.

Trisha Tillman: THEN THE NEXT YEAR THE SAME PROCESS AND THE SAME PROCESS. SO OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT VERY, VERY FEW SITES WILL WIND UP EVEN GETTING A FIRST VIOLATION. NEVERTHELESS A SECOND OR A THIRD VIOLATION. THERE WILL NEED TO BE A LACK OF OVERSIGHT OF -- WITH THE INSPECTOR REVIEWING THE EXPECTATIONS WITH OUR DESIRE TO DO THAT IN LANGUAGES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE AT THE STORE. FOR THEM TO THEN, YOU KNOW, NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLY WHEN THE INSPECTOR COMES BACK AND GET A FIRST VIOLATION AND THEN ANOTHER AND ANOTHER. IN ADDITION TO THIS STRUCTURE THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD BE COUNTING IN THESE VIOLATIONS OTHER INSPECTIONS THAT THE STATE MAY DO OR THE FEDS MAY DO. THOSE INSPECTIONS ARE NOT COUNTED IN THIS SET OF VIOLATIONS. SO THESE FINES AND POTENTIAL SUSPENSIONS WOULD ONLY BE IMPOSED BASED ON OUR OWN INSPECTIONS AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

NOT OTHER PEOPLE'S WORK. ADDITIONALLY WE AGAIN, WE REALLY, REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS -- THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON EDUCATION AND COMPLIANCE, SO WE'RE GOING TO BE BENDING OVER BACKYARDS EVERY POSSIBLE WAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THOSE EXPECTATIONS. SO THAT'S THE PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO AN ANNUAL INSPECTION WE OF COURSE WILL RUN A COMPLAINT-DRIVEN PROCESS JUST LIKE WE DO WITH THE RESTAURANT INSPECTSES. WE HAVE A REGULAR SCHEDULE OF RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS WITH THE REGULAR COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUT WE ALSO PERIODICALLY GET COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE OBSERVED IN RESTAURANTS AND CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THOSE RESTAURANTS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR RULES. WHEN WE GET THOSE COMPLAINTS WE EVALUATE THAT COMPLAINT AND THEN SEND AN INSPECTOR OUT IF WE FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO, SO WE WOULD DO THE SAME THING IN THIS PROCESS, TOO. SO THAT'S THE PLAN, THAT'S THE PROCESS. WE'RE OPEN TO QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, MARINA, I AM ASSUMING?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: FIRST WE HAVE QUESTIONS.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS? IF APPROVED JULY 1, EVERYTHING GOES INTO PLAY?

Trisha Tillman: YES.

Vice-Chair Smith: OK. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? NO. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Chris Gerard: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM CHRIS GERARD, CEO OF PLAID PANTRY AND CHAIR OF THE OREGON NEIGHBORHOOD STORE ASSOCIATION. FIRST I NEED TO CORRECT THE RECORD FROM MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY. PLAID IS NO LONGER NUMBER ONE IN COMPLIANCE IN THE STATE. WE WERE PUSHED INTO SECOND PLACE BEHIND DAIRY MART IN EUGENE. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DAIRY MART HAD 24 FDA COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS WITH ZERO FAILURES. 100% COMPLIANCE. THAT'S WHERE OUR GOAL SHOULD BE COMPLIANCE. WE SHOULD WANT TO MAKE EVERYONE LIKE DAIRY MART AND PLAID EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN SECOND PLACE. THIS ORDINANCE AND LISTENING TO THE PRESENTATION IT SEEMS TO IGNORE OR NOT REALIZE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, OTHER THAN THE SITE INSPECTIONS, WHEN A COMPLIANCE CHECK, AN UNDERAGED MINOR DECOY OPERATION IS PUT INTO EFFECT. THERE IS VERY LITTLE ENFORCEMENT IN TOBACCO, AS YOU KNOW WHICH IS WHY WE'RE HERE. EARLY ON I SUPPORTED THIS WHEN YOU FIRST KICKED IT OFF. IN FACT, MY QUALIFYING STATEMENT WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT ALMOST ANYTHING EXCEPT ONE STRIKE AND YOUR OUT.

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS TWO STRIKES AND YOU ARE OUT. I THINK IT'S STILL PRETTY SEVERE. IT WILL HURT SOME RETAILERS. THE SUSPENSIONS KICK IN. MOST RETAILERS DON'T KNOW. THEY ARE GOING THROUGH CURRENT BEST PRACTICES WITH THE INDUSTRY, TRAINING EMPLOYEES, SCREENING EMPLOYEES. THE FACT IS AND LOOK AT THE FDA DATA WHEN YOU DON'T DO COMPLIANCE VERY OFTEN THERE IS A 30 PLUS PERCENT FAILURE RATE. THESE ARE NOT JUST MOM AND POP. ACTUALLY THE MOM AND POPS DO THE BEST BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY ON THE LINE. I MEAN BIG NAME RETAILERS THAT HAVEN'T FIGURED THIS OUT YET. CONSIDER THE CASE OF SOMEBODY WHO HAS A FAILURE, INADVERTENT OR MAYBE NOT WITH THE PROGRAM. THERE IS A FIVE-YEAR LOOKBACK. SO THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING WRONG AND FIX IT AND THEY PASS THE FOLLOW-UP COMPLIANCE CHECK THAT'S LIKELY GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY PASS AN OHA ENFORCEMENT

CHECK. THEY PASS FDA INSPECTIONS. THEY PASS THE [INAUDIBLE] INSPECTIONS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INSPECTIONS, AND THEY ARE GOING TO PASS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMPLIANCE CHECK. THEY DO THAT YEAR AFTER YEAR. SO YEAR THREE WHAT IF THEY MAKE A MISTAKE? YEAR FOUR, HOW ABOUT 4.5 THEY HAVE AN INADVERTENT NEW EMPLOYEE MISTAKE. IS IT RIGHT TO SUSPEND THEIR LICENSE FOR 30 DAYS WHICH ACTUALLY IS A BUSINESS KILLER BECAUSE TOBACCO IS A BIG PART OF THE BUSINESS BUT THE TOBACCO CUSTOMER BRINGS WHAT WE CALL A MARKET BASKET. THEY BUY SODA, CANDI, SNACKS, AND CRACKERS. THIS WILL PUT SOMEBODY OUT OF BUSINESS.

Chris Gerard: I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK AT THE FDA PENALTY SCHEDULE VERY HEFTY MONETARY FINES TO GET RETAILERS' ATTENTION TO GET THEM TO GET ON THE PROGRAM. BY THE WAY, THE FIVE-YEAR LOOKBACK AND THE PENALTY SCHEDULE WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE COMMITTEE. WE HAD A DELEGATE TO THAT COMMITTEE, AND WE KEPT WAITING FOR THAT TO COME UP. IT JUST WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THAT COMMITTEE. PLEASE SEND IT BACK AND LET'S GET MORE REASONABLE MONETARY PENALTIES. THEN DO SOME SUSPENSIONS WHEN IT'S OBVIOUS THAT A RETAILER IS NOT GETTING WITH THE PROGRAM AND THEY ARE HAVING SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mel Raider: CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. MY NAME IS MEL RAIDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UPSTREAM PUBLIC HEALTH, AND I AM ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF OREGON HEALTH EQUITY ALLIANCE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS A REALLY CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY THAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND NOW WE'RE IMPLEMENTING THE RULE SCHEDULE. I THINK THAT THIS HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMUNITY PROCESS. I THINK THAT WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL CITIES. WE HAVE TAKEN EC CONCERNS SERIOUSLY AND DONE SOME REALLY GOOD EC ANALYSIS AROUND THAT. WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH RETAILERS AND ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT WE ARE NOT GETTING EVERYTHING THAT WE WANT I THINK THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE CONCERNS SERIOUSLY AROUND IMPLEMENTING A SYSTEM AS FAIRLY AS POSSIBLE WHILE REACHING OUR AIM OF REDUCING SALES TO MINORS. I WANT TO STRESS WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT THIS IS. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THINGS IN THE TEN YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION THAT I HAVE SEEN MOVE FORWARD. WE HAVE THROWN A LOT OF STATISTICS OUT ABOUT TOBACCO USE. PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE LOVE STATISTICS. I WANT TO STATE ONE FACT.

Mel Raider: THAT IS SOMEBODY WHO IS A LIFELONG SMOKER LIVES ON AVERAGE 10 YEARS LESS THAN SOMEBODY WHO DOES NOT SMOKE. THAT

MEANS TEN YEARS OF TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN. TEN YEARS OF TIME WITH THE COMMUNITY. TEN YEARS OF TIME WORKING. PAYING TAXES. THAT'S WHAT IS SO SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THIS POLICY THAT WE ARE STARTING AT THE BEGINNING OF REDUCING THE SALES TO MINORS SO THAT WE CAN STOP LIFELONG ADDICTIONS SO WE CAN SAVE LIVES. I FEEL THIS VERY ACUTELY BECAUSE MY FATHER DIED. HE WAS A LIFELONG SMOKER. DIED OF A HEART ATTACK AT 54 YEARS OLD. WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD. I FEEL VERY ACUTELY THAT THE LOST YEARS OF MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY FATHER. THAT MAKES IT EXTRA IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL THAT THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT POLICY. WHEN IT IS MOVING FORWARD IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THE WORK IS NOT DONE AND WE'LL BE WORKING AT THE STATE LEVEL AND WE'LL BE WORKING WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO CREATE A CONSISTENT SYSTEM OF TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING ACROSS THE STATE AS WELL AS BUILD ON OTHER PROVEN POLICIES TO REDUCE THE TOBACCO USE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. WE HAVE BOARD COMMENTS. DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THE ORIGINAL PANEL BACK UP?

Vice-Chair Smith: YES, COULD YOU CALL THEM BACK UP, PLEASE. MADAM CHAIR, JOANNE I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS SOMETHING THAT I JUST HEARD IN TERMS OF THE TWO STRIKES AND YOU ARE OUT AND THE FIVE-YEAR LOOK-BACK. IF WE FIND THAT THERE IS SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT WE CAN COME BACK AND TRY AND MITIGATE THOSE THINGS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT PUTTING FOLKS OUT OF BUSINESS BUT WE'RE JUST TRYING TO REGULATE THE RETAIL FOLKS. IS THAT POSSIBLE?

Joanne Fuller: ABSOLUTELY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IS HAVING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUST LIKE WE DO FOR OUR RESTAURANT INSPECTION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES RETAILERS. THEN THAT COMMITTEE COULD BE AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH US LOOKING AT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT AND THE PENALTIES AND WHAT'S HAPPENING, COULD BE ADVISING US ABOUT CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AND ADVISING THE BOARD AS WELL. SO WE COULD DEFINITELY HAVE THAT KIND OF PROCESS. THE OTHER THING IS THAT THE BOARD CAN CHANGE THE STRUCTURE. YOU TAKE THIS ACTION TODAY AND THEN WE CAN COME BACK NEXT YEAR THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND TALK WITH THE BOARD ABOUT THE NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS THAT WE'RE FINDING AND THE PENALTIES THAT WE'RE IMPOSING, IF WE ARE IMPOSING ANY, AND THE BOARD CAN CONTINUE TO REFINE THIS POLICY IF YOU SO CHOOSE.

Vice-Chair Smith: THAT WOULD BE GREAT TO COME BACK AND LOOK AT THIS, AT THE SAME TIME NEXT YEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT CAUSING UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES LIKE PUTTING FOLKS OUT OF BUSINESS. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

Joanne Fuller: ABSOLUTELY.

Commissioner Bailey: I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I AM UNDERSTANDING THINGS CORRECTLY BECAUSE I THINK THERE MIGHT BE CONFUSION HERE. THE PENALTY SCHEDULE THAT YOU OUTLINED WHEN THERE IS A VIOLATION AND THEN THERE IS CONTACT, AM I CORRECT WITH THE BUSINESS OWNER TO TALK ABOUT A REMEDIATION PROCESS FOR THAT OR MITIGATION PROCESS FOR THAT AND TRAINING? AND THE BUSINESS ONLY PROGRESSES THROUGH THE STEPS OF THE VIOLATION. IF THERE IS CONTINUED VIOLATION OUTSIDE OF THAT MITIGATION OR REMEDIATION PROCESS IS THAT CORRECT?

Joanne Fuller: THAT'S CORRECT. SO IF VIOLATIONS ARE FOUND IN THE INSPECTION THE LICENSEE IS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMEDIATE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE INSPECTOR COMES BACK. IF THEY ARE REMEDIATED THERE IS NO PENALTY IMPOSED.

Commissioner Bailey: SO IN ORDER TO --

Joanne Fuller; THAT'S NOT CONSIDERED A VIOLATION.

Commissioner Bailey: SO IN ORDER TO EVEN MAKE IT TO A SECOND VIOLATION THEN A FIRST VIOLATION WOULD HAVE HAD TO OCCUR WHICH WOULD HAVE INDICATED SUBSTANTIAL CONTINUED PATTERN OF FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THAT MITIGATION PLAN. A SECOND VIOLATION WOULD BE YET ANOTHER CONTINUED PATTERN AFTER THAT. EACH VIOLATION REALLY REPRESENTS MULTIPLE INCIDENTS AND A CONTINUED PATTERN AS OPPOSED TO ONE ISOLATED INCIDENT, IS THAT CORRECT?

Joanne Fuller: YES.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR KAFOURY THANK YOU. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN JOANNE? I DON'T THINK I UNDERSTOOD THAT. MULTIPLE VIOLATION FOR ONE?

Joanne Fuller: SO IF THE INSPECTOR COMES AND INSPECTS AND THE -- THEY FIND THINGS THAT THE RETAILER IS DOING THAT ARE NOT LEGAL THEY THEN INTERACT WITH THE RETAILER AND MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT THOSE THINGS ARE THAT ARE BEING DONE THAT ARE NOT LEGAL. THE INSPECTOR COMES BACK AND RE INSPECTS. IF THOSE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN FIXED THERE IS NO VIOLATION.

Commissioner McKeel: OK. GOT IT. THANK YOU. I ALSO SHARE COMMISSIONER SMITH'S CONCERNS AS WELL. IF WE WERE TO PUT THIS ADVISORY

COMMITTEE TOGETHER IS THAT THE PLAN? IS THERE A TIME LINE FOR THAT? OR IS THIS A DISCUSSION THAT'S HAPPENING?

Joanne Fuller: WE DID NOT PUT INTO THE RULES OR THE ORDINANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE ARE READY TO STAND AND SET UP AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Shiprack: I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU JOANNE. I THINK WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS A NEW FORMAT BUT THE LAW HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR SOME TIME. MAYBE YOU COULD CLARIFY THAT. FOR HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN AGAINST THE LAW TO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

Joanne Fuller: I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER A TIME WHEN IT WAS LEGAL TO DO THAT IN MY LIFETIME.

