

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, July 25, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]

Chair Cogen: THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. UNDER OUR BOARD RULES, ANY COMMISSIONER MAY BRING FORWARD AN UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM, EVEN IF IT HAS NOT BEEN ON THE REGULAR AGENDA. IN ORDER FOR AN ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED AT LEAST THREE COMMISSIONERS MUST VOTE IN FAVOR AFTER MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE MATTER FOR THE MATTER TO BE ADOPTED ALL COMMISSIONERS MUST VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MATTER. ARE THERE ANY REQUESTS FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT?

>> I HAVE AN ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Chair Cogen: MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE ITEM?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Chair Cogen: IS THERE A SECOND?

Commissioner McKeel: SECOND.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS, APPROVAL OF CONSIDERING AN ITEM UNDER UNANIMOUS CONSENT. THIS WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED IF WE CAN GET THE ITEM MOVED COMMISSIONER KAFOURY DO YOU WANT THE ITEM RECORD INTO THE BOARD RECORD? MAYBE PERHAPS LYNDA SHOULD DO THAT.

>> UC 1 CALLING FOR JEFFREY S COGEN'S IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION.

Chair Cogen: MAY I HAVE A MOTION.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF UCC 1. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. IT SADDENED ME TO BE IN THIS POSITION TODAY. I'VE CONSIDERED JEFF A FRIEND AND A TRUSTED COLLEAGUE, BUT THE POSITION WE FIND OURSELVES IN TODAY IS NOT ABOUT HIM PERSONALLY. IT IS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD, AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WE ARE HERE TO SERVE. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY BEEN A HUGE DISTRACTION IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE, AND IT NEEDS TO END. MY BIGGEST CONCERN RIGHT NOW IS SUPPORTING THE AMAZING MULTNOMAH COUNTY STAFF AS THEY WORK TO FULFILL OUR CORE MISSION, TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER COMMENTS ON THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COMMENT, CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. TODAY IT REPRESENTS A VERY DIFFICULT DAY FOR THIS BOARD. IT IS ONE IN WHICH NONE OF US COULD EVER PREDICT THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING TODAY. TO SAY THE LEAST, I AM DISAPPOINTED. IT WOULD NOT BE WRONG TO SAY THAT I AM ANGRY. I AM ANGRY ON SO MANY LEVELS, BUT THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE PLACE, NOR DO I HAVE THE INCLINATION TO SUMMIT THAT FEELING FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. I AM SAD AS WELL. SAD THAT OUR HUMAN FRAILTIES ARE EXPOSED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IS VERY DIVISIVE. IT HAS RIPPED APART ALL OF US THAT YOU SEE. WHEN I RAN FOR THE DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISSION SEAT, I DID SO BECAUSE I FELT THE COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT FROM MY EXPERIENCE AND FROM MY KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS ON A FEDERAL LEVEL. I FELT THAT WORKING ON A MORE LOCAL LEVEL WITH THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, EDUCATORS, COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND FOLKS IN THE HEALTH CARE FIELD WOULD BE WHERE I WOULD SPEND MY ENERGY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ROOTED IN ENSURING THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE TAKEN CARE OF. AND THAT MEANS OUR ELDERS, OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES, THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY DISABLED, THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THOSE NEEDING EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK ON BEHALF OF THIS COUNTY AS A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER. AND IT IS THOSE PEOPLE THAT GUIDE ME THROUGH THIS VERY PIVOTAL MOMENT. THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY NOT ONLY NEED, BUT THEY DESERVE TO HAVE A POLICY AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT GROUP THAT WORKS IN A COORDINATED MANNER. THEY NEED A GROUP THAT IS FOUNDED ON BASIC PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS, AND TRANSPARENCY,

IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS IS WHAT DRIVES US HERE TODAY. ABOVE ALL ELSE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THROUGH OUR CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULTIES THAT WE WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. WHEN WE MAKE DIFFICULT BUDGET DECISIONS, WE DO SO KNOWING THAT WE WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. WHEN WE CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WE DO SO BECAUSE WE HAVE DONE THE WORK THAT THE PEOPLE NEED US AND WANT US TO DO. OUR CONSTITUENTS DO NOT DESERVE, NOR ARE THEY REQUESTING A BOARD THAT IS FRACTURED, NONRESPONSIVE, TENTATIVE, EXPERIENCING MISTRUST, AND HAVING DIFFICULTY WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE BROADER COMMUNITY. THAT UNFORTUNATELY IS WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES NOW. WE KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE. WE KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO GO FORWARD. WE NOW MUST ASK OURSELVES IN OUR CURRENT CONFIGURATION, CAN WE, WILL WE, BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS WHILE UNDER THE CLOUD OF SUSPICION, DOUBT, AND ANGER? THAT FACES US DAILY. IT IS TOWARD THAT END THAT I MUST RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT OUR CHAIR RESIGN. I ASK THIS KNOWING IT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT I HAVE TAKEN IN MY POLITICAL CAREER AND PROBABLY WILL TAKE IN THE FUTURE. BUT I AM EMBODIED BY THE RECOGNITION THAT MY OBLIGATION IS TO THE RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THEY DESERVE THE BEST, THEY DESERVE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER, AND WE CAN ONLY DO THAT IF WE AGREE THAT NONE OF US IS BIGGER THAN THE WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER BOARD COMMENTS? OK. I HAVE SOME COMMENTS AND THEN WE'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I MADE MISTAKES. BIG ONES. MY AFFAIR HAS CAUSED -- I HAVE CAUSED TREMENDOUS PAIN, AND I'VE LET A LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN. ESPECIALLY MY WIFE LISA AND MY FAMILY, AND MY LOVED ONES. BUT ALSO, SONIA MANHAS, HER FAMILY, MY STAFF AND COLLEAGUES AND ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ENTRUSTED ME WITH THIS IMPORTANT WORK. I'M DEEPLY SORRY, AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO WORK TO REDUCE THIS PAIN. TWO DAYS AGO, THIS BOARD CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER MY AFFAIR REPRESENTED AN ABUSE OF POWER. I SUPPORTED THAT CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION, AND I STILL DO. I HAVE PROMISED TO COOPERATE ENTIRELY WITH THE INVESTIGATION. I BELIEVE THE INVESTIGATION WILL FIND NO ABUSE OF POWER, BUT IN ANY EVENT, WHY CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT BEING WILLING TO EVEN LET IT BEGIN? THE MEDIA HAS BEEN FILLED WITH ACCUSATIONS, INNUENDO, AND JUDGMENTS ABOUT MY BEHAVIOR. BUT WE HAVE A SYSTEM BASED ON FACT FINDING BEFORE CONDEMNATION. THAT'S ONE OF THE CORE PRINCIPLES AMERICA WAS FOUNDED ON. I DESERVE A CHANCE FOR THE FACTS TO COME OUT, AND THE COMMUNITY DESERVES IT TOO. I UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE ARE UPSET. I UNDERSTAND WHY MY COLLEAGUES ARE UPSET. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE RUSH TO JUDGMENT. I'M HERE BECAUSE I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE WORK

OF THE COUNTY. FINDING INNOVATIVE, COST-EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AND TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS AND SAFE. THAT'S WHY THE VOTERS ELECTED ME CHAIR OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO LET THE INVESTIGATION YOU CALLED FOR REACH ITS CONCLUSION. THEN, GUIDED BY FACTS, BY AN INDEPENDENT FINDING, NOT A MEDIA FRENZY, WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. IT'S TIME TO PUT THE DISTRACTION ASIDE AND GET BACK TO WORK. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER?

Board Clerk: YES, CHAIR.

Chair Cogen: WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THEM UP?

Board Clerk: PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONES, BECAUSE THEY WILL INTERFERE WITH THE MICROPHONES. PLEASE SPEAK YOUR NAME INTO THE RECORD WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK.

Chair Cogen: YOU CAN BEGIN, SIR.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVEN COFFMAN, I'VE BEEN A MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER FOR 16 YEARS NOW. AND HAVE KNOWN JEFF AND FAMILIAR WITH JEFF'S FAMILY. I SHARE MUCH OF THE SENTIMENT THAT WAS DISCUSSED HERE THIS MORNING. SOME SHOCK AND DISAPPOINTMENT. I'M ALSO OF THE VIEW THAT -- AND COMPLETELY AGREE THERE'S VALUABLE WORK THAT THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO DO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US. AND MY FRUSTRATION IS THAT GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THAT WORK, AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT IT REPRESENTS, HOW MUCH OF A DISTRACTION IS THIS? WAS THERE AN INDISCRETION? ABSOLUTELY. IS IT INAPPROPRIATE ON A PERSONAL LEVEL? ABSOLUTELY. BUT FROM A TAXPAYER STANDPOINT FROM EVERYTHING I'VE SEEN OBJECT TIVOLI SO FAR THIS, IS A DISTRACTION BECAUSE WE ARE ALLOWING IT TO BE. THIS IS A DISTRACTION BECAUSE FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, THERE'S BEEN NO ABUSE OF POWER UP TO THIS POINT. AND I'M OF THE VIEW THAT ONE NEEDS TO WAIT FOR THE FINAL RESULT BEFORE COMING TO A JUDGMENT. AND IF WE'RE REALLY FOCUSED AND WE'RE REALLY SERIOUS ON THIS WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THEN IT SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE TO ME TO BE FILMING A ROOM WITH CAMERAS, AND JUDGMENTS, AND SUCH BEFORE WE KNOW EVERYTHING THAT'S TAKING PLACE. I THINK ONE ONLY NEED TO LOOK AT NEW YORK TO SEE HOW THAT IS PLAYING OUT RIGHT NOW. IT SADDENS ME TO SEE WE'RE SEEING WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING HERE LOCALLY. AS SOMEONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUES FACING US, SOMEBODY THAT'S LOOKING AT THE CHAIR'S RECORD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY COMMITMENT, THIS SEEMS, THIS MOTION SEEMS SO PREMATURE, THAT IT IS IN AND OF ITSELF A DISTRACTION. AND I WOULD URGE THE COMMISSION AT THIS POINT TO WITHHOLD THIS MOTION AND THIS TYPE OF JUDGMENT UNTIL ALL OF THE FACTS ARE RELEASED AND THEN AND

