



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/8/15  
Agenda Item #: R.3  
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am  
Date Submitted: 12/11/14

**Agenda Title:** **Presentation of the Big and Awesome Bridges Book to the Board of County Commissioners.**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 6 **Time Needed:** 5 min  
**Department:** Non-D **Division:** Chair's office  
**Contact(s):** Liz Smith Currie  
**Phone:** 503-988-4435 **Ext.** 84435 **I/O Address:** 503/6  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Sharon Wood Wortman

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action required. This is a presentation of a book.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Sharon Wood Worman, "the Bridge Lady," will present copies of the Big & Awesome bridge book to county commissioners. Authors Sharon Wood Wortman and Ed Wortman are volunteers on the project who have written other books about bridges. The authors and retired Portland Public Schools librarian Edith Fuller worked with a large team during the course of book building over a span of five years.

In 128 years of bridge building across the Willamette and Columbia rivers in the Portland-Vancouver area, *Big & Awesome* is the first book for both adults and children on the subject. Sponsored by PDX Bridge Festival, Inc., a Portland non-profit, in cooperation with Portland Public Schools, *Big & Awesome* will primarily be used in the third grade classrooms of Portland Public Schools and in the elementary school libraries of Vancouver School District.

A regional resource, *Big & Awesome* focuses on the 22 big river railroad and roadway bridges between Vancouver and Oregon City and includes interviews,

elevation drawings, poems, a 19-page, step-by-step bridge building and load testing guide, and other riveting stuff.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

None

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

None

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**Required Signature**

**Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:**



**Date:** December 11,  
2014

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