Commissioner Shiprack: I CAN'T EITHER. I CAN'T EITHER.

Joanne Fuller: YOU AND I ARE ABOUT THE SAME AGE COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Shiprack: A REALLY LONG TIME.

Joanne Fuller: SADLY A LONG TIME, YES.

Commissioner Shiprack: AT TIMES I THINK THAT IT'S OK TO TAKE THAT LONGEVITY AND USE IT TO OUR BENEFIT.

Joanne Fuller: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WANT TO SAY THAT IN THE WISDOM THAT HAS BEEN IMPARTED TO ME OVER MY GREAT AGE I THINK THAT IT'S NATURAL TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT CHANGE. I RECOGNIZE THAT. I ALSO RECALL THE EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD WHEN I WAS QUITE A BIT YOUNGER. I HAD A RED CAR THAT WAS A CONVERTIBLE AND I WAS IN COURT TALKING TO A JUDGE ABOUT A SPEEDING VIOLATION. THE JUDGE ASKED ME IF I KNEW WHY HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED A SPEEDING TICKET. I SAID CAN WE SPEAK HONESTLY. HE SAID YES, WE CAN BECAUSE YOU ARE A JUDGE? AND HE SAID NO. YOU GET ANOTHER TRY. I SAID BECAUSE YOU DON'T DRIVE A BRIGHT RED CAR? HE SAID NO. I WILL HELP YOU OUT HERE. HE SAID BECAUSE I DRIVE WITHIN THE SPEED LIMIT. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS WHAT'S HELPFUL ABOUT THIS RULE, AND I MEAN THIS IN A SERIOUS WAY. I MEAN THIS WITH FULL RESPECT TO OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN PLAID PANTRY IN PARTICULAR THAT THERE IS A VERY, VERY CLEAR PATH TO AVOIDING THE PUNITIVE SIDE OF THIS PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATION. THAT IS DON'T SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTION TO CHILDREN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER SMITH DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER COMMENT?

Commissioner Smith: ONE MORE CLARIFICATION. WHAT ABOUT SELLING TO THE UNDERAGE. IS THAT REMEDIATED OR IS THAT A VIOLATION?

Joanne Fuller: I'M GOING TO HAVE KARI MCFARLAND COME AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

Kari McFarland: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. KARI MCFARLAND FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TOBACCO CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. BECAUSE THAT IS THE GOAL OF OUR PROGRAM TO BECAUSE THAT IS THE WHOLE GOAL, ACCESS TO MINORS, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THAT SERIOUSLY. AS WE DISCUSSED IN THE PAST, WE WON'T BE ENFORCING THE SALE TO MINORS UNTIL NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. SO WE WILL BE SPENDING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PROGRAM WORKING WITH OUR RETAILERS TO MAKE SURE AGAIN THAT THEY UNDERSTAND ALL THE LAWS AS COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WAS REFERRING THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE BOOKS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. THANK YOU.

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION. IN TERMS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE WE SENDING OUT NOTES AND EDUCATION MEETINGS SO THAT THE RETAILERS KNOW WHAT TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO?

Kari McFarland; ABSOLUTELY. IF APPROVED TODAY WE ARE READY TO SEND OUT A PACKAGE OF MATERIALS WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE APPLICATION AND ALL THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. I THINK THAT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE GOT ABOUT 1,000 RETAILERS ON OUR MAILING LIST.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY AND THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO LISTEN AND I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO REMIND FOLKS WHY WE ARE HERE AND WHY WE ARE DOING THIS. THAT IS BECAUSE WE LEARNED WHEN A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE THAT NOT ONLY WAS OREGON ONE OF THE FEW STATES IN THE COUNTRY THAT HAD NO TOBACCO OR RETAIL LICENSING BUT THAT WE SAW THE EFFECTS OF OF THAT. MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY FOR ILLEGAL SALES TO MINORS. WE WERE NOT JUST MAKING A FEW MISTAKES HERE AND THERE. WE WERE ACTUALLY AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. WE HAVE HAD OVER THE YEARS MANY CONVERSATIONS ESPECIALLY MY FAVORITE WITH THE YOUTH. THE YOUNG GROUP OF MOSTLY YOUNG WOMEN FROM MADISON HIGH SCHOOL, THE REBELS WHO HAVE COME AND TALKED ABOUT HOW HARD IT HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONVINCING THEIR PEERS NOT TO SMOKE

AND THAT THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY FACED HAVING ADVERTISING RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET AND THE PRESSURES THAT THE KIDS HAVE IN THEIR LIVES TO SMOKE. SO THE FACT THAT THEY WERE GETTING THEIR HANDS ON THESE PRODUCTS WHICH IS ILLEGAL WAS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WAS REALLY FRUSTRATING TO US ALL. SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP TOBACCO OUT OF THE HANDS OF MINORS. OUR GOAL IS NOT TO PUT PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO FOLLOW THE LAWS OUT OF BUSINESS. I HAVE FAITH. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M AN OPTIMIST, DUE TO OUR TRACK RECORD AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHERE WE STRIVE TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE NONPROFIT WORLD, OUR PARTNERS IN THE CORPORATE WORLD AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR EDUCATION -- WE WANT PEOPLE TO SUCCEED AND WE ARE NOT OUT THERE TO BE PUNITIVE. SO I APPRECIATE THAT WE HAVE THOUGHT OF DOING A COMMITTEE. I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW FROM THE FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY HOW WE'RE BEING RECEIVED, WHETHER THEY ARE GETTING THE TRAINING THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY NEED, AND WHETHER IT'S APPROPRIATE TO THE FOLKS WHO ARE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND MAY NOT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF ENGLISH AS WELL AS OTHERS.

SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING, AND I THINK HAVING A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE REALLY IMPORTANT, A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT. I WANT TO ECHO COMMISSIONER SMITH'S COMMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US COME BACK AND HAVE DATA ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING AND HOW IT'S GOING IN A YEAR AND HOPEFULLY COMMUNITY MEMBERS TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE RETAIL WORLD. THANK YOU. THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING. WE ARE GOING TO VOTE NOW. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**R.2 RESOLUTION Approving Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) FY16-17 Budget. Presenters: Carol Studenmund, County MHCRC Representative and Julie S. Omelchuck, MHCRC Staff.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Carol Studenmund: CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM CAROL STUDENMUND, CHAIR OF THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION. I AM HERE TO HIGHLIGHT THE MHCRC ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR AND REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF THE MHCRC FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET. YOU HAVE BOTH OUR ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET IN FRONT OF YOU. AS A REMINDER THE MOUNT HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP AMONG GRESHAM, FAIRVIEW,

PORTLAND, TROUTDALE, WOOD VILLAGE AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. EACH OF THESE JURISDICTIONS APPOINTS CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMISSION. THE MHCRC HAS OVERSIGHT, ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC BENEFIT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CABLE SERVICE FRANCHISES WITHIN THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AT THIS TIME HAS TWO CABLE SERVICE FRANCHISES, COMCAST AND RELIANCE CONNECT.

OVER THIS YEAR THE MHCRC HAS PROVIDED MANY SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS. WE DO A LOT. IT'S REALLY EXCITING. THE MHCRC HAS CONTINUED THE WORK WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS UNDER THE TECHSMART INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESS. WRELDZ, DAVID DOUGLAS, PORTLAND PUBLIC AND PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS ALL HAVE ACTIVE GRANTS. WE ALSO JUST SIGNED A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A TECHSMART INVESTMENT THAT BEGINS IN THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. 151 CLASSROOM TEACHERS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE NOW SUPPORTED BY THE RESOURCES PROVIDED UNDER THE TECHSMART INITIATIVE. THE MHCRC LAUNCHED THE TECHSMART INITIATIVE WITH PLANS TO INVEST A TOTAL OF \$19 MILLION BY 2021. WE'RE A LITTLE OVER \$9 MILLION INTO THAT INVESTMENT GOAL. THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVE GRANT ROUND FUNDED 12 NEW GRANTS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION THIS IS YEAR. THESE GRANTS LEVERAGED OVER \$1.6 MILLION IN MATCHING RESOURCES. LIKE MANY OTHERS THE MHCRC COMMUNITY GRANTS ARE SUPPORTING ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY IN THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE ROCKWOOD LIBRARY, FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN, AND OPEN SCHOOL EAST HAVE ALL BEEN RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS. AFFORDABLE BROADBAND HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE CRITICAL TO OUR LOCAL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. THE MHCRC IS LEADING A LONG-TERM NETWORK PLANNING EFFORT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 19 PUBLIC AGENCIES WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK PROVIDES HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO 295 SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, AND PUBLIC AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE MHCRC ALSO PROVIDED FUNDING IN FRANCHISE ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT TO METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA. THIS PAST YEAR METROEAST PRODUCED 2,500 HOURS OF ORIGINAL LOCAL PROGRAMMING. THEY ALSO TRAINED OVER 460 RESIDENTS IN DIGITAL MEDIA AND LITERACY SKILLS. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ROB TO MY RIGHT, THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO IS RETIRING SOON AND I AM GLAD HE'S HERE TO SAY SOMETHING FOR YOU. WE ARE SAD HE'S LEAVING BUT EXCITED TO HAVE THE LEADERSHIP COME ONLINE. AND MHCRC ASSISTED IN THE RESOLUTION OF 330 COMPLAINTS FROM CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS.

Carol Studenmund: I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED. NOT EVERYONE HAS THAT ABILITY. THAT'S IMPORTANT. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ONCE AGAIN THE MHCRC RECEIVED A CLEAN AUDIT FOR 2014-2015. THE

AUDIT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE A COUPLE OF TRENDS WE'RE SEEING IN CABLE REVENUE. ON PAGE 969 ANNUAL REPORT YOU WILL SEE TWO GRAPHS THAT SHOW THE TRENDS. THE NUMBER OF CABLE SUBSCRIBERS GREW CONSISTENTLY FROM ABOUT 2006 THROUGH 2012, AND HOWEVER SINCE THEN THE SUBSCRIBER NUMBERS WERE DECLINING. DESPITE THIS DECLINE CABLE FRANCHISE FEE REVENUES HAVE CONSISTENTLY INCREASED AND BEGINNING TO FLATTEN OUT ONLY IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THIS IS PRIMARILY DUE TO CABLE COMPANIES RAISING THE RATES AND OFFERING MORE SERVICES AND PROGRAM PACKAGES. THE MHCRC IS CLOSELY WATCHING THESE TRENDS AS THEY HAVE POSSIBLE FUTURE IMPLICATIONS FOR FRANCHISE FEE REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR REVENUES THAT SUPPORT THE MHCRC COMMUNITY GRANTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS. COMING UP IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 THE MHCRC IS ENGAGED IN FUTURE FOCUSED PLANNING PROCESSES. CONSIDERING RAPIDLY EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICY AND THE INCREASING RELIANCE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF BROADBAND THE MHCRC IS TURNING ITS SIGHTS TO THE FUTURE.

WE INTEND TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR COUNTY STAFF AND OUR COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR BROADBAND FUTURE. THE BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MHCRC IN THIS ENDEAVOR. MORE SPECIFICALLY ON THE MHCRC'S FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL THE ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FROM ALL THE JURISDICTIONS COLLECTIVELY FUNDS ABOUT HALF THE MHCRC TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET. ANOTHER WAY TO VIEW THAT IS TO SAY THAT EACH JURISDICTION SPENDS ABOUT 5% OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE FEES ON REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES. THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE BUDGET IS FUNDED BY OTHER MHCRC RESOURCES MOSTLY TO ADMINISTER THE DEDICATED CAPITAL REVENUES AND RELATED PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY GRANTS, INET AND METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA. THE ALLOCATION FOR 2016-2017 IS \$13,693. I ALSO WANT TO APPOINTED OUT ON PAPER IT LOOKS AS IF THE COMMISSION HAS A HIGH BEGINNING BALANCE, FUND BALANCE FOR 2016-2017. HOWEVER 6 MILLION OF THAT IS DUE TO CARRYOVER, ENCUMBRANCE AND IS CONTINGENCY FOR THE MHCRC COMMUNITY GRANTS. THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS FOR SUPPORTING THIS COUNTY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE JURISDICTIONS SINCE 1993. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT THE MHCRC HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AT CONVENING THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES TO STEWARD AND CREATIVELY LEVERAGE RESOURCES AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO AMPLIFY THE BENEFIT FOR ALL. OVER THE COMING YEAR WE'RE EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER HOW TO LEVERAGE OUR SUCCESS AS WE ADAPT TO THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF THE COUNTY AND COMMISSIONERS. AND COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. AS ALWAYS PLEASE CONTACT PLEA OR THE MHCRC STAFF WITH ANY QUESTIONS, IDEAS OR CONCERNS. THE MHCRC RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT MULTNOMAH

COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 PROPOSED MHCRC FUND BUDGET, AND WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. AND JULIE OMELCHUCK IS HERE FROM THE COMMISSION STAFF.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Vice-Chair Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO BECAUSE I THINK THAT THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO BROADBAND OR HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE. SO THIS LEADS RIGHT INTO MY QUESTION. DO WE TOTALLY PAY FOR BROADBAND OR IS THAT A TECHSMART GRANTEE CAN ACCESS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, TOO, IN ADDITION TO THAT?

Carol Studenmund: I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS YES BUT I WOULD LIKE JULIE TO ANSWER THAT IN MORE DETAIL.