ONLY THEN MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHAT IS BOTH POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT AND APPROPRIATE TO DO. AND UNTIL SUCH TIME, LET'S GET BACK TO WHAT YOU JUST SAID A MOMENT AGO -- LET'S GET BACK TO THE PEOPLE'S WORK AND THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> MY NAME IS DAVID BARNHAM. FIRST OFF I WANT TO SAY AFFAIRS ARE A PERSONAL ISSUE. I THINK IT'S A FAMILY ISSUE. I DON'T REALLY THINK IT'S A POLITICAL ISSUE. SO I WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, AND I WAS PRETTY ACTIVE IN FOOD ISSUES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I'VE KNOWN JEFF AND I'VE KNOWN SONIA MANHAS FOR A VERY LONG PERIOD OF TIME. IN FACT, I REMEMBER WHEN SONIA WROTE AND RECEIVED A \$7 MILLION CDC GRANT TO FIGHT OBESITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT. WAS LONG BEFORE THERE WAS ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JEFF AND SONIA. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE'S THIS NARRATIVE THAT'S BEING PUSHED THAT YOU HAVE SOMEBODY THAT'S SLEEPING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP IN THE COUNTY, AND YOU HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE MANIPULATING COUNTY RESOURCES, AND I CAN SAY FROM MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF KNOWING BOTH THESE PEOPLE FOR A VERY LONG TIME, BEFORE THERE WAS ANYTHING GOING ON, THAT THEY WERE BOTH WORKING REALLY HARD ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I THINK I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE STEREO TYPICAL NARRATIVE THAT'S TRYING TO BE PLACE ORDER THAT. BECAUSE I JUST DON'T AGREE WITH THAT. I REALLY BELIEVE THERE JUST IS A GROSS CORRUPTION HERE, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE INVESTIGATION. I THINK THAT'S JUST KIND OF THE -- WITHIN GOVERNMENT, I THINK THERE'S ALWAYS SUCH A PUSH, I KNOW ESPECIALLY WITH MY LIMITED EXPERIENCE WITHIN FOOD POLICY, THAT YOU GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. THAT'S WHAT GOVERNMENT DOES. WHICH OBVIOUSLY DRIVES SOME PEOPLE CRAZY SOME OF THE TIME, BUT I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, I TRUST JEFF TO RUN THE COUNTY, AND TO BE A GREAT LEADER. TO MANAGE A VERY DIFFICULT COUNTY BUDGET. TO CREATE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS LIKE THE COUNTY CROPS FARM, AND TO CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EDWARD HERSHEY, I'M A RESIDENT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND A NODDING ACQUAINTANCE OF JEFF COGEN. OUR FAMILIES BELONG TO THE SAME SYNAGOGUE. I DECIDE TO COME WHEN I READ OF YOUR RESOLUTION, MS. SHIPRACK BECAUSE THE BROOKLYN IN ME CAN STILL SENSE WHEN PEOPLE ARE PILING ON. I DO NOT COME BEFORE YOU TO PRAISE MR. COGEN BUT ASK YOU IN THE NAME OF FAIRNESS AND

GOOD PROCESS NOT TO BURY HIM BEFORE THE FACTS ARE IN. AS I POSTED YESTERDAY ON THE "WILLAMETTE WEEK" WEBSITE, I THINK THE CENTRAL ISSUE IS WHETHER THE AFFAIR INFLUENCED PERSONNEL OR POLICY DECISIONS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. TAKE OUT THE SEX. AND SEE IF THE WORKPLACE CONTACTS BETWEEN MR. COGEN MS. MANHAS COULD HAVE DERIVED NOT FROM LUST OR EVEN LOVE, BUT RATHER FROM A COUNTY CHAIR SPOTTING A LIVE WIRE DOWN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND CONSPIRING WITH HER TO CIRCUMVENT THE BUREAUCRACY. GOODNESS KNOWS, IT WAS A TERRIBLE IDEA TO MAKE THAT PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP PERSONAL, BUT WAS IT THE EQUIVALENT OF AN IMPEACHABLE OFFENSE? I'M A JOURNALIST BY TRADE AND I CAN TELL YOU IT IS IN THE NATURE OF THE PRESS WHEN A SENSATIONAL STORY LIKE THIS EMERGES, TO QUICKLY TURN FROM REPORTING THE NEWS TO TRYING THE ACCUSED. BUT THAT KIND OF RESPONSE REQUEST NOT BELONG IN THIS ROOM WHEN SO THE-CALLED MEAN GIRLS WERE SITTING IN YOUR CHAIRS AND IT DOES NOT BELONG HERE TODAY. YOU HAVE ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, WHICH IS A FAIR AND CONSIDERED APPROACH. WHY DELIVER A VERDICT BEFORE YOU GET THE FACTS? A READER NAMED ROBERT WHO RESPONDED TO MY POST WROTE, "PISS-POOR JUDGMENT IS REASON ENOUGH TO OUST AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OR CIVIL SERVANT." IS THAT REALLY THE STANDARD? OR SHOULD A DELIBERATIVE BODY REQUIRE MORE? BECAUSE IF POOR JUDGMENT, EVEN PISS-POOR JUDGMENT IS IN ITSELF REASON ENOUGH, THEN WHO AMONG US IS EXEMPT? PLEASE TABLE THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> MY NAME IS JIM WHITTENBERG, I'M A 74-YEAR-OLD CITIZEN WHO HAS RECENTLY HAD HIS FIRST STROKE AND FIRST HEART ATTACK. THEY'RE NOT FUN, I ITEM YOU. SECONDLY, I BELIEVE YOU ARE MY COMMISSIONER, IS THAT RIGHT? YOU HAVE THE PEACE HOUSE COMMUNITY ON 18th AND TILLAMOOK?

Commissioner Smith: NO.

>> WHO IS MY REPRESENTATIVE? I THOUGHT I VOTED FOR HER. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> WELL, THAT'S HOW MUCH I KNOW. I WON'T VOTE FOR YOU AGAIN IF I GET A CHANCE. WHOEVER IS MY COMMISSIONER WILL NOT GET MY VOTE, NOR WILL THEY GET PAT'S VOTE OR JOHN'S, OR ANYONE IN THE PEACE HOUSE COMMUNITY IN PORTLAND, WHICH IS HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. WE'RE GOING TO VOTE AND WORK AGAINST YOU ACTIVELY, ALL OF YOU. WE HAVE A NEW GROUP OF MEAN GIRLS INTO THE OFFICE NOW. I HATE TO SAY THAT, BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS REPRESENTS. I THINK EACH OF YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO YOUR OFFICE, I KNEW DEBORAH'S DAD, STEVE, I KNEW HER

MOTHER GRETCHEN, AND THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE DONE THIS, NEVER WOULD HAVE DONE THIS STUFF. AND I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I QUIT -- QUIT FACEBOOKING ME. I'M TIRED OF YOUR PICTURES. IF YOU HAVE TO STOP THE WHOLE FACEBOOK I WILL. THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU FOLKS IS, I'VE BEEN IN POLITICS FOR 50 YEARS NOW, FOR 50 LONG YEARS I'VE BEEN THE HEAD OF THE OREGON STUDENT LOBBY, I'VE BEEN THE -- I'VE RUN THE MEASURE 6 CAMPAIGN HERE, THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT, AND I'M NOT A LIBERAL. I'M NOT A LIBERAL AT ALL. I'VE MET JOE COGEN ONCE, I THINK, I MET MARJORIE I THINK -- DEBORAH ONCE, I HAVEN'T MET THE REST OF YOU. NONE OF YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I WILL WORK AGAINST EVERY ONE OF YOUR REELECTION CAMPAIGNS IN THE FUTURE. BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WRONG, WRONG, WRONG, AND I JUST WOULD -- I DISLIKE YOU FOR IT. SECONDLY, THIS IS MY PRECINCT CARD. I NOW TEAR IT UP AND I WILL NOT BE A DEMOCRAT ANY LONGER. I'M QUITTING THE PARTY AFTER 50 YEARS NOW, BECAUSE OF YOU. SO HOPE YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. LYNDA, WOULD YOU CALL UP IF THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE?

>> GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS T.J. BROWNING, I'M VERY GLAD TO NOT BE MRS. JEFF COGEN TODAY. BUT I'M ALSO VERY GLAD TO BE A MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER UNDER THE LEADERSHIP MUCH JEFF COGEN. I TELL YOU THIS TO REMIND YOU THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PUBLIC TRUST AND PRIVATE TRUST. TO ERR IS HUMAN. WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. IT ISN'T THE FACT THAT YOU MAKE A MISTAKE THAT SEPARATES THE GOOD FROM THE BAD, IT'S HOW YOU DEAL WITH THAT MISTAKE. AND HOPEFULLY GROW FROM THAT. I'VE SEEN NO INDICATION FROM THIS CHAIR THAT HE IS HANDLING IT IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN A PROFESSIONAL WAY. I LOOK AT A BUDGET THAT I'M PLEASED WITH IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION, I'M LOOKING AT COUNTY THAT'S WORKING AND FUNCTIONING, WHICH YOU ALL HELPED WITH. THIS IS A DIVERSION, THIS BENEATH THIS BODY. IF YOU'RE LOOK FOR PUNISHMENT, MAY I REMIND YOU HISTORICALLY WE USED TO PUT PEOPLE IN STOCKS IN PUBLIC SQUARES TO BE HUMILIATED AND INSULTED, AND I THINK THIS HAS BEEN DONE. HE IS A GOOD LEADER, WE'VE ELECTED YOU TO BE A DELIBERATIVE BODY, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE FACTS ARE IN BEFORE YOU MAKE THIS DECISION. I WILL COME AND TESTIFY THAT THE TIME IF THE FACTS BEAR OUT, AND I WILL BE CHANGING MY SUPPORT. BUT AT THIS POINT I SEE NO REASON TO DO THAT. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I HAVE THIS THEORY THAT THERE ARE MANY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, DC THAT ARE PERFECTLY FAITHFUL TO THEIR SPOUSES, BUT LET ME REMIND YOU THEY'RE SCREWING THE COUNTRY. SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMANUEL PRICE, AND I WORK FOR -- I INTERN FOR JEFF COGEN LAST SUMMER. AND IT WAS A BRIEF INTERNSHIP. AND DURING THAT TIME, SOMETIMES CONSTITUENTS FEEL LIKE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE CAN'T TALK TO THEM OR THEY'RE NOT PERSONABLE, BUT FOR ME IT WAS THE TOTAL OPPOSITE. JEFF WAS VERY PERSONABLE AND I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW EARN GAUGED HE WAS WITH JUST REGULAR CONVERSATION WITH ME. HE WOULD STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION, AND WOULD BE REALLY EMPHATIC ON WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, AND GIVE ME GOOD ADVICE, AND DURING THAT TIME THE INTERNSHIP I HAD, I ALSO GLEANED FROM HIM, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR, TO BE A BETTER LEADER, AND BECAUSE HE HELPED ME, I WAS ABLE TO GO BACK AND HELP MY COMMUNITY, AND I FEEL LIKE IT WASN'T CRAZY, BUT IT WAS WEIRD, BECAUSE WE FEEL LIKE SOME PEOPLE ARE UNTOUCHABLE. I WAS LIKE, HE REALLY ACTUALLY DOES CARE. ACTUALLY, HE CARES ABOUT PORTLAND, HE CARES ABOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT RESONATED DEEP WITH ME. AND HE ALSO EDUCATED ME AND TAUGHT ME A FEW THINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, I'M A YOUNG FATHER, AND LAST YEAR THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON AROUND BPA AND REMOVING THE CHEMICAL, HARMFUL CHEMICALS FROM BOTTLES IN SIPPY CUPS. AT THE TIME I HAD A 2-YEAR-OLD. SHE'S 3, SHE'S NOT 2 ANYMORE, BUT SHE WAS A YOUNG BABY. AND I HAD NO CLUE WHAT BPA WAS, BUT JEFF TOOK THE TIME TO PULL ME ASIDE AND EDUCATE ME AND LET ME KNOW WHAT ALL THAT WAS ABOUT. AND THAT FOR ME RESONATED REALLY DEEP WITHIN ME, BECAUSE IF HE TOOK TIME TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT ALL OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND HE DIDN'T HAVE TO WEIGH IN AND ASK ME WHAT I THOUGHT, OR WHAT DECISION I SHOULD -- HE SHOULD MAKE, BECAUSE I WASN'T IN COUNSEL, BUT HE ACTUALLY LISTENED AND VALUED MY OPINION. AND BECAUSE OF THE DECISION HE MADE, THE SIPPY CUPS AND BOUGHT RACHEL SOTO NOW BANNED. THAT'S SOME INFORMATION I WASN'T PRIVY TO, AND I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT, BUT HE EXPLAINED IT TO ME. AND NOW I CAN SAY, I REMEMBER THAT HAPPENING. AND I'M THANKFUL TO HIM FOR THAT. SO WE SUPPORT YOU, YOU'RE A GREAT LEADER, YOU'VE ALSO HELPED ME TO LEAD MY COMMUNITY, BECAUSE YOU EXTENDED THAT OLIVE BRANCH TO ME, I WAS ABLE TO ALSO GO OUT AND EXTEND THAT SAME OLIVE BRANCH TO MY COMMUNITY. BECAUSE YOU HELPED ME, I'M HELPING THEM, BECAUSE YOU'RE A GREAT LEADER, I'M A GREAT LEADER. BECAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY, YOU HELPED ME BE A BETTER CONSTITUENT. SO WE SUPPORT YOU AND KEEP YOUR HEAD UP AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID FOR ME AND FOR THE REST OF US.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TED BLASAK, I'VE BEEN A FRIEND OF JEFF COGAN'S FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS NOW. AND I FEEL BLESSED AND HONORED TO

BE HIS FRIEND. WE GET TOGETHER EVERY NOW AND THEN I'M LIKE, JEFF, HOW ARE YOU DOING, AND I TELL HIM ABOUT MY FAMILY, AND MY VEGETABLE GARDEN AND LIFE IN GENERAL. AND I'M LIKE, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU? AND HE SAYS, I'M REALLY EXCITED, THERE'S THIS COUNTY LAND BY THE AIRPORT AND WE'RE GOING TO GROW VEGETABLES THERE, AND WE'RE GOING GIVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE, WHO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT! AND OH, THAT'S GREAT. WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON? THERE'S THIS BRIDGE AND WE'RE GOING TO MOVE IT AND USE DAWN DISH DETERGENT TO DO IT. IT'S REALLY COOL! THE MAN IS A POLICY WONK. HE LIVES, AND HE BREATHEES IT, AND HE KNOWS IT. AND HE'S A GREAT VALUE. AND A GREAT RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. 15 YEARS AGO WHEN THIS COUNTY COMMISSION WAS COMPLETELY DYSFUNCTIONAL, WE ALL DESIRED TO MOVE PAST THAT. AND YOU DID. YOU PEOPLE HERE WITH JEFF, AND COMMISSIONER WHEELER, MOVED FORWARD. AND HEALED DYSFUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND MADE IT FUNCTIONAL. I REMEMBER, FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T HAVE THE FACTS RIGHT, AT THAT TIME CHAIR LYNN MARRIED HER CHIEF OF STAFF OR A STAFF MEMBER. IT WASN'T A NEWS ITEM. NO ONE CARED. BECAUSE WE WERE DISTRACTED BY A DYSFUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE A FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT, WE ALLOW SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT BEFORE, TO MOVE US AWAY FROM WHAT OUR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS ARE. AND I WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING. I HOPE, AND I PRAY THAT THERE IS NOT POLITICAL MOTIVATION HERE. THAT SOMEBODY DOESN'T WANT HIS JOB AND THAT MIGHT BE A BIG FORCE BEHIND THIS RESOLUTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY?

Board Clerk: YES.

>> CHAIR COGEN AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS PAT LACROSSE, I'M A MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTER, AND HAVE RESIDED IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I'M A RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND ON A NUMBER OF NONPROFIT BOARDS. I'M HERE TODAY ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF CHAIR COGEN. I'VE WORKED WITH CHAIR COGEN ON PUBLIC EFFORTS AND AS VOLUNTEER MOST RECENTLY IN THE EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND MEASURE. I'VE FOUND HIM TO BE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS AND A THOUGHTFUL WORKER, WILLING TO PUT OUT THE ENERGY REQUIRED TO PURSUE PUBLIC GOALS. IN THIS CASE, THE MUCH-NEEDED REPAIR OF DETERIORATED PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS. I WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH MR. COGEN'S DEMONSTRATED POOR JUDGMENT IN UNDERTAKING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEE. IT WAS VERY WRONG ON MANY FRONTS. BUT I HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY AND WISH THEM THE BEST. I DO NOT OFFER ANY OTHER OPINION ON THE PERSONAL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER. THE ISSUE AT HAND IS ONE OF THE PROPOSED RESIGNATION. MY OPINION IS

THAT BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW, MR. COGEN SHOULD NOT RESIGN. THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER HE HAS DONE AND MAY CONTINUE TO DO A COMPETENT JOB OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD IS UP TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE COUNTY'S VOTERS. THEY AND ONLY THEY SHOULD MAKE THAT DECISION. THERE IS ANOTHER YEAR TO RUN IN HIS TERM, AS WE'VE DISCUSSED, A FORMAL REVIEW OF HIS ACTION IS BEING UNDERTAKEN, AND WE'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THAT REVIEW PRIOR TO THE NEXT ELECTION. WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS HIS ON THE JOB PERFORMANCE AND HIS PRODUCTIVITY FROM HEREON. A RESIGNATION ARE OR HIS PART ROBS THE VOTER OF THEIR SACRED RIGHT TO MAKE THIS DECISION. A YEAR IS NOT A LONG TIME, AND WE CAN WAIT UNTIL THEN TO EXERCISE OUR CITIZEN RIGHT TO MAKE THAT DECISION. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, SIR. GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF EVERY ACTIVIST ACROSS THE PLANET. WHAT WE'RE SEEING TODAY IS A PERFECT ANALOGY FOR WHAT IS OCCURRING IN OUR GOVERNMENT. AT THE CORE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN'T PRACTICE SIMPLE PERSONAL VALUES THROUGH HIS LIFE AND WE'RE EXPECTING HIM TO LEAD OUR WHOLE CITY. IT'S QUITE PHENOMENAL, ACTUALLY. INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSUME THAT SOMEONE WHO CAN'T HOLD DEAR THEIR FAMILY AND THE RESPECT THEY SHOULD HAVE FOR THEIR FAMILY, WE EXPECT THEM TO HOLD DEAR THE RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS THEY'VE POSSIBLY NEVER MET, FOR INSTANCE, I KNOW I'VE NEVER MET YOU, HOW I DO EXPECT YOU TO REPRESENT ME WHEN YOU CAN'T REPRESENT YOUR FAMILY? FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SITUATION. EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS DISCREDITED THESE WOMEN UP HERE IS ABSOLUTELY SELFISH. THESE LADIES ARE NOW POTENTIALLY GOING TO BE DISCREDITED IF THEY SEEK A PROMOTION. JUST LIKE THE INDIVIDUAL YOU HAD THE AFFAIR WITH WAS ASKED TO RESIGN AND DID RESIGN. IN SEVERAL INTERVIEWS YOU HAVE SAID THAT THIS AFFAIR HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER PROMOTION. SHE FEELS OTHERWISE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TELL THE TRUTH FROM HERE ON OUT IF YOU DO KEEP YOUR CHAIR. I MAY BE AT ANOTHER MEETING, SIR. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ALSO, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON A GLOBAL SCALE, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACTING SELFISHLY AND NOT SELFLESSLY ARE STILL IN PLACES OF POWER. WE ABSOLUTELY MUST DISMANTLE THIS SELFISH SYSTEM. WE ABSOLUTELY MUST SEE FROM OTHER PERSPECTIVES WHAT IS OCCURRING HERE. I DON'T MIND THAT A FRIEND OF 20 YEARS, 30 YEARS WOULD LIKE TO RESPECT MR. COGEN FOR WHAT HE'S DONE, BUT I CANNOT RESPECT YOU FOR HAVING AN AFFAIR, I CANNOT RESPECT YOU FOR NOT SEEING FROM THESE LADIES' PERSPECTIVE WHAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. TODAY I'M VERY DISHEARTENED BY ANY RESPECT THAT IS DIRECTED TOWARDS THESE LADIES, AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT. AND I HOPE THE

INDIVIDUALS IN THIS ROOM UNDERSTAND AT THEIR MATURE AGE HOW TO ACT. AND I HOPE I DON'T SEE THIS IN MY GOVERNMENT ANYMORE. I'VE SEEN 40 A PRESIDENT, I'VE SEEN IT FROM A CHAIRMAN, AND I'M FINISHED WITH IT. AND I'M ONLY 19 YEARS OLD. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT SOME OF YOU INDIVIDUALS HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH THIS GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. AND I'M FINISHED. TODAY I'M HAPPY TO REPRESENT MY PEOPLE, AND I'VE COME ALL THE WAY FROM SEATTLE TO DO SO. AND MY PEOPLE ARE THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE CITY HALL WHO ARE FORCED TO SLEEP ON THE CEMENT, WHO ARE FORCED TO BE CONSTANTLY AWAKENED BY THE POLICE, AND I APOLOGIZE IF I STUTTER TODAY, I'M A LITTLE BIT SLEEP DEPRIVED. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND I WISH THAT MAYBE SOME SPEAKERS WOULD APPRECIATE YOU AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MELISSA EGAN, AND MY REMARKS WILL BE BRIEF. I JUST WANT TO SAY I DO NOT SUPPORT THE RESIGNATION CALLING FOR JEFF'S -- THE -- I DO NOT SUPPORT JEFF RESIGNING. I THINK THAT THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD GO THROUGH, I THAT I WAS GOOD IDEA. AND WE SHOULD ALL SEE THE RESULTS OF THAT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT JEFF HAS -- ONE OF HIS CHARMS IS HE'S SO EASY TO WORK WITH. AND THAT HE'S MADE HIMSELF KIND OF HARD TO WORK WITH THESE PAST COUPLE WEEKS. BUT WE NEED YOU GUYS TO HANG IN THERE, AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SOME DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS GOING FORWARD. BUT I THINK THAT HIS TRACK RECORD OF INTEGRITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE SHOULDN'T BE JUST THROWN AWAY LIKE THIS. AND YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME HARD WORK GOING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR HANGING IN THERE. BUT THIS ISN'T DONE, AND WE NEED TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THAT INVESTIGATION. SO GOOD LUCK WITH EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE COMING FORWARD.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. RESIGN. SHAME ON YOU, MR. COGEN. SHAME ON YOU TO ALLOW THESE CREDIBLE PEOPLE, GOOD PEOPLE ALONGSIDE OF YOU, TO BE DISCREDITED TODAY. AND ANYBODY IN THIS ROOM I HOPE YOU LEAVE AND DON'T EVER COME BACK HERE. WE NEED TRUSTWORTHY PEOPLE IN OFFICE. WE NEED PEOPLE THAT ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. LET'S LOOK AT HISTORY HERE. EX-MAYOR SAM ADAMS. WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT SCANDAL? MR. BALL, A RENTAL DEVELOPER, WAS BLATANTLY LIED ABOUT IN THE -- AND THE MAYOR, SAM ADAMS, BECAME THE CURRENT MAYOR, THE EX-MAYOR IN PORTLAND, NOW, LET'S LOOK AT THE SCANDAL. TWO RECALL EFFORTS, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME ON THAT, INVESTIGATIONS, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, AND WHAT DID IT DO FOR

THE CITY OF PORTLAND? LET'S LOOK AT IT. HISTORIC BUDGET SHORTFALL. THAT'S WHAT IT DID. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN THROUGH THIS ONGOING AND PENDING INVESTIGATION THAT PEOPLE WANT TO DRAG OUT AS LONG AS THEY CAN, IT WILL DO NOTHING BUT HURT THE LOCAL ECONOMY. WE HAVE FINALLY BEGUN TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT. RESIGN, LET THESE GOOD PEOPLE SITTING NEXT TO YOU TAKE YOUR POSITION. IF THEY'D LIKE TO. THEY'VE EARNED IT. THEY'VE EARNED THE TRUST OF THE PUBLIC. THAT IS WHAT IT'S ABOUT HERE. THE TRUST, PRESERVING A GOOD LOCAL ECONOMY TO CONTINUE TO GO IN A POSITIVE MANNER, AND I'M HERE TO SAY THIS -- YOU HAVE A LOT OF GOOD FRIENDS BACKING YOU. YOU HAVE A LOT OF GOOD FRIENDS IN THIS ROOM. BUT IF WE SHOW A BUDGET SHORTFALL AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I WILL HOLD YOU PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE. RESIGN. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. LYNDA, ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY?

Board Clerk: YES.

>> I'LL GO FIRST. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MY SAY PUBLICLY.

Chair Cogen: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> MY NAME IS LISA FINEROW, A RECENT MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. I'VE LIVED HERE IN OREGON FOR TWO YEARS. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING THAT THE FIRST COMMENT THAT WAS MADE BY ONE OF YOUR COMMISSIONERS ON -- IN OPENING STATEMENTS WAS THAT THERE WERE OPINIONS AND FEELINGS THAT SHE HAD THAT SHE CHOSE TO KEEP TO HERSELF AND NOT HAVE DISPLAYED FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK WHO IN THIS AUDIENCE IS IN A POSITION TO HAVE THEIR LIFE PLACED UNDER SUCH SCRUTINY THAT IT WOULD SURVIVE THIS LEVEL, THIS INTENSITY OF PERSONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THEIR AFFAIRS? THEIR PRIVATE AND PERSONAL AFFAIRS. I THINK THAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE IN THIS ROOM WHO CAN SAY THEY DON'T -- OR IN THIS AUDIENCE WHO CAN SAY THEY DON'T HAVE EXPERIENCES IN THEIR PAST THAT IF THEY WERE BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN SUCH A FASHION WOULD DISCREDIT THEM AMONGST THEIR FAMILY, THEIR COWORKERS AND THEIR COMMUNITY, I THINK THEY SHOULD CONSIDER IF THEY'VE EVER MADE A MISTAKE IN THEIR LIFE, AND IF IT'S FORGIVABLE. THE ISSUES CONSUMING THIS COMMUNITY NOT BECAUSE -- ONLY BECAUSE IT'S SEX AND IT'S POLITICS AND IT'S SEXY. AND INSTEAD OF -- IF WE'RE GOING TO PLACE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD UNDER THIS KIND OF SCRUTINY, I THINK THE ENTIRE BOARD, I THINK THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER THIS TYPE OF SCRUTINY. I THINK IT'S UNREASONABLE TO HOLD ONE MAN TO A STANDARD THAT MANY OF US COULD NOT LIVE UP TO. THIS MAN HAS SPENT HIS LIFE, HE'S DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THIS

COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THE QUESTION YOU NEED TO BE ASKING YOURSELF IS THE COUNTY IN BETTER OR WORSE CONDITION SINCE BOTH HE AND THE OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS SITUATION HAVE TAKEN ON THEIR SEATS WITH THE COUNTY. I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL A CHAIN OF COMMAND BE ENTITLED TO BE BROKEN. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE'S VOICE TO BE HEARD, AND I WOULD QUESTION THE MOTIFS OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS AN ISSUE. WOULD I ASK THEM TO PUT THEIR PUBLIC LIFE, THEIR PRIVATE LIFE, THEIR FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL AFFAIRS UNDER THIS SCRUTINY. I BELIEVE THAT MR. COGEN WILL SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE TRYING TO OVERCOME THIS AND MAKING AMENDS TO THE COMMUNITY. FOR WHATEVER CHARACTERIZATION YOU'D LIKE TO ASSIGN TO THIS PARTICULAR ACT, I'M WILLING TO BET THAT IT'S OUT OF CHARACTER AND WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. SO IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO -- I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE AFFAIRS OF OUR SOCIETY ARE MUCH GREATER THAN THE PERSONAL AFFAIRS AND THE INTERWORKINGS, INTERPERSONAL AFFAIRS OF ANY TWO PEOPLE IN ANY ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY. WHETHER IT BE THE PRIVATE OR THE PUBLIC SECTOR. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR GOVERNMENT DOLLARS ARE TIME AND ENERGY SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE LARGER SOCIETAL ISSUES. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY GIVE BACK TO BE RESTORED TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS IT WAS, WHICH WAS VERY SUCCESSFULLY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> MY NAME IS SAM SEGAL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THERE'S BEEN MANY EXTREMELY ARTICULATE SPEAKERS PