

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
Tuesday, July 5, 2011**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury convened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Chair Jeff Cogen and Commissioner Diane McKeel were excused.

Also in attendance: Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

B.1 Follow up on U.S. Marshal and Marginal Jail Costing. Presenters: Chief Deputy Drew Brosh and Chief Deputy Mike Shults.

Chief Deputy Brosh provided the introduction. He said they were respond to the issues raised at the Board Briefing on June 4th. At that time, the Marshall bed count was 90-plus per day. There was great concern about the drop and it has been and will continue to be watched closely. Since June 1st, the count has gone up. In the last 5 days, the count has been 127 per day. Some reductions in bed count have resulted from the Federal Corrections Institute in Sheridan accepting new inmates, plus, mechanical issues with the transport airplane the Marshals use. The current projection is 140 beds per day.

Chief Deputy Brosh explained that the Sheriff's Office (MCSO) contracts with the U.S. Marshals Office to house pretrial inmates attending court matters at the U.S. Courthouse. The County forecasts revenue based on the contract and projected number of bed days used at the contract rate as part of the budget adoption process. In FY11, the contract was budgeted at just under \$6.5 million.

Since the beginning of June, the daily count of exclusive U.S. Marshal inmates has increased. The average cost per day per Bed System beds is \$142.22 for all sections and for those beds in medical support, the cost is \$159.92. He reviewed the formula used to determine jail bed cost per day, including incremental cost per bed and compared USM and non-US Marshal inmates bed usage. Budgeted Revenue for FY 2011 is \$6,489,000; cost is projected at \$6,142,207 for a total of 354 beds in Dorms 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Chief Deputy Shults said that MCSO meets quarterly with the U.S. Marshals Office to evaluate operations, ensure all parties are fulfilling their obligations, resolve any contract issues, and review medical procedures with regard to inmate care and movement.

Chief Deputy Brosh recommended continuing to monitor the U.S. Marshal inmate numbers and costs to determine an accurate forecast, as well as actual costs and impact on the general fund.

Vice-Chair Kafoury confirmed that the Budget Office and MCSO both recommended not making changes to the U.S. Marshal contract at this point.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
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