

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Funding and)	RESOLUTION
Operating Regional Facilities)	96-219

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has approved an ordinance revising the allocation of the transient lodging tax so as to provide for a more equitable level of funding for regional facilities owned by the City of Portland and Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners commends the City of Portland and Metro for their continued dedication to the cultural, artistic, and economic development needs of the greater Portland Metropolitan Region; and

WHEREAS, numerous committees have studied the operation and capital needs of the regional facilities and made a series of recommendations for improving the organization, operating, and overall funding level of the regional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners supports the City of Portland and Metro in their efforts to improve the efficiency, operation, and overall funding of the regional facilities; now therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners requests that the Metro Regional Facilities Committee report within 90 days of the effective date of Ordinance No. 870, on its plan for implementing improvements in the organization of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC), including but not limited to improvements allowing MERC to operate in a more independent and entrepreneurial manner, flexibility in securing supports services so as to allow MERC to minimize the overhead costs allocation to the regional facilities, and measures designed to hold down the costs for tenants of the regional facilities while maximizing management efficiencies.

2. The Board of County Commissioners requests that the City of Portland contribute to the operation and maintenance of the regional facilities owned by the City and managed by MERC by:

(a) Acknowledging its responsibility for major capital investments in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts and Civic Stadium;

(b) Contributing \$300,000 per year dedicated exclusively for reduction of user fees currently paid by the principal non-profit tenants of the PCPA; and,

(c) Contributing an additional \$300,00 per year for operation, renewal, and replacement for the City owned facilities, to be allocated on an as-needed basis by MERC.

3. The Board of County Commissioners request that Metro reconfirm their commitment to seek future regional funding for all regional facilities.

APPROVED this 19th day of December, 1996.



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Beverly Stein, Chair

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