Julie Omelchuck: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR YOUR QUESTION. SO THE TECHSMART INITIATIVE IS MOSTLY INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SOME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE CHOSEN TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY THAT IS TAKE-HOME TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS. OTHERS ARE INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY THAT IS AVAILABLE DURING OPEN HOURS OF THE SCHOOL. MANY OF THEM HAVE EXTENDED, TO TRY TO EXTEND THEIR NETWORKS INTO SURROUNDING SCHOOLS. THOSE TYPES OF THINGS, SO UNDER THE TECHSMART INITIATIVE WE ARE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM, YOU KNOW, WHAT WORKS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AND FOR THEIR STUDENTS. SO THAT'S THAT PIECE. I WOULD SAY THAT I WANT TO MENTION, AND THANK THE COMMISSION FOR ADOPTING THE RECENT DIGITAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN. UNDER THAT PLAN, THE MHCRC HAS STEPPED UP AND TAKEN A LEAD ROLE IN WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC AGENCIES TO DEVELOP THE WIRELESS NETWORK THAT EXTENDS INTO THE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO WE'RE STARTING THAT PLANNING PROCESS WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARIES IS GOING TO BE A BIG PART AND A BIG PLAYER IN THAT BECAUSE OF THE LOCATIONS OF YOUR PHYSICAL LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PORTLAND PARKS AND REC AND THOSE KINDS OF AGENCIES. WE'RE REALLY HOPING TO THROUGH THE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION AND THE CITY, THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL TO ADVANCE THAT PART OF THE PLAN IN THE NEXT YEAR.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU. SOUNDS GREAT TO ME. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR KAFOURY NOT A QUESTION BUT A COMMENT. I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO. I

MEAN YOUR GRANTS THAT YOU AWARD ARE JUST AMAZING GAME CHANGERS FOR A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE SAW AT OUR ROCKWOOD LIBRARY HOW EXCITING IT WAS WHEN THE MAKER'S SPACE WAS OPEN SO WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. JUST TO HAVE YOUR PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN EAST COUNTY IS A HUGE THING AS WELL WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO AND ACCESS YOUR FACILITY AND BE ABLE TO PRODUCE THINGS AND PUT THEM ON THE AIR. IT'S GREAT. IT IS REALLY GREAT. I LIKE -- I WILL TELL MY STORY OF -- I HAVE A SON THAT WORKED IN TELEVISION NEWS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. I HAVE TOLD ROB THIS STORY BEFORE. HE GOT -- THE FIRST CLASS HE TOOK IN TELEVISION WAS WHEN IT WAS AT MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE METROEAST. IT WAS NOT CALLED METROEAST COMMUNITY. WHAT WAS IT THEN?

HE WAS IN FIFTH GRADE AND TOOK HIS FIRST CLASS IN TELEVISION. SO I LIKE TO SAY THAT HE GOT HIS START THERE AND NOW HAS THREE EMMIES AND SO VERY, VERY PROUD SUCCESS STORY FOR YOU. ROB WE ARE GOING TO REALLY, REALLY MISS YOU. YOU HAVE DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER A LONG TIME. WE HAVE SERVED ON A LOT OF BOARDS. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU VERY MUCH. I UNDERSTAND YOUR NEW DIRECTOR IS HERE, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS AND INTRODUCE, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

Rob: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I WANTED TO COME AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU. I HAVE HAD A GREAT TIME. IT'S BEEN A TERRIFIC JOB. YOU SET ME UP. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT I HAVE HAD, BUT I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ALL HAVE MADE THAT POSSIBLE. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE SUCCESS THAT WE DO. I WOULD ALSO BE REMISS IF I DID NOT POINT OUT THAT WE WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE REGULATORY COMMISSION. THEY HAVE PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN OUR DEVELOPMENT AND OUR PROGRESS. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THEM. TO GO TO COMMISSIONER SMITH SEA QUESTION, YOU NEED THEM IN THE FUTURE, TOO. THEY ARE AS CRUCIAL FOR THE FUTURE AND SUCCESS WITH DEVELOPING BROADBAND AND ACCESS TO BROADBAND AS THEY WERE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ORGANIZATION. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE -- MARTY DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND FIGHT WITH THE COMPUTER MONITOR? THIS IS MARTY JONES. HE IS MY SUCCESSOR. MARTY COMES TO US FROM OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF MARKETING. PREVIOUS TO THAT HE WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL FILM-MAKER.

Rob: EL NOTE THAT SUCCESSFUL AND FILM-MAKER ARE NOT WORDS OFTEN PUT TOGETHER IN THE SAME SENTENCE SO THAT'S QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT. ALSO TO GO TO COMMISSIONER MCKEEL'S STORY ABOUT

HER SON, MARTY'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY A FACILITY LIKE METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA IN COLUMBUS, OHIO WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. HE HAS STEPPED IN AS MY WIFE HAS SAID TO ME ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. SHE SAID HE'S GOT IT. MEANING HE'S GOT IT IN HAND AND HE DOES. HE STEPPED IN AND HAS DONE A TERRIFIC JOB ALREADY AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO A GREAT JOB, THAT HE WILL HELP METROEAST GROW AND PROSPER. I THINK THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR MY OPPORTUNITY THERE, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT.

Martin Jones: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR. GIANTS SHOES TO FILL, HERE WITH ROB. I AM HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR SON. WHEN I SAW THIS JOB POSTING I WAS CONSIDERING LEAVING PORTLAND. I HAD BEEN HERE SIX YEARS, AND MY WORK AT OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IS DONE, AND MY KIDS, UNBEKNOWNST TO ME BECAME OREGONIANS, EVEN THE ONES THAT WENT TO COLLEGE, PORTLAND IS HOME. REALLY? OK. AND I JUST HAD THIS REALLY AMAZING SORT OF PERIOD OF HAVING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO REALLY COME TO APPRECIATE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, AND WHEN I SAW THIS JOB AND I DID THE RESEARCH, AND THE COMMENDABLE WORK THAT OREGON IS DOING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MHCRC IN PARTICULAR, IT JUST WENT -- IT TOOK ME BACK 40 SOME YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER GOING INTO A PUBLIC ACCESS STATION, VERY PRECOCIOUS AND WANTING TO UNDERSTAND MEDIA. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING. WE'RE AT A CROSSROADS.

CABLE AND BROADBAND AND THE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY IS VERY, VERY VITAL. IT'S EASY FOR PEOPLE TO THINK WHY DO WE NEED ACCESS WHEN WE HAVE YOUTUBE? YOUTUBE IS A WONDERFUL SERVICE BUT PEOPLE NEED TO BE TRAINED IN DIGITAL CITIZENRY AND THEY NEED TO BE TRAINED IN LITERACY. THEY NEED TO BE TRAINED IN THE TECHNIQUE AND THE ART OF STORY-TELLING. AS MUCH AS WE OFFER WONDERFUL TECHNOLOGY AND A GREAT CENTER WE OFFER TRAINING. JUST LAST NIGHT CONCURRENT WITH OUR BOARD MEETING WE HAD 45 ASPIRING AND SEASONED FILM-MAKERS AT A MEETUP IN THE STUDIO PERFECTING THEIR CRAFT AND MOVING FORWARD IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. TODAY IS MY 30TH DAY, SO IT HAS BEEN A MONTH. I AM GLAD THAT ROB HAS BEEN GOING WITH ALL OF THESE TOURS TO HELP INTRODUCE ME TO PEOPLE. MY BIGGEST OBSERVATION IS ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT WE'RE MAKING ON PEOPLE'S LIVES. FROM THE TEENAGER WHO SPEAKS SPANISH PRIMARILY AT HOME AND HAS TURNED INTO AN AMAZING, VERY QUIET EDITOR AND A BURGEONING FILM-MAKER WHO IS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND IS GOING TO PURSUE THIS AS A CAREER IN COLLEGE TO LADY ELIZABETH GRAY WHO IS IN HER 70S AND HAS A QUILTING SHOW THAT WE PRODUCE AT METROEAST COMMUNITY MEDIA,

Martin Jones: AND SHE HAS PUT IT ON YOUTUBE AND HAS OVER 200,000 HITS IN HER 70S. SO THOSE TWO RANGES, AND IN THE MIDDLE WE HAVE A YOUNG MAN WHO IS WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH AND WHO IS A THREE-STRIKE EX

CON WHO SAYS THAT METROEAST HAD A PART IN SAVING HIS LIFE, AND HE IS NOW AN ENTREPRENEUR AND PRODUCER AND SITS ON THE BOARD OF SEVERAL NONPROFITS. WE JUST MADE A FILM WITH IT AT THE WAPATO PRISON FACILITY LAST WEEKEND FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL, MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM REYNOLDS AND OTHER SCHOOLS. BABY BOOMERS LIKE MYSELF DAVID LIBERTY WHO HAS BEEN PRODUCING NATIVE NATIONS. ONE OF THE LONGEST RUNNING PROGRAMS ABOUT AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE DIFFERENT TRIBAL NATIONS AND HOSTING THEM, AND EVERY WEEK, EVERY EPISODE THE SET GETS MORE COLORFUL AND INTERESTING BECAUSE THEY ARE BRINGING IN CULTURAL ARTIFACTS AND THINGS TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE. SO THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO MEET FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO THE ELDER YEARS AND ALL POINTS IN BETWEEN, AND THAT'S JUST IN ONE MONTH. SO THIS IS A VERY VITAL PLACE. THE FOOT WORK THAT ROB AND THE COMMISSION HAS DONE WITH REGARD TO THE NEW ROCKWOOD RISING PROJECT IS EXCITING. THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE AND AS ROB SAID I THINK THAT AS MUCH AS THE MHCRC IS GUIDED,

HAS GUIDED THE CABLE PROCESS AND REGULATED IT AND FOCUSED IT AND CHANNELED IT FOR GOOD THEY WILL DO THE SAME WITH DIGITAL ACCESS AND INCLUSION WITH BROADBAND. WE HAVE AN EXCITING PROJECT COMING TOGETHER WE HOPE TO SHARE WITH YOU IN THE NEXT 18-24 MONTHS THAT WILL SORT OF BRING LIFE TO THAT BERMUDA TRIANGLE OF NO BROADBAND IN THE ROCKWOOD COMMUNITY. IT'S QUITE EXCITING. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE ARCHITECTS. I AM VERY HAPPY AND PLEASED TO BE HERE, AND I AM A PORTLANDER NOW. I AM AN OREGONIAN AND I WILL BE HERE FOR A LONG TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING AN IMPACT. THIS SHOW, THIS IS A HEARING BUT I CALL IT A SHOW. IT IS IMPORTANT THIS IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE STUDIO THAT'S HIDDEN BACK THERE IN THE LOBBY AND THESE CAMERAS ALL WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY THIS. SO GOVERNMENT CAN BE SHARED WITH PEOPLE, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF HARD WORK TO WORK ON THE PROGRAM GUIDE SO THAT PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY FIND IT MORE QUICKLY UNDER THE TELEVISIONS, AND THOSE OF US THAT HAVE CABLE WILL BE ABLE TO SET THEIR DVR'S AND RECORD IT. SO I THINK THAT WE'RE A BIGGER ALLY TO THE CABLE COMPANIES, AND THEY, THAN THEY MAY REALIZE BECAUSE LOCAL PROGRAMMING AND LIVE AND SPORTS EVENTS PROGRAM IS VITAL TO THEIR PROPOSITION, AND I THINK THAT MY YEARS IN HOLLYWOOD AND AS AN EXECUTIVE AND MY LOVE OF COMMUNITY MEDIA CAN BE BRIDGED IN A WAY, I HOPE WHERE THEY WILL SEE THE VITALITY OF WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ACTUALLY IN THEIR VERY BEST INTERESTS. IT IS INTEREST AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. THE PUBLIC REALLY BENEFITS FROM IT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO TALK THAT LONG BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT YEAR I WILL BE THE PERSON SITTING HERE HAVING TO PUT THE BUDGET TOGETHER SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU. AND THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I JUST HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION. I AM LOOKING AT YOUR ANNUAL REPORT. I AM SURE THAT IT'S IN HERE BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET. HOW MANY CABLE SUBSCRIBERS ARE THERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Julie Omelchuck: THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY I WILL BALLPARK IT. I THINK THERE IS 250,000, BUT I CAN GET A SPECIFIC, A MORE SPECIFIC NUMBER TO YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

Commissioner Shiprack: IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT'S A LOT OF CONSUMERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DO A LOT OF WORK CHANGING PASSIVE OBSERVERS TO ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS AND THAT'S GREAT. BUT I THINK THAT THERE IS A REALLY IMPORTANT VITAL NEED FOR THE ROLE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION THAT YOU PERFORM. I JUST WANTED TO CALL THAT OUT AND THANK YOU FOR THAT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I THINK YOU HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB FINDING A REPLACEMENT. I THINK THAT YOU ARE ALREADY STARTING TO FILL THOSE RATHER LARGE SLOUGHS OF ROB SO -- LARGE SHOES OF ROB SO THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

**R.3 Approval of the 2016-20 Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan. Presenter: Rose Bak, Manager of Housing and Anti-Poverty Programs.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R3.

Rose Bak: ROSE BAK, MANAGER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AND I AM JOINED BY JANET HAWKINS, THE PROGRAM SENIOR SPECIALIST AND DESIGNATED LIAISON FOR EAST COUNTY IN OUR DIVISION. WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR APPROVAL OF THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN. THE PLAN IS A REQUIREMENT FOR US IN ORDER TO RECEIVE HUD FUNDING. WE RECEIVE FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS OR CDBG FUNDS AND HOME OR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS WE MUST GO THROUGH A PLANNING PROCESS EVERY FIVE YEARS AND TELL HUD WHAT THE NEEDS ARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHAT WE INTEND TO DO WITH ANY FUNDS. THE FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE ARE FOR ANY PART OF THE COUNTY THAT ARE NOT PORTLAND AND GRESHAM.

Rose Bak: SO WOOD VILLAGE AND TROUTDALE AND FAIRVIEW AND MAYWOOD PARK AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SMALL

GRANTS, THE CDBG GRANT IS \$275,000 A YEAR. HOME FUNDS ARE \$135,000 A YEAR. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE WORK THAT WE DO, PARTICULARLY WITH THE PARTNERS OUT IN EAST COUNTY. WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A HEARING ONCE WE DO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND WHAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DO SO BACK IN 1990 IS ENTER INTO A CONSORTIUM WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE CITY OF GRESHAM TO CONSOLIDATE THE AMOUNT OF WORK REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DO THE PLANNING FOR THIS PROCESS. SO WE DO THIS EVERY FIVE YEARS AND CONSOLIDATED AND WE DO A FULL ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE HOUSING MARKET AND THE ECONOMY AND THE PUBLIC RESOURCES. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE ABOUT HOW TO HELP WITH THESE FUNDS. WE REPORT TO HUD HOW WE WANT TO USE THESE RESOURCES. IT'S A LONG PROCESS. JANET AND HER CO-PARTNERS AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND GRESHAM HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR QUITE A LONG TIME. I WANT TO NOTE JUST FOR THE RECORD THAT OUR CONSORTIUM IN PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND GRESHAM GREATLY EXCEED THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HUD IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE FELT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THEMSELVES AND WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM.

SO YOU CAN SEE JUST A SUMMARY HERE OF THE COMMUNITY PROCESS GOING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME. WE HAD A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. MANY MEETINGS. WE HAD A LOT OF FOCUS GROUPS SO THAT WE COULD TALK TO FOLKS. WE ALSO DID A DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEY IN ROCKWOOD WHERE WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE FOLKS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AS WELL AS THE REGIONAL SURVEY THAT WENT OUT TO OVER 20,000 HOUSEHOLDS. WE ALSO DID INTERVIEWS WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE CONSORTIUM DID, AND WE DID TARGETED OUTREACH TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OFTEN NOT INCLUDED IN SOME OF THESE LARGER PLANNING PROCESSES. WE TALKED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE GROUPS OF VETERANS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DISABILITY AND SENIORS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR WORDS WERE CONSIDERED AS WELL. ANY TIME THAT WE HAD ANY OF THESE INTERACTIONS WE PROVIDED INTERPRETATIONS AND TRANSLATION SERVICES. WE ALLOWED PEOPLE TO DO WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMUNICATION AND JUST WHATEVER WAS COMFORTABLE FOR THEM TO TELL US WHAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE. WE ALSO DID QUITE A BIT OF DATA ANALYSIS LOCALLY TO GET TO THE SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS. SO YOU CAN SEE IN THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS THAT WE DID AN ANALYSIS OF THE HUD DATA. WE FOUND IT WAS A LITTLE OLD.

Rose Bak: IT'S USUALLY SEVERAL YEARS BEHIND WHAT'S HAPPENING SO WE DID A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LOCAL DATA ANALYSIS INCLUDING USING SOME OF THE PLANS AND REPORTS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ALL WORKED ON IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. IDENTIFIED OUR RECOMMENDED NEEDS AND

GOALS FOR THE CONSORTIUM AND DEVELOPED THE CONTENT FOR THE PLAN. THE PLAN, SINCE IT IS A CONSORTIUM WITH THE THREE JURISDICTIONS NEEDS TO BE APPROVED IN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF ALL THREE JURISDICTIONS, AND WE'RE TALKING TO YOU TODAY. GRESHAM REVIEWED THE PLAN ON MAY 3 AND PORTLAND REVIEWED THE PLAN LAST WEEK, THE CITY OF PORTLAND. ONCE THE PLAN IS APPROVED BY ALL THREE JURISDICTIONS WE SUBMIT IT TO HUD. ONCE THAT'S APPROVED I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAD TIME TO READ THE PLAN. IT'S ABOUT 132 PAGES OF HUD LANGUAGE SO ONCE THAT'S SUBMITTED WE WILL GO THROUGH A PROCESS WITH OUR STAFF TO MAKE IT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE AND PALATABLE FOR THE AVERAGE READER. QUICKLY THE PLAN IS REQUIRED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PIECES. WE HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BUT WE ALSO HAVE INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH TO GET OUR, TO GET OUR CONTENT.

THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT WHICH IS A LOT OF HUD DATA, AND THE MARKET ANALYSIS WHICH IS A LOT OF OUR OWN RESEARCH AND OUR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HOW WE WOULD USE THE FUNDS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ACROSS THE CONSORTIUM. WE ALSO HAVE A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND EACH YEAR WE DO AN ACTION PLAN TO SPECIFY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO AND SPEND EACH YEAR'S FUNDING. I THINK THAT NONE OF YOU WILL BE SURPRISED WHAT WE HEARD IN THESE -- IN THIS OUTREACH. THE TOP NEED WE HEARD ABOUT WAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD MANY TIMES TO TALK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF EVICTIONS, THE NUMBER OF NEWLY HOMELESS PEOPLE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRICED OUT OF THE HOUSING MARKET, AND WE HEARD MANY STORIES ABOUT THAT. WE ALSO, ALTHOUGH THIS IS A SEPARATE PART OF THE PLAN THAT WE'LL BE WORKING ON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT FAIR HOUSING. WE ALWAYS HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT FAIR HOUSING VIOLATIONS AROUND PARTICULARLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE PERCEIVED TO BE EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS. HOWEVER A HUMAN INCREASE IN THE VIOLATIONS AGAINST, ON PEOPLE PERCEIVED TO BE MUSLIM AND PEOPLE WHO ARE PERCEIVED TO BE LATINO. THE I SAY PERCEIVED ON PURPOSE BECAUSE YOU KNOW SOMETIMES PEOPLE MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FOLKS BASED ON THE WAY THEY LOOK OR THEIR NAME SOUNDS. WE ALSO TALK ABOUT BASIC SERVICES AROUND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES SO THINGS LIKE JOBS, JOB SERVICES, SIDEWALKS, THE GAMBIT OF THINGS THAT STABILIZE HOUSING. BASED ON WHAT WE HEARD AND STILL ARE FRANKLY TO THE PLAN FIVE YEARS AGO OUR GOALS WERE TO -- OUR RECOMMENDED GOALS ARE TO USE FUNDS TO INCREASE AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASE STABILITY AND IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.

Rose Bak: I JUST WANT TO CALL OUT BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PLANS, AND WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEM IN SUBSTITUTE OF THIS BUT THESE ARE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER PLANS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY LIKE THE HOME FOR EVERYONE PLAN AND THE POVERTY REPORT THAT WE DID IN 2014. SO THE NEXT STEPS THAT WE ARE RIGHT NOW IS ONCE THE THREE JURISDICTIONS HAVE APPROVED THE PLAN WE SPLIT IT TO HUD AND IT WILL BECOME PUBLIC, AND WE'RE ANTICIPATING IN THE FALL OF 2016. SO IT'S BEEN A LOT OF PROCESS AND A LOT OF WORK, AND I THINK IT'S VALUABLE. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE JANET WHO HAS DONE THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE WORK AND FOR THE LAST MONTHS AND REALLY INCREASED THE PARTICIPATION FROM CONSUMERS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS WELL. SO I WOULD OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS AND ANY FEEDBACK THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR ROSE?

Commissioner McKeel: CHAIR THANK YOU. THIS IS A LOT OF WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND FOR THE WORK YOU DO WITH THE CITIES IN THE EAST COUNTY AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I WAS SITTING IN AN AIRPORT WAITING FOR A FLIGHT SO I DID PERUSE THOSE 132 PAGES WHILE I WAS SITTING THERE WAITING.

Rose Bak: DID IT MAKE YOU SLEEPY COMMISSIONER?

Commissioner McKeel: NO, NOT AT THAT TIME. ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. [READS NAMES]

Mary Eng: GOOD MORNING COUNCIL. I AM MARY ENG AND PLEASE TO REGAIN MY COMPOSURE. I DON'T LIKE LOSING MY COMPOSURE, A POINT OF PRIDE. I FEEL LIKE WE ARE LITERALLY CLIMBING THE EVEREST RIGHT NOW. I HAVE NEVER CLIMBED THE EVEREST. I GUESS WHAT'S HIS NAME DID. ANYWAY THE THING THAT I DON'T GET ABOUT THIS PORTLAND CRISIS -- I AM GENTRIFIED. I HATE THAT WORD, TOO. OK, I AM DISPLAYED PERSON. I'VE BEEN IN ASTORIA, OREGON, AND I MISS YOU GUYS TREMENDOUSLY. I HAVE HEARTACHE ABOUT IT. I FOLLOW THE POLITICS. I RETWEETED JULES BAILEY AND KAFOURY WITH THE LATEST CRISIS. I AM INVOLVED AND I LOOK AT ASTORIA AS THE GREATER PORTLAND AREA, MUCH AS SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES, SO KIND OF SENDING THIS ENERGY TOGETHER. BUT WITH THIS HOUSING CRISIS WHAT I DON'T GET IS WHY WE DON'T HAVE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID STANDARDS TENTS THAT WOULD BE USED FOR SAY THE SYRIAN CRISIS IN DENMARK OR SWEDEN. LIKE WHAT KIND OF TENTS ARE WE GOING TO HAVE? ARE WE GOING TO HAVE SORT OF LIKE REI 10TH? WHAT KIND. FOR ME BEING A TENT CAMP ADMINISTRATOR WOULD BE THE MOST FRUSTRATING POSITION IF I WERE IN A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP. I DIDN'T GROW UP TO BELIEVE THAT

PEOPLE DON'T DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE. THEY DON'T DESERVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD.

Mary Eng: FOR ME I COME FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PETITION FOR SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP BECAUSE I WAS SO FRUSTRATED FOR AMERICA AT THE END OF 2010. I WANT TO BE PART OF AN AREA WHERE THERE IS A HUMAN RIGHT. WHEN I CAME BACK TO AMERICA BECAUSE MY DAD WAS DYING I PUT THE FAMILY FIRST AND MY DAD AS YOU KNOW WAS A SOCIAL WORKER WITH CLARK COUNTY AND WITH MULTNOMAH AT SOME POINT AND HE HAD GOTTEN A FEDERAL LETTER FROM HIS DAD'S PEOPLE IN D.C. THAT THIS GIVE MY SON IS A GOOD JOB. HE'S REALLY WELL KEPT AND HAS NICE SUITS AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. SO MY DAD WORKED FOR SEVEN YEARS FOR THIS COMMUNITY, AND HIS CLIENTS -- ONE OF HIS WOMAN CLIENTS HAD HAD HER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND MY WHOLE CHILDHOOD HE RANTED ABOUT RESUME WRITING AND SKILL-BUILDING AND TRYING TO HELP.

Laura Vanderlin: HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT. WHATEVER DECISIONS YOU MAKE, PLEASE PUT YOURSELF IN THE POSITION OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS. THEY'RE SUFFERING. THEY SUFFER BY BEING HOMELESS. IT'S A MENTAL ANGUISH THAT PEOPLE GO THROUGH, JUST FROM MY OBSERVATION. I'VE NEVER BEEN HOMELESS. BUT I COULD SEE, AT THESE MEETINGS THAT I GO TO, AND TALKING TO PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS, I SEE A MAN ALMOST QUITE FREQUENTLY THAT SITS IN FRONT OF A CHURCH AND HE HAS SWOLLEN LEGS AND HE SITS IN FRONT OF THIS CHURCH BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE A HOME. WE HAVE A LOT OF EMPTY HOMES. WE HAVE A LOT OF PLACES TO LIVE. WE DO. PLEASE BE VERY THOUGHTFUL. AND DEALING WITH THIS CRISIS THAT WE HAVE OF HOMELESS. THOUGHTFUL AND CONSIDERATE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWERS ARE, BUT I KNOW THROWING PEOPLE OUT -- I KNOW THAT DEVELOPERS COMING INTO TOWNS AND TO CITIES AND TO PLACES AND BUYING UP A HOME AND -- AND GIVING PEOPLE NO CAUSE EVICTION IS CAUSING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS JUST PLAIN GREED. I WAS -- I'M A PERSON OF MEANS. I GOT -- WITHIN THREE YEARS, I GOT THREE DIFFERENT EVICTIONS FOR NO CAUSE EVICTIONS. THERE IS A CAUSE FOR IT. IT'S GREED. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A NO CAUSE EVICTION. I JUST HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER A MORATORIUM ON ALL THESE EVICTIONS. NOT REALLY SURE IF I'M ON SUBJECT OR NOT, BUT IT IS ALL RELATED AND IT'S ALL CONNECTED. AND I'D LIKE TO JUST EXTEND AN INVITATION -- SOMETHING I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO DO -- TO COME TO A COAB MEETING. PLEASE, COME AND WITNESS WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE AFFECTED BY YOUR DISTRICT. ALL PEOPLE, FROM ALL OVER. THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE? [UNANIMOUS AYES] SOURCE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH APPROVED.

**R.4 Approval of the FY 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Presenter: Rose Bak, Manager of Housing and Anti-Poverty Programs**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSISONER BAILEY SECONDS. APPROVAL OF R.4.

Rose Bak: MANAGER OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION, JOINED BY JANET HAWKSONS. AS WE JUST TALKED ABOUT WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, WE DO HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN EVERY YEAR. WHICH IS US TELLING HUD HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO SPEND AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO UTILIZE OUR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT AWARD EACH YEAR. SO IT'S AN ANNUAL PROCESS. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS HAVE TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CDBG PROGRAM, WHICH IS ASSISTANCE TO THE LOW-MODERATE INCOME PERSONS AND ASSISTING WITH URGENT NEEDS AND IN ORDER FOR US TO APPROVE SPENDING THE MONEY ON ANY OF THE PROJECTS, WE DO, THEY MUST MEET ONE OF THOSE THREE AREAS. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD THIS YEAR TO DO EXTENSIVE OUTREACH. YOU CAN SEE THE PUBLIC -- A LITTLE BIT PUBLIC IS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ALL OUR GOALS ARE AROUND REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THOSE ARE ALL THE AREAS WE TRIED TO CONSIDER. WE ROLLED THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, MOSTLY INTO THE SAME PROCESS SO THAT WE COULD REACH PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME. WE DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON PUBLIC INPUT AND APPLICATION WORKSHOPS. WE DID AN OUTREACH TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. WE ALSO LOOKED AT EQUITY QUITE CAREFULLY AND AGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO MEET ONE OF THE GOALS. WE HAD A SERIES OF EXPERTS IN THE VARIOUS AREA. OUR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE SMALL CITIES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISTRICT 4 ALL WENT THROUGH THAT. HAD HEARING ABOUT THE APPLICATIONS AND MADE - - MADE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING AND MOVING FORWARD, PENDING YOUR APPROVAL, WE WOULD NOTIFY HUD THIS IS OUR INTENTION. ONCE AGAIN, THE FUNDS WERE SUPER SMALL, UNDER \$275,000.

Rose Bak: WE SAW A 12% DECREASE IN FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE MORE AND MORE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS ARE MOVING OUT OF THE COUNTY. OUR NUMBERS ARE BAD, IN HUD'S VIEW. THESE ARE THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR APPROVAL. I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE DID HAVE A CONVERSATION, GIVEN THE SMALLNESS OF THE AWARD. IS IT BIGGER TO GIVE SOMEONE A BIGGER GRANT OR A FEW SMALLER GRANTS? WE CHOSE TO GIVE SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS SMALLER GRANTS. SO YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE AREAS THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING FOR APPROVAL. WE'VE GOT A PROJECT IN

WOOD VILLAGE WHERE WE ARE GOING TO HELP BASICALLY PROVIDE FIRE SERVICE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY WHERE THERE'S NOT A LOT OF FUNCTIONING HYDRANTS. SO IF THERE'S A FIRE, PEOPLE WILL BE MUCH MORE SAFE BASED ON THIS MONEY. IN OUR PUBLIC SERVICE, WE'RE FUNDING SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL DO REFERRALS AROUND THOSE WHO ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY HOUSING VIOLATIONS AND TENANT EDUCATION.

WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASED NEED FOR THAT WITH NO CAUSE EVICTIONS AND WE PLAN TO SERVE 606 PEOPLE. WE'RE EXCITED TO DO THAT. OUR THIRD AREA IS HOUSING. WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH ADAPT A HOME. TO GET A PERSONAL PICTURE ON WHAT HAPPENS, WE HAD HEARD LAST YEAR, WITH THIS FAMILY WITH A MOBILE HOME, THEY HAD A WATER LEAK. WE WERE ABLE TO FIX THAT SITUATION. AND THEN FINALLY, WE KEEP A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY IN CONTINGENCY IN CASE WE NEED TO GO OVER IN A REPAIR PROJECT AND A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY FOR STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATION. YOU CAN SEE THE TOTAL. WE'RE -- THAT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION THROUGH OUR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD AND I WOULD WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND COMBINING THEM AND UTILIZING THE RESOURCES WE HAD IN ONE. SO, I WAS CURIOUS, MAYWOOD PARK, ARE WE HELPING THOSE RESIDENTS WITH THE CITY BG MONEY? I DIDN'T SEE THEM IN THE TABLE.

Rose Bak: CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, JANICE. THEY'RE INCLUDING IN THE FAIR HOUSING AND THE TENANT EDUCATION BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT. WHAT WE HAVE NEGOTIATED IS THEY ROTATE WHO IS GOING TO GET A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT AND IT WAS NOT THEIR TURN THIS YEAR.

Commissioner Smith: YOU DO TENANT EDUCATION WITH RESIDENTS AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING IN THAT AREA. NOT VERY MUCH RENTAL PROPERTY. JUST CURIOUS, HOW DO YOU ACCESS INFORMATION TO THEM? HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

Rose Bak: I'LL ASK JANET HAWKINS.

Janet Hawkins: IT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. HUD REQUIRES US, IN OUR PUBLIC SERVICES, TO SERVE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. FOLK WHO ARE IN LOWER AND MODERATE INCOME CAN COME AND PARTICIPATE OR RECEIVE TENANT EDUCATION. IT IS RELATED TO NEIGHBORHOOD BENEFIT AND AREA BENEFIT AND HUD IS FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE THAT IS LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. WITH

VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, WE CAN'T SERVE NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS IN TROUTDALE.

Commissioner Smith: I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE THERE AND I WAS WONDERING IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO SOME OF THOSE TENANT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AT THE MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE SERVING THEM WELL WITH SOME OF THE MONEY.

Janet Hawkins: RIGHT. SOME OF THAT AREA OUTSIDE OF THE JURISDICTION OF MAYWOOD PARK, CITY OF PORTLAND FUNDS.

Commissioner Smith: THERE IS PARK ROSE AND YOU DO STUFF IN THAT AREA. THEY HAVE 80% TO 90% OF THEIR KIDS ON FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH. SO I KNOW IT'S TOUGH FOR MAYWOOD PARK, BUT I WANTED TO FIGURE --

Rose Bak: WE INCLUDE THEM IN ALL OUR PLANNING CONVERSATIONS. WE DEFINITELY HAVE THAT FLAGGED FOR FUTURE, AS WELL.

Commissioner McKeel: I JUST HAVE A COMMENT. AND I THINK YOU PUT IT VERY WELL, ROSE, TO SOME OF US, THIS WOULD SEEM LIKE SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAT THEY'RE RECEIVING BUT THEY CAN DO A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK WITH THIS FUNDING. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ALSO WANTED TO RECOGNIZE SHAWN FILES FROM MY STAFF THAT SERVES ON THIS GROUP AND YOU, JANET, TOO, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND THE WAY YOU'VE WORKED WITH EVERYBODY ON THE GROUP. I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU, ROSE, FOR GIVING US SOME SPECIFICS. SOMETIMES WE GO THROUGH THESE PLANS QUICKLY. TELLING US DIRECTLY HOW THESE DOLLARS ARE MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HEAR. WE HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READS NAMES]

Brenda Jose: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BRENDA JOSE. I'M HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS WILL BE THE 24TH YEAR IN A ROW WE HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM YOU ALL. MAYWOOD PARK, SOMETIMES WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE THERE THAT QUALIFY AS LOW ENOUGH INCOME THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATIONS SO WE DO SOME SERVICE THERE. THANK YOU. YOU WERE THE FIRST ONES THAT FUNDED US. IN FACT, IT WAS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN 1993 THAT WE GOT THIS STARTED, RIGHT AFTER THE ADA WAS PASSED AND WE HAD AN IDEA THAT MAYBE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO TRY TO USE SOME OF THIS MONEY

TO MAKE ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOME. SOME PEOPLE WEREN'T ABLE TO ACCESS WORK. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THEIR BATHROOMS FIXED SO THEY COULD UTILIZE THOSE AND GET RAMPS UP THE FRONT. WE RECEIVE A NATIONAL AWARD AND REALIZED WE WERE THE FIRST AGENCY THAT HAD USED CDBG FUNDING FOR ACCESSIBILITY FUNDING. THANK YOU, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, FOR LETTING US MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT. FULL CIRCLE, JANET HAWKCONS WAS A PART OF THAT ORIGINAL GROUP AND NOW SHE'S COME BACK AROUND AT THE END AND WE'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN, SO THAT'S KIND OF FUN. AND WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE MONVELOE LIBRARY. ALL I WANTED TO DO IS THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mary Eng: HI, MY NAME IS MARY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. JENNY MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP WITH CLERICAL ISSUES. JULES BAILEY, IT WAS NICE TO TALK TO YOU. LORETTA SMITH, YOU'RE AN INCREDIBLE HERO TO ME. DEBORAH KAFOURY, I LOVE YOU. JUDY SHIPRACK, THANK YOU FOR MAKING THAT CALL FOR MY FRIEND. WHO GOT 13 DAYS OF NOTHING AT MCDC. RELEASED. DA SAID, OH, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BRAIN INJURY. I FEEL A KINSHIP WITH YOU, DIANE. I NEVER KNEW MY OREGON FAMILY. I'M HONORED TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE AND TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM AND I LOVE TO SEE HER PASSION AND IN ENTHUSIASM. WHEN WE GO TO CITY, WHICH WE SORT OF DID OUR OWN UNIQUELY-TECHNICALLY FILL BUSTERING YESTERDAY. WE HAVE THIS CURTAILMENT. BUT WHEN I GO HERE, LIKE MY HEART IS OPEN WIDE. MY HEART IS THIS BIG. I LOVE YOU. LOVE, THAT'S ALL -- THIS HAS ALL BEEN ABOUT LOVE. FAMILY. FAMILY FIRST. DIFFICULT DECISIONS. THE PART OF ME THAT WANTED ME TO BE A LAWYER, THAT CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH HOUSING TO GET MY LAW APPLICATIONS OFF AND I'VE BEEN IN THIS 10-YEAR OR 20-YEAR STRUGGLE -- I'M 38, SO A 38-YEAR STRUGGLE. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IN A WAY, AS MUCH AS MY -- I SUED CALIFORNIA COMPANIES. WHATEVER. BUT I LOVE YOU. IT'S ALL MY FAULT. NOBODY'S FAULT BUT MY OWN. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE SHARE OF THE BLAME, PLEASE CONTACT ME. I AM DESPERATE FOR YOUR HELP.

Laura Vanderlin: HI, AGAIN I'M LAURA VANDERLIN AND I APPRECIATE THE IMPLEMENT OF THIS PLAN. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT THERE'S 40 HOMES THAT ARE -- WILL BE APPROVED -- IMPROVED IN A YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT YOU ADD -- WHEN MY KIDS WERE YOUNG, THEY WENT TO SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO AND WHENEVER THERE WAS ANYTHING I HAD TO SIGN, A COUPLE OF MY KIDS WERE -- WERE IN -- LIKE, THEY HAD, LIKE, 501. THEY WOULD -- I WOULD SIGN A PAPER AND ON THE BACK OF THAT PAPER WOULD BE ALL OF MY RIGHTS AND ALL THE RIGHTS OF MY CHILD. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S MISSING IN, LIKE, ANY TYPE OF LEASE AGREEMENT. TENANTS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE. IF WE HAD IT ON A PIECE OF PAPER ON OUR LEASE PAPER ON THE BACK AND WE HAD TO HAVE OWNERS READ IT TO US AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LAWS ARE, IT GIVES PEOPLE

POWER. I KNOW TENANTS DON'T HAVE MANY RIGHTS BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT RIGHTS WE DO HAVE. IF IT'S IN FRONT OF US, IT'S A LOT EASIER TO KNOW. IF WE HAVE NUMBERS WE COULD CALL, IT'S A LOT EASIER TO -- LIKE, I'M SORRY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR NAME IS. IT IS ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY. THE LESS FRUSTRATED PEOPLE ARE, THE LESS ANGRY THEY ARE AND THE LESS THEY COME HERE. ANOTHER SUGGESTION I HAVE IS MAYBE WE COULD PUT IT IN THE BACK OF KITCHEN CABINETS. LIKE A FIRE ACTION PLAN, THE SAME WAY. INFORMATION. I HOPE WE CAN GET MORE INFORMATION TO PEOPLE.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PLAN IS APPROVED. WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND RECONVENE AT THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD.

**R.5 Approval of a Sole Source Procurement Process for Existing Practice Management and Electronic Health Record Technology. Presenters: Wendy Lear, Deputy Director – Business Services and Vanetta Abdellatif, Integrated Clinical Services Director, Health Department.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Wendy Lear: THANK YOU. MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND I'M HERE TO ASK FOR A SOLE SOURCE EXEMPTION TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH OCHIN. MULTNOMAH COUNTY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER 17 YEARS AGO AND WE STARTED OUT USING IT FOR SCHEDULING AND MEDICAL BILLING AND OUR DENTAL CLINICS. SEVERAL YEARS LATER, WE PURCHASED THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD AND HAVE BEEN USING IT IN OUR CLINICS EVER SINCE. THE SYSTEM IS HIGHLY CUSTOMIZED FOR OUR BUSINESS AND OUR WORK. THAT'S THE PRIMARY REASON ASKING FOR THE SOUL SOURCE EXEMPTION TODAY.

Commissioner Smith: I WANTED TO KNOW, IN REGARDS TO THIS SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT THAT OCHIN IS THE ONLY DESIGNATED HRSA HEALTH CENTER CONTROLLED NETWORK, WHICH ALSO ALLOWS US TO GET REDUCED RATE.

Wendy Lear: THERE'S MANY BENEFITS FOR US DOING THIS, IT'S LOWER COST TO US, WE HAVE A LOT OF COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES BOTH FOR RESEARCH BUT ALSO FOR HELPING OUR CLIENTS STAY HEALTHY WEATHER THERE AT OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC OR AT ANOTHER OCHIN MEMBER COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Clerk; YES MADAM CHAIR WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP, MAY ENG.

Chair Kafoury: AND MARY YOUR COMMENTS NEED TO BE PERTINENT TO THE ITEM.

Mary Eng: ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IS SILOING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN AGENCIES AND AGENCIES WHICH DON'T COMMUNICATE. WHILE SOME MORE LIBERTARIAN PEOPLE MIGHT BE SKEPTICAL OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS THAT SOME HOW MIGHT COMMUNIZE THEM IN TERMS OF ANY STIGMATIZING ILLNESS OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR PREEXISTING. I THINK WE REALLY ARE WORKING FORWARD TOWARDS A MORE OPTIMISTIC STATE OF MIND ABOUT HELPING OUR INFORMATION COHEAR AND MOVE LIKE A GREAT MACHINE AND I'M REALLY THRILLED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS. I WAS RELYING ON MY OWN OPEN SOURCE-TYPE INFORMATION. IT IS NOT HIPAA COMPLIANT. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. SOMETIMES IT SEEMS THAT HIPAA COULD BE USED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF MALPRACTICE SO I'M INTERESTED IN THE TENSION BETWEEN HIPAA AND THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT MIGHT ALLOW EVIDENCE TO WORK WITH LEGACY AND WORK WITH ISSUES OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, WHICH WE HAVE HAD VERY SIGNIFICANT SEXUAL ASSAULTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING TO RELATE BECAUSE IT'S ALL KIND OF AN HONOR CODE, I ASSUME, THAT ALL OF OUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ARE ETHICAL AND OPERATING WELL. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE WELL ABOUT THE SPECIFICS WITH THE SOFTWARE AND HOW IT WORKS. I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOUL SOURCES AND IF THERE'S A BIDDING PROCESS. MAYBE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE COULD SPEAK TO ME. IT APPEALS TO MY TECHNOLOGY MIND AND MY MOM'S NURSING BACKGROUND. THE RULE IS CHART, CHART, CHART. KEEP CHARTING BECAUSE THE MORE YOU DESCRIBE, THE MORE SOMEONE HAS A CHANCE FOR HELP.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTED. WE WILL ADJOURN AND RECONVENE AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

**R.6 Authorize Settlement of Multnomah County v. FMC Properties, LLC, et al, MCCC Case No. 15CV16237 (Sellwood Bridge Project). Presenter: Kenneth M. Elliott, Assistant County Attorney.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6.

Mr. Elliott: GOOD MORNING, I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY AT THE END OF A LONG JOURNEY. THE SELLWOOD PROJECT, THIS IS OUR FINAL PRIVATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND WE'VE BEEN ACTUALLY HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA THAT THE BOARD WOULD BE APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF THROUGH THIS SETTLEMENT BUT WE HAVE REACHED A

SETTLE SETTLEMENT FOR THE PRICE. THERE ARE FOUR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND TWO PERMANENT EASEMENTS AND WE ARE ACQUIRING THE LEASEHOLD INTEREST OF FMC PROPERTIES, THE SOUTH PART OF THE PARKING LOT AND IT'S PART OF THE OVERALL SETTLEMENT. WE ALSO HAVE NEGOTIATED AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE NEW DRIVEWAY TO GO WITHIN THEIR EASEMENT AND TO ENTER THE FREEMAN MOTOR CUSTOMER PARKING LOT, UNDERNEATH THE POWER TOWER. SO IT'S BEEN A FAIRLY COMPLICATED AND LENGTHY NEGOTIATION AND WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE BROUGHT IT TO A CLOSE, WE HOPE. BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? DO WE HAVE A PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

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

Ms. Eng: HELLO, CITY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS MARY. FOR THE RECORD, I'D LIKE TO THANK KEN ELLIOT FOR SPEAKING ON THE SETTLEMENT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IN THE SUITE VERSUS [INDISCERNIBLE] AND CC CASE NUMBER [INDISCERNIBLE] REGARDING THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT AND THANK THE ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY FOR WORKING THIS OUT. BUT I WANT TO KEEP IN MIND, I THINK A FAMOUS QUOTE FROM A PHILOSOPHER CALLED RICHARD STALLMAN, I THINK. PROPERTY IS [INDISCERNIBLE] THIS LAND WAS STOLEN FROM THE NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IS GOING TO WITH ALL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN PORTLAND CITY BORDERS. HOW WE ARE RESPECTING THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN COLONIZED AND DEPRIVED OF THEIR LAND. WE HAVE COMMUNITY INTEREST. THERE IS A SENSE THAT THERE IS A -- AN INCURSION OF OUTSIDE ENERGY THAT IS CUTTING AND CHOPPING AND DISLOCATED AND DEFRAGMENTING AND MOVING PEOPLE TO SEE OUR CRISIS. I MAY BE USING THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IN 40 YEARS, SO I'M NOT TRYING TO BE NEGATIVE. BUT I WANT US TO KEEP A CRITICAL EYE, KEEP A CRITICAL GAZE OF WHAT'S GOING ON. DOING THINGS RIGHT. DO THINGS AS GREEN AS WE CAN. DO THINGS WITH THE MOST, TOTAL, AND UTTER RESPECT FOR THE COMMUNITIES AND ALL PARTNERS, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY MAJORITIES, ET CETERA. THANK YOU.

Chari Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR KEN? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED.

**R.7 RESOLUTION Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland for Relinquishment of 14th & 15th Floors of the Portland Building. Presenter: Ken Elliott & Marissa Madrigal, COO.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7.

Marissa Madrigal: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND THAT WOULD RELINQUISH THE 14TH AND 15TH FLOORS OF THE BUILDING TO THE CITY. THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS THE OWNER OF THE PORTLAND BUILDING, BUT THE COUNTY'S HELD AN INTEREST SINCE IT WAS BUILT IN 1982. IN 2004, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARED THE INTEREST SURPLUS AND FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS LEASED BACK THE 14TH FLOOR TO THE CITY. AND ONLY OCCUPIED THE 15TH FLOOR. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, APPRAISAL DETERMINED THAT THE VALUE OF THE INTEREST WAS WORTH ABOUT \$2.4 MILLION. RECENTLY, THE CITY DETERMINED THAT THE ENTIRE BUILDING WOULD REQUIRE A WHOLESAL RENO VATION FOR SAFETY AND SEISMIC UPGRADES SO REACHED OUT TO THE COUNTY TO BEGINNING A DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR FUTURE IN THE PORTLAND BUILDING AND OUR INTENTION. SO, WITH THAT, I'LL HAND IT OVER TO KEN TO DESCRIBE THE AGREEMENT WE'VE REACHED.

Ken Elliott: THANK YOU. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, ESSENTIALLY AS OF JULY 1 OF THIS YEAR, THE COUNTY WOULD CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE 15TH FLOOR WITH NO FURTHER COST, NO FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE OPERATIONS OR MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING AND THE CITY WOULD OCCUPY THE 14TH FLOOR AS RENT TO THE COUNTY. THE EXPECTATION IS THAT IN LATE 2017 OR EARLY 2018, THE CITY WILL BE MOVING AHEAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE IGA PROVIDES THAT THE CITY WILL GIVE THE SAME LEAD TIME AND NOTICE TO THE COUNTY AS IT'S GIVEN TO ALL IT'S OTHER DEPARTMENT TENANTS IN THE BUILDING SO THAT WE CAN MAKE PLANS TO RELOCATE THE SERVICES THAT ARE IN THERE AND VACATE THE 15TH FLOOR. THE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, ARM OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICES WILL BE LOCATED IN THE JEFFERSON STATION BUILDING AS PART OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE PROJECT. DEPARTMENT WILL BE MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE CITY. IF THE CITY DOES NOT FUND THAT RENO VATION AND DOES NOT ISSUE THE BONDS TO NEED IT, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 2020, THEY WILL NEGOTIATE A NEW DEAL TO GIVE THE COUNTY ITS INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY BACK OR SOMEHOW COMPENSATE THE COUNTY.

Marissa Madrigal: A CRITICAL PIECE OF INFORMATION FOR YOU, IF THE COUNTY REMAINED IN THE PORTLAND BUILDING OUR SHARE OF THE COST WOULD BE \$10 MILLION, WHICH FAR EXCEEDS THE VALUE OF OUR LEASE HOLD INTEREST SO THAT'S REALLY WHY WE WENT TO THE TABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY ABOUT WHAT TO DO.

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

Board Clerk: NO, MADAM CHAIR.

Commissioner McKeel; CHAIR, I DO HAVE A QUESTION. I'M SORRY. I'M CONFUSED HERE. SO, WILL WE BE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE BUILDING? OR MOVING OUT WHILE THE RENOVATION IS GOING ON?

Marissa Madrigal: WE WILL BE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE BUILDING.

Commissioner McKeel; OKAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: MARY, YOU CAN TESTIFY AND FILL OUT THE FORM AFTERWARDS.

Mary Eng: HELLO, AGAIN. MY NAME IS MARY AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE APPROVING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND FOR THE RE RELINQUISHMENT OF THE PORTLAND BUILDING. I WAS IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BLACK MOLD AND THE TREMENDOUS COST. HE HAD BEEN TO HAWAII AND WAS WEARING A HIGH VISIBILITY JACKET IN YELLOW, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS HILARIOUS. I BROUGHT IT UP WITH TED WHEELER DURING HIS CAMPAIGN. DO WE HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT? CAN WE AFFORD IT? HE BLOCKED ME ON TWITTER. THEN I HAD TO GET IN A LITTLE TUG-OF-WAR WITH HIS ASSISTANT AND FINALLY GOT HIM TO UNBLOCK ME. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, OF COURSE, BLACK MOLD, SICKNESS, SICK BUILDINGS. WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THAT, I WAS ALSO CONCERNED AND APPALLED AT THE COST. YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF I RAN THIS CITY BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRATICS WOULD MOVE INTO THE TENTS AND THE PEOPLE WOULD MOVE INTO THE BUILDINGS. THERE'S A LOT OF IMBALANCE IN THIS AND I'M NOT SAYING I DON'T WANT YOU GUYS TO HAVE THE BEST OF THE BEST, I WANT ALL WORKERS TO HAVE HEALTH SAFETY, FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT. I THINK THIS BLACK MOLD IS AN OSHA THING. IT WAS SO BAD, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IT NEEDED TO BE DEMOLISHED.

Chair Kafoury: ANY LAST QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON R7. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

**R.8 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 12, 2016 as Loving Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Smith, D-2. Presenters: Commissioner Smith and Invited Guests.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.8.

Vice-Chair Smith: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. CAN EVERYONE WHO'S ON THIS PANEL COME UP? WHERE IS JIMMY BROWN? EACH YEAR, I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS PROCLAMATION AND I REMAIN STRUCK BY HOW SOMETHING SO SIMPLE AS LOVING SOMEONE COULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED A FELONY OFFENSE. AS OUR PRESENTERS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE STORY OF MILL

DREAD AND RICHARD, AS MUCH MEANING TODAY AS IN THE 1960S AND THE CASE AND E COURT CHANGES FAMILIES. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS DATA, 12% OF ALL U.S. COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS ARE INTERRACIAL. IN 2000, THEY FIRST BEGAN ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SELECT MORE THAN ONE RACIAL CATEGORY TO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES. SINCE THAT CASE IN 1967, THE WAY WE ARE, AS A SOCIETY, VIEW RACE, LET ALONE INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE, HAS EVOLVED. THE CASE CHANGED THE CENSUS. IT FUELED A RISE IN INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES. A RECENT STUDY FOUND 17 MILLION ADULT AMERICANS IDENTIFY AS MULTI-RACIAL. IN 2014, 37% OF AMERICANS THOUGHT DIFFERENT PEOPLE OF RACES MARRYING EACH OTHER WAS A GOOD THING. 9% SAID THIS TREND WAS A BAD THING FOR SOCIETY. WHILE 51% INDICATED IT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE BUT 9% IS STILL A CROSS-SECTION OF OUR SOCIETY. RACE IS A HUMAN CONSTRUCT AND HOW PEOPLE IDENTIFY AND WHO THEY LOVE CAN BE DEEPLY PERSONAL. THERE IS NO SINGLE NARRATIVE, AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE STRIVE TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS AND IDENTITIES, INCLUDING OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. WE HAVE MADE STRIDES THROUGHOUT U.S. HISTORY, BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TOWARDS RECOGNIZING EVERYONE WHO WAS A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND LIVES. THIS PROCLAMATION GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THEIR COMMITMENT AND DESIRE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS EQUALS WHEN WE FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. LOVING DAY FOR ME IS A WAY TO HONOR THIS LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS CASE AND HOW WE CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY.

Manijeh GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MANIJIEH THANK YOU, ALL, FOR YOUR TIME. COMING FROM IRAN SO I WANTED TO COMPARE MY BACKGROUND WITH THE UNITED STATES BACKGROUND IN REGARDS TO MARRIAGE.. AND I WAS GROWING UP OVER THERE, I SAW MARRIAGES HAPPENING, LIKE, ARRANGED MARRIAGES, COUSINS GETTING MARRIED AND I SAW SO MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS BECAUSE THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO MARRY SOMEBODY ELSE BUT IT WAS PRESSURE OF SOCIETY ON THE MARRIAGES AND I WITNESSED SO MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS AND HEARTBROKEN BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T MARRY THEIR LOVED ONES AND I DIDN'T GET MARRIED OVER THERE AND I CAME TO THE STATES AND I MARRIED NOT ANYONE, I MARRIED [INDISCERNIBLE] PERSON. I HAVE MY DAUGHTER. THANK GOD. AND THE ONLY THING THAT I [INDISCERNIBLE] IT WAS REALLY HUGE TO ME THAT IN IRAN, THE SOCIETY, THE SYSTEM WAS JUST TOO -- KIND OF [INDISCERNIBLE] SOCIETY FROM CRIMINALS, NOT [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THAT WAS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE TO ME.

I KNEW THAT RACIAL AND DISCRIMINATION IS GOING ON A LOT IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MARRIAGES. AND SO I AM REALLY HERE TO CELEBRATE WHAT THE LOVING FAMILY DID AND I KIND OF -- BACK IN IRAN, I WAS A TEACHER. I WAS -- GOT MY MASTERS IN [INDISCERNIBLE]. WHEN I CAME HERE,

I BECAME A TEACHER. BACK IN ALBUQUERQUE, I WAS A [INDISCERNIBLE] STUDENT. THERE, I MET THE GENTLEMAN I'M MARRIED TO AND HERE, I MOVE TO OREGON, I CONTINUE TO [INDISCERNIBLE] BECAUSE BACK IN IRAN, I WAS A SOCIAL ACTIVIST. HERE, I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE MY PASSION IN THAT. IN 2012, I WAS INTRODUCED TO THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL ORGANIZING AND I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION AND THEN [INDISCERNIBLE] [INDISCERNIBLE] OUR NEW NAME IS UNITE OREGON AND I'M THE CO-PRESIDENT FOR THAT ORGANIZATION. [INDISCERNIBLE] IF THE PEOPLE WANT TO FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS, THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED WHOEVER THEY LOVE AND [INDISCERNIBLE] AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL. DIVERSITY IS BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mariam Rija: I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF COLD. I'M THE DAUGHTER OF THIS REBEL RIGHT HERE. [LAUGHTER] SO I'M THE PRODUCT OF A [INDISCERNIBLE]. THIS MEANS A FEW THINGS FOR ME. IT MEANS I HAVE AN UNSPOKEN BOND BETWEEN OTHER PEOPLE OF REALLY CRAZY BACKGROUNDS AND I HAVE A HARD TIME CHECKING A BOX IN THE CENSUS. IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT I HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THAT. EVEN THOUGH WE'RE AWARE THAT RACE IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT, WE CLING TO THAT. PEOPLE ASK ME, WHAT ARE YOU? I'M LIKE, I DON'T KNOW? HUMAN? A CHEESE LOVER? MY EXISTENCE AND PRODUCTS OF INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE MEANS WE CHALLENGE THE VERY NOTION OF RACE AND HAVING TO CHECK A BOX AND JUST THE WORK THAT THE LOVING FAMILY DID, IN A LITTLE BIO, IT MENTIONED THAT MILDRED DIDN'T SEE HERSELF AS A SOCIAL ACTIVIST. THE EXISTENCE OF PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE OUTSIDE OF THEIR RACE IS REALLY PROFOUND AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE THIS. WE SAY THAT GOD HAS MADE US FROM PEOPLES AND TRIBES, THAT WE MAY KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND THE MOST NOBLE IS THE MOST RIGHTEOUS. I HOPE THAT WE CAN ONE DAY ALL JUST SEE AND GET RID OF NOTIONS OF IT'S CULTURE OR ATTRACTIVENESS THAT'S KEEPING ME FROM MARRYING OUTSIDE OF MY RACE AND REALLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE HUMAN RACE, WE'RE ALL JUST ONE -- THERE'S NO SUBSPECIES. THIS STUFF IS NOT TRUE AND I HOPE WE CAN CHOOSE THE PERSON THAT'S THE MOST RIGHTEOUS.

Chair Kafoury: WE LOVE SEEING THE MOTHER/DAUGHTER COMBINATION.

Erika Nebel: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERICA. THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPACT. I WAS BORN 21 YEARS AFTER THIS LANDMARK CASE INTO AN INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE. MY MOTHER'S JAPANESE AND MY FATHER'S CAUCASIAN. MY MOTHER HAD COME TO THE STATES TO STUDY DANCE AND AFTER MY FATHER HAD MUSTERED UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO TALK TO MY MOM, THEY GOT MARRIED. MY CHILDHOOD WAS MARKED BY SOCIAL ISOLATION. IN JAPAN, NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES

WOULDN'T ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH ME BECAUSE OF HOW I LOOKED. IN AMERICA, I ATE FUNNY FOOD. I SPENT MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD TRYING TO ASSIMILATE AND BE SOMEONE I KNEW I WAS NOT.

WHEN I REACHED ADULTHOOD AND AFTER MANY CLASSES AT PSU, I REALIZED AND EMBRACED THE VALUE OF BEING UNIQUE. MY PASSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE CAME RIGHT FROM MY INTEREST IN IDENTIFY POLITICS AND MY EXPERIENCE WITH FOOD AND HOUSING AND RELIANCE ON SOCIAL SERVICES. CLOSE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES BRIDGE THE GAP LEFT BE SOCIAL SERVICES AND HELPED MY FAMILY. I'LL DRIVEN TO PAY THAT SUPPORT FORWARD. I AM PROUD OF MY PARENTS AND OTHER COUPLES FOR CHOOSING LOVE. I AM PROUD AND THANKFUL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR SPONSORING THIS PROCLAMATION. I'M PROUD OF [INDISCERNIBLE] WITH ONE VOICE AND LOVING. AS A MIXED RACE PERSON, I AM PROUD OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT EMBRACE THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE US UNIQUE. I'M PROUD THAT MORE VOICES ARE BEING HEARD TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Mr. Brown: JIMMY BROWN, FOR THE RECORD. [LAUGHTER] GOOD MORNING. SO, NORMALLY WHEN I COME TO SPEAK IN FRONT OF THE BOARD, I HAVE PREPARED STATEMENTS. BUT I STRUGGLED FOR THE PAST WEEK TO COME UP WITH A PREPARED STATEMENT. TODAY, I GET TO SPEAK FROM -- MY HEART. EXCUSE ME. FROM MY HEART. BUT I HAVE SOME WORDS TO READ IN REFLECTION ABOUT THIS EVENT. BECAUSE WE CANNOT USE SCHEMES TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM LOVING EACH OTHER. THE TRIAL JUDGE THAT HEARD THIS CASE INITIALLY WROTE THIS IN AN OPINION. GOD CREATED THE RACES, BLACK, WHITE, YELLOW AND RED. AND HE PLACED THEM ON SEPARATE CONTINENTS. THERE WOULD BE NO CAUSE FOR SUCH MARRIAGES. THE FACT THAT HE SEPARATED THE RACES SHOWS THAT HE DID NOT INTEND FOR THE RACES TO MIX. THAT WAS THE OPINION OF A TRIAL JUDGE, ENCODED INTO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA. ON THE ISSUE SIMPLY AS TWO PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY FELL IN LOVE AND HAPPENED TO BE OF DIFFERENT SKIN TONE. NOTICE, I DIDN'T SAY DIFFERENT RACES. DIFFERENT SKIN TONES. BUT THE FACT THAT IT WAS ENCODED INTO LAW,

SO, I GO BACK, JUST BARELY, ONCE UPON A TIME, A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, BEFORE PORTLAND WAS PORTLANDIA, THERE WAS A GUY WHO MET THIS GIRL. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES, PROM, SUMMER, COLLEGE, GRADUATION, MARRIAGE, JOBS, A BABY, A HOUSE, MORE BABIES. NEW HOUSES. HAWAII TRIPS. RETIREMENT NUMBER ONE. [LAUGHTER] NEW JOBS. MORE BABIES. [LAUGHTER] RETIREMENT NUMBER TWO. WHO KNEW? IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE AND WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ANY OTHER WAY. AND I THANK KATHY BEE, MY MISSES. FOR ALL WE HAVE DONE AND THE CHILDREN WE MADE AS A RESULT OF THE DECISION TO SIMPLY FOLLOW OUR HEARTS. I APPLAUD MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AGAIN, BECAUSE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME AND SIT IN FRONT

OF THIS GROUP AND THE FOLKS WHO HAVE COME TO LISTEN TO THIS, I HAVE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON MY STORY. AND I THINK OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH SIMILAR SITUATIONS AS MY OWN, THE STARES, THE COMMENTS, THE FACT THAT THERE WAS SIMPLY A SCHEME THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED US TO NOT HONOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE'VE CHOSEN TO LOVE. WE STAND, I THINK AT A TIME, WHEN THERE'S STILL SCHEMES IN THIS COUNTRY.

THAT IMPACT THE PEOPLE THAT WE LOVE. NOT JUST BY OUR SKIN TONE, BUT BY OUR ORIENTATIONS. OUR CONNECTEDNESS. OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. IS CONTINUALLY BEING ASSAULTED. BOTH THROUGH THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THROUGH THE ACTIONS PEOPLE TAKE IN PLACES LIKE ORLANDO, IN PLACES LIKE SAN BERNARDINO AND PLACES LIKE PORTLAND. AND I HOPE THAT OVER MY NEXT 40 YEARS, THAT I WILL GET A CHANCE TO CONTINUE TO SEE THAT WE WILL BE KNOWN BY THE SIMPLE FACT THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO LOVE SOMEONE AND TO SHARE THAT LOVE WITH THE MANY PEOPLE THAT WE ARE CONNECTED WITH. THANK YOU. I DO NOT APOLOGIZE FOR MY TEARS BECAUSE THEY ARE TEARS OF JOY. THANK YOU.

[ Vice-Chair Smith reads the Proclamation into the record.]

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Bailey: COMMISSIONER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AGAIN, AND EVERY YEAR WE ARE REMINDED, IN A COUPLE OF WAYS TODAY, OF THE POWER OF WHAT LOVE DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR HELPING US ENRICH THE PALLET IN WHICH WE SEE OUR WORLD AND FOR REMINDING US THAT WHAT WE HAVE, WE CAN'T TAKE FOR GRANTED. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR POINTING OUT THE POWER AND IMPORTANCE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HOW MUCH IMPACT THAT COURT HAS ON ALL OF US. IN SO MANY WAYS. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE REBELS AND THANK YOU FOR THE LOVERS. YOU'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL AND COMMISSIONER SMITH, THANK YOU.

Commissioner MacKeel: I, TOO, WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES WITH US TODAY. IT'S CRUCIAL WE REMEMBER THESE MOMENTS IN HISTORY. I HAD A CHILD OF THE 50S AND 60S, SO I DON'T LIKE HOW WE'RE CALLING IT HISTORY. BUT IT IS SAD TO BE THAT IT TOOK FROM 1967 FOR THIS TO BE MADE RIGHT. SO AS WE COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS DECISION, I WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING OUT WHEN THERE'S INJUSTICE. THE ABILITY TO MARRY THE ONE YOU LOVE IS A RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF RACE. THIS DAY COMMEMORATES A STRUGGLE TO WIN THE FREEDOM TO LOVE WITHOUT

PERSECUTION. I'M PROUD TO HONORED MILDRED AND RICHARD FOR THEIR BRAVERY, STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION TO CHANGE A DISCRIMINATORY SYSTEM. SO, THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO ALL OF YOU AND COMMISSIONER SMITH, THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE GROUP FOR COMING TODAY AND REALLY HAVING THE COURAGE TO TELL YOUR STORY WHILE THIS IS MAYBE 52 YEARS OLD, UNFORTUNATELY, A SUPREME COURT CASE CAN'T LEGISLATE GOOD MANNERS OR MAKE PEOPLE BEHAVE THE CORRECT WAY. THE THINK THE ONLY WAY WE CAN PUT THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE IS TO CONTINUE TO PROCLAIM THE LOVING DAY. SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T EVER FORGET THAT WE'RE NOT BACK THERE, IN 1967. AND JIMMY, I'VE BEEN KNOWING YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS, I WON'T EVEN TELL THE FOLKS. BUT YOU ARE A JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND YOU MARRIED YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART FROM JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL WHO HAPPENED TO BE A WHITE WOMAN. BACK IN THE 60S, I KNOW THAT WAS NOT AN EASY THING FOR YOU TO DO OR TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND ALL OF YOU HAVE MANAGED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR OWN RIGHT DESPITE WHO YOU MAY LOVE SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY. I DIDN'T PLAN ON CRYING TODAY, SO I HAD TO HOLD BACK A LITTLE BIT, BUT THIS WAS WORTH IT SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION'S ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

**R.9 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 2016 as Pride Month for the LGBTQ Community in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Liz Rodriguez, Manumalo Ala'ilima, and Candi Brings Plenty.**

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.9.

Vice-Chair Smith: I AM HONORED TO JOIN MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO RECOGNIZE AND TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S PROCLAMATION, HONORING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AMERICA'S HISTORY HAS INVOLVED HARD-FOUGHT JOURNEYS AND UPS AND DOWN TO SECURE FREEDOM AND EQUALITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WAYS IMPORTANT MOVEMENTS HAVE CHARTERED OUR SOCIETY'S PATH FORWARD AND HOW THESE MOVEMENTS HAVE ADVANCED THE RIGHTS OF SOME INDIVIDUALS, WHILE OTHERS HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN. WHEN WE IGNORE AND FAIL TO RECOGNIZE LGBTQ PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR LIVES, WE ARE FAILING NOT ONLY OURSELVES, BUT WE ARE FAILING A COMMUNITY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR COMMUNITY HAVE A DEEP COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE INEQUITIES, IN

EQUALITIES IN BOTH OF OUR SERVICES AND SOCIETY. THIS PROCLAMATION SYMBOLIZES OUR REAFFIRM BELIEF IN EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. BY SUPPORTING THE LBGTQ COMMUNITY, IT DEMONSTRATES AND SUPPORTS UNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

Liz. Rodriguez: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIZ RODRIGUEZ, I'M CO-CHAIR OF [INDISCERNIBLE] JOINING ME TODAY ARE TWO OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERS, [INDISCERNIBLE] OF THE TWO PORTLAND SPIRITS SOCIETY. WHO [INDISCERNIBLE] WHO WILL SHARE UPDATES ON THEIR IMPORTANT WORK. WE ASK THAT WE CAN HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE, FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER, FOR OR FAMILY MEMBERS LOST IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

Candi Brings Plenty: HELLO, I'M CANDI BRINGS PLENTY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE], SOCIETY AND BEFORE I BEGIN SPEAKING, I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE, AS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A PRAYER. [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE] I WOULD LIKE TO PRAY TO THE CREATOR AND THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY, FOR GIVING US ANOTHER DAY TO WAKE UP, TO CARRY OUR HEARTS IN FRONT OF US, AS OUR AUTHENTIC SELVES AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR THOSE AROUND US. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND ALL OF OUR LOVE AND COMPASSION AND OUR PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY, THOSE 50 AND THOSE OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED AND ESPECIALLY TO THEIR PARTNERS. AND TO THEIR LOVED ONES AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. AND TO THEIR FRIENDS AND THEIR COMMUNITY. SO ALL OF OUR ORLANDO, ALL OF OUR [INDISCERNIBLE] LBGTQ FAMILIES ACROSS THE NATION AND ACROSS THE WORLD AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE STILL WONDERING AROUND, NEEDING AND SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO FIND COMMUNITY AND AREN'T ABLE TO EMBRACE THEMSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY. I THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY AND THIS MOMENT TO SPEAK AND THIS MOMENT TO SHARE IN A ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE, TO HONOR AND RESPECT ALL THOSE WHO ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR HEARTS ON THEIR SHOULDERS, IN A GOOD WAY. THANK YOU.

Liz Rpdriquez:: THANK YOU, CANDI. CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT YOU DECLARE THE MONTH OF JUNE, PRIDE MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND TO COME TOGETHER AS A UNITED COMMUNITY. THIS TIME, ONE YEAR AGO AS WE SAT HERE TOGETHER, WE WERE EXCITEDLY PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE RIGHT TO MARY FOR ALL OREGONIANS. IT WAS A TIME TO COME TOGETHER. THIS YEAR FINDS US MUCH MORE SOMBER TONE. THE TRAGEDY OF THIS PAST WEEK PAINFULLY REMIND US THAT WE ARE NOT DONE FIGHTING FOR LOVE. ALTHOUGH I HAVE LIVED IN OREGON FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS, FLORIDA REMAINS THE HOME OF MY HEART AND MY FAMILY. IT HAS PERSONALLY AFFECTED ME IN MANY WAYS. WE CANNOT SEPARATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR IDENTITIES OR FAIL TO [INDISCERNIBLE] ON OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. OFTEN, THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN OUR LBGTQ COMMUNITY ARE ALSO PEOPLE OF COLOR. SINCE WE WON

MARRIAGE, WE HAVE SUFFERED THE DEADLIEST. WE HAVE SEEN OVER 200 ANTI-LGBT LEGISLATION. SOME SEEKING TO DENY THE BASIC HUMAN NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM BY OUR TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. WE SEE THIS HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE AND HOMELESSNESS OF YOUTH. WE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACTS ARE A RESULT OF CONTINUED ATTACKED ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS TO LIVE AND LOVE. IT IS TO PROMOTE OURSELF AFFIMATION, DIGNITY, EQUALITY RIGHTS, VISIBILITY, TO BUILD COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATE SEXUAL DIVERSITY AND GENDER VARIANCE. WE CONTINUE TO NEED PRIDE. TO COME TOGETHER, TO CREATE COMMUNITY. TO SHOW OUR RESILIENCE. TO BUILD A STRONGER MOVEMENT TOWARD THE END OF HATE, IN ALL ITS FORMS FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Candi Brings Plenty: GOOD AFTERNOON. [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE] THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY AND I WOULD LIKE TO [INDISCERNIBLE], INCLUDING EVERYONE BEHIND ME, WITH A HANDSHAKE FROM MY HEART. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE IN A GOOD WAY. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS CANDI [INDISCERNIBLE], I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE] SOCIETY AND [INDISCERNIBLE] I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF NOT ONLY THE [INDISCERNIBLE] SOCIETY, BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MANY OF THE SUCCESSES THAT HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE PAST YEAR AND SINCE I'VE BEEN LEADING THE [INDISCERNIBLE], IN REGARDS TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND THE VARIOUS MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN EMBRACED THIS PAST YEAR. I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I HAVE COME BEFORE YOU ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AND I'M GRATEFUL TO IDENTIFY THAT I MOVED HERE ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO AND THE FIRST TWO YEARS I WAS HERE WAS REALLY DIFFICULT. I WAS TOLD THAT THERE IS A STRONG NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE AND THAT, OF COURSE, A VERY STRONG QUEER COMMUNITY.

Candi Brings Plenty: IT TOOK ME A LITTLE WHILE TO FIGURE OUT -- COMING FROM SOUTH DAKOTA, VERY STRONGLY ROOTED IN MY CULTURE AND COMMUNITY, I HAD TO REDEFINE AND LOOK AND SEARCH FOR WHAT COMMUNITY MEANT. AND, YOU KNOW, FIND MY OWN CULTURAL COMPETENCY OF LIVING IN AN URBAN SOCIETY. I HAD A HARD TIME TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE I BELONGED AND THAT IS PART OF THE MOVEMENT IS TO BRIDGE THE GRAP BETWEEN TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND URBAN SOCIETY. OFTEN TIMES, NOT ONLY AS A WOMAN OF COLOR, A PERSON WHO EMBRACES THEIR CULTURE, THEIR IDENTITY, TO COME INTO A CITY AND LOOK FOR COMMUNITY WHERE YOU SEE YOUR OWN FACE IN A QUEER CENTER IS DIFFICULT AND TRAUMATIZING AND SO I WENT OUT OF MY WAY AND UTILIZED MY OWN PERSONAL SKILLSET TO FIND MY PLACE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NATIVE AMERICAN [INDISCERNIBLE] FAMILY CENTER. THAT IS WHERE I FOUND MY PLACE AND MY HOME AND MY FAMILY. IT WAS AT THAT TIME WITH THE [INDISCERNIBLE] MARRIAGE

CAMPAIGN, THERE WAS A ROUNDTABLE COMPOSED OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE] OF THE VARIOUS PROMINENT [INDISCERNIBLE]. I SAY PROMINENT BECAUSE NOT ALL [INDISCERNIBLE] WERE ACTIVE.

FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, IT WAS [INDISCERNIBLE] AND HE WAS ASKED TO SIT ON THIS TABLE. HE APPOINTED MYSELF BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, I WAS A COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCATE AND I HAD ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF I COULD PROMOTE MYSELF AS A TWO [INDISCERNIBLE] COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. IT'S THE OPEN HEARTEDNESS, THE RESPECT, THE GENEROSITY. THAT'S WHERE I WAS ABLE TO SIT HERE AND FIGHT FOR OREGON UNITED FOR MARRIAGE AND I EMBRACED THEM AND EDUCATED THEM ON WHAT IT MEANT TO ENDORSE A CAMPAIGN AND TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND START TO SEE THE GAPS IN THE COMMUNITY, TO SEE HOW VARIOUS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAD A HARD TIME VERBALIZING WHAT LGBT MEMBERS NEEDED. I FEEL THAT TAKING THE LEAD FOR THE PORTLAND [INDISCERNIBLE], I WAS ABLE TO UTILIZE BOTH WORLD PFTS WORLD'S BETTER. I WAS RAISED IN MY CULTURE AND LANGUAGE AND I'M ALSO PURSUING PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SO I CAN WALK BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND OFFER MY VOICE TO ADVOCATE AND I HAVE PURSUED VARIOUS LEADERSHIPS HERE IN PORTLAND. THE LAST TIME I SPOKE IN FRONT OF YOU, IT WAS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR COALITION, AS I PART OF THE LEAD COHORT.

Candi Brings Plenty: I WAS ABLE TO MEET MANY NUMEROUS POLITICAL LEADERS AND BE EXPOSED TO POLITICAL PROCESSES THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE. AND SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR PROGRAMS LIKE THAT AND I WANT TO THANK, VERY MUCH, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND RECOGNIZE ALSO [INDISCERNIBLE] AND NARA, THE NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION FOR INITIATING AND BRACING THE INDIGENOUS DAY PROCLAMATION. I WANT TO THANK ANNA ALLEN AND THOMAS [INDISCERNIBLE], THE ELECT HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 43. THERE IS A VERY MUCH NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE COMMUNITIES WITH COLOR WHO ARE MARGINAL MARGINALIZED AND TO MAKE ROOM AND EMBRACE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS CULTURES AND INDIGENOUS PROTOCOLS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. MAKES AN IMPACT FOR OUR COMMUNITY, FOR YOUR COUNTY. PORTLAND IS BUILT AND EMPHASIZED AND HAS GROWN ON INDIGENOUS LAND. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AS WELL AS EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE BRIDGES BETWEEN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BUILT AND THAT NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE BUILT AND EMBRACED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Manumalo Ala'ilima: [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE] MAY NAME IS [INDISCERNIBLE] AND I'M REPRESENTING ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER PRIDE. I WANTED TO THANK CANDI FOR INVITING ME, REACHING OUT TO ME. I'M A

BOARD MEMBER ON API PROUD AS OF EARLIER THIS YEAR AND I'VE BEEN IN PORTLAND, AS A TRANSPLANT, FOR TWO YEARS. WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE WAS MY WORK. IT WAS REENGINEERING AND I WORK WITH THE RED CROSS, WHICH IS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I'VE BEEN WITH THEM FOR 10 YEARS AND IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAVE BEEN WORKING HERE IN PORTLAND. LIKE CANDI, I WAS SEARCHING FOR MY COMMUNITY. I'M VOLUNTEER WITH [INDISCERNIBLE], WHICH IS THE ASIAN PACIFIC NETWORK OF OREGON AND API PRIDE AND YOU'RE A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW BECAUSE YOU TOUCHED ON SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS I HAD ALREADY PLANNED ON SAYING, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO SOUND STERILE ON JUST SHARING ON WHAT MY ORGANIZATION DOES. BUT API PRIDE HAS BEEN A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF OREGON FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS AND MOST OF OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND PRIDE, WHICH TAKES PLACE THIS MONTH AND THIS PARTICULAR WEEKEND. I HAD PLANNED A STATEMENT AND IT WAS REALLY DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH THE WORDS TO EXPRESS JUST BEING THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY JUST TO SPEAK, BECAUSE IT'S NOT GIVEN OFTEN AND AS A LESBIAN AND AS A WOMAN AND AS A PACIFIC ISLANDER, IT GETS SMALLER AND SMALLER. THE OPPORTUNITY NARROWS SO MUCH. BUT BECAUSE I'M ABLE TO BE AN API PRIDE, WE DO FOCUS ON PROJECTS THAT HELP CONNECT NOT JUST OUR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS THAT ARE LGBTQ IDENTIFIED, BUT WE WORK ACROSS THE BOARD. ONE OF THE PROJECTS WE DO IS AIDS WALK PORTLAND. AND, WE ALSO PARTNER WITH [INDISCERNIBLE] WITH THE UP COMING CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER, WHICH WE'LL BE CONDUCTING A WORKSHOP ON HOW TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE ALLY FOR OUR LGBTQ COMMUNITY WITHIN THE API COMMUNITY. SO, AS WE CELEBRATE, EDUCATE AND BRING OUR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER, IT'S MY HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME WITH YOU, HERE IN THE COUNTY AND MANY FOLKS THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE AND I'M JUST GRATEFUL FOR JUST THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND THE RECOGNITION THAT YOU'RE GIVING FOR GAY PRIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO BOARD MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?

[Vice-Chair Smith reads the Proclamation into the record.]

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS?

Commissioner Bailey: CHAIR, IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN THIS YEAR. PRIDE MONTH IS ALWAYS SUCH AN IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL TIME IN OUR COMMUNITY. OBVIOUSLY, THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK HAVE BROUGHT A SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO PRIDE. IF YOU'LL INDULGE A STORY, I WAS 12 YEARS OLD, I WAS AT A POLITICAL DEBATE FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 14, NOW HOUSE DISTRICT 42. AND THE WOMAN WHO LATER BECAME CHAIR HERE, BEV STEIN, WAS IN A DEBATE AT SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT WAS A PACKED

HOUSE. AND THE GUY WHO WAS RUNNING -- I STILL REMEMBER HIS NAME, TOM CLOCK -- MADE A STATEMENT IN FRONT OF THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE, EARLY 90S. HE CLAIMED HE NEEDED TO GET BEHIND GROUPS LIKE THE OREGON CITIZEN ALLIANCE BECAUSE AS HE PUT IT, AT THAT TIME, THAT PEOPLE WHO WERE GAY HAD A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF HURTING CHILDREN. AT 12 YEARS OLD,

I'D NEVER SEEN A RIOT BEFORE, BUT THAT WAS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT ROOM. BUT EVEN THEN, IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO ME THAT SOMEBODY WHO WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE WOULD SAY SUCH THINGS AND IT SEEMED LIKE WE HAD COME SO FAR SINCE THEN AND THEN WE GET THESE REMINDERS THAT WE REALLY HAVEN'T AND HOMOPHOBIA AND VIOLENCE IS STILL THERE AND WE HAVEN'T COME AS FAR AS WE THOUGHT AND 49 GOOD PEOPLE DIED IN ORLANDO IN ONE PLACE, AT ONE TIME. BUT THERE'S FAR MORE THAN THAT THAT DIE EVERY YEAR FROM VIOLENCE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THERE'S THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN HATE AND ANGER AND THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE A WEAPON TO KILL LOTS OF PEOPLE AT ONCE. IT'S A REMINDER FOR US THAT WHERE WE SIT TODAY, PRIDE MONTH IS AS IMPORTANT AND MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. SO, THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE WITH US TODAY. AND, EVERY YEAR IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE CELEBRATE JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH. IT'S IN RECOGNITION OF THE STRUGGLES AND TRIUMPHS THAT THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY HAS ACHIEVED. WE HOLD PARADES. WE CELEBRATE PROUD LIVES. THIS YEAR, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE HORRIFIC MASS KILLINGS IN ORLANDO, PRIDE MONTH HAS TAKEN ON A MUCH DEEPER URGENT MEANING. AS THE PROUD MOTHER OF A GAY SON, I FIND THESE MASS KILLINGS UNBELIEVABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. MY HEART BREAKS FOR THOSE FAMILIES. THESE VICTIMS ARE NOT JUST NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, THEY'RE SOMEONE'S SON, THEIR DAUGHTER, THEIR BROTHER, SISTER, AUNT. THIS YEAR'S PRIDE PROCLAMATION IS ABOUT MORE OF A CELEBRATION, IT'S ABOUT DETERMINATION TO PUSH FORWARD FOR EQUALITY. I SUPPORT OUR LGBTQ FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH ACCEPTANCE AND LOVE. IN THIS MOMENT, WE MUST REJECT INTOLERANCE AND COMPLACENCY. AS A COMMUNITY, WE MUST COME TOGETHER AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INSURING EQUALITY, EQUITY FOR ALL CITIZENS, REGARD REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER. I'M TRULY HONORED TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL TODAY AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN AND TO ALL OF THOSE THAT HAVE COME HERE TO CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. IT IS A REMINDER AND I THINK WE CAN REMEMBER THAT WE'RE NOT DEFINED BY ACTS OF HATRED AND VIOLENCE. WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE PRIDE. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY. YOU KNOW, I ALSO WAS A 12-YEAR-OLD LONG

BEFORE COMMISSIONER BAILEY WAS. BUT I WAS. [LAUGHTER] I REMEMBER GROWING UP WITH LOVING PARENTS WHO ALWAYS REMINDED ME, BE WHO YOU ARE. AND LOOK OUT FAR YOU'VE COME AND BE PROUD. PRIDE, LOVE, LEARNING, JUSTICE, AND PEACE REALLY DEFINE US. AND ALTHOUGH WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS HATRED AND VIOLENCE AND IGNORANCE, WE WILL OVERCOME THOSE. WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH PRIDE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND IN GRATITUDE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

Chair Kafoury: I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. IT'S BEEN A LONG MEETING, BUT THIS IS OH, SO IMPORTANT AND APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE STAYED. THERE IS NO PLACE WHERE THE SERVICE IS MORE APPARENT THAN IN THE LOBBY OF THIS VERY BUILDING. PEOPLE GATHER TO BUY LUNCH, THEY SHARE STORIES, SELL AND BUY STREET ROOTS AND GET A PASSPORT FOR THEIR CHILD SO THEY CAN SEE THE WORLD. IT'S ALSO A PLACE WHERE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COME EVERY YEAR TO AFFIRM THEIR RIGHT TO MARRY WHO THEY LOVE. UNTIL RECENTLY, ONLY A MAN AND A WOMAN HAD THAT RIGHT. AND NOT THAT LONG AGO, THAT RIGHT WAS LIMITED BASED ON THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN AND THE RACE OF YOUR PARTNER. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK MUCH FARTHER THAN THAT TO FIND A TIME WHEN, BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOU LOOKED, BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU WERE FROM, BECAUSE OF RACISM, SOME OF US COULDN'T REGISTER TO VOTE. SOME OF US COULDN'T BUY PROPERTY. SOME OF US MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HOW WE LIVED SO LONG STRAYING FROM THESE PRINCIPALS IN THE DOCUMENTS.

Chair Kafoury: THE PROMISE OF A COUNTRY WAS ONE WITHOUT A RELIGIOUS [INDISCERNIBLE] AT THE SAME TIME, THOSE DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THEM THE LANGUAGE OF EXCLUSION AND POLITICAL COMPROMISES, PEACE BY TRADING AWAY THE FREEDOMS OF THOUSANDS, WHICH LATER LED TO WAR. THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM, OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE REIGN THROUGH TODAY. THERE ARE THOSE WHO HOPE TO SCARE US AND SHAKE OUR RESOLVE AND THEY ARE CARRYING GUNS AND ATTACKING AND KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE. THERE ARE THOSE WHO HOPE TO DIVIDE US, TO PROFIT ON FEAR AND HATRED. TURNING THOSE EMOTIONS INTO TELEVISION RATINGS AND POLICIES THAT ABANDON THE PROMISES OF OUR COUNTRY. WE STAND WITH PRIDE, PRIDE THAT WE HAVE OVERCOME SO MUCH FEAR. PRIDE IN KNOWING WE WILL STAND TOGETHER TO TURN BACK THE FORCES AND THEY WOULD MAKE THIS COUNTRY AND THIS COUNTY WORSE FOR OUR CHILDREN. AND PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT EVERYONE WHO WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND SOMEONE THEY WANT TO SPEND THEIR LIFE WITH CAN WALK THROUGH THOSE DOORS AND DECLARE THEIR RIGHT TO MARRY WHO THEY LOVE. TODAY, WE ARE HONORING TWO IMPORTANT MILESTONES, ONE, LOVING DAY, AND THE OTHER, PRIDE MONTH. BOTH HIGHLIGHT HOW FAR WE HAVE COME AS A COUNTRY AND RECOGNIZE THAT -- TO QUOTE MY HERO

[INDISCERNIBLE] LOVE IS LOVE IS LOVE IS LOVE NO MATTER YOUR GENDER IDENTITY, THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN OR THE PLACE WHERE YOU WERE BORN. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED.

Cindi Brings Plenty: I'M ADDRESSING THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM OR IN MY CURRENT VICINITY. ON BEHALF OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE], I CAME UP HERE AND I BROUGHT SWEET GRASS WITH ME AND I WANTED TO HONOR CHAIR FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND LEADING THE COMMISSION AND OUR COUNTY AND THE WAY YOU HAVE IN EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

Liz Rodriguez: I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE COMMISSIONERS AND AUDIENCE MEMBERS, THEY WILL BE HOSTING SOME REFRESHMENTS.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW, BEFORE WE HAVE A CELEBRATION, WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY ON THE BOARD HAVE SOMETHING?

Commissioner Bailey: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, ESPECIALLY TO COMMISSIONER BAILEY. TO ALL THE DADS AND OUR FAMILIES AND TO ALL THE DADS HERE AT IN COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: ANYTHING ELSE?

Vice-Chair Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRIDE PARADE IS ON SUNDAY. IF YOU WANT TO WALK WITH DISTRICT 2, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO WALK WITH US ON

### **ADJOURNMENT – 12:39 p.m.**

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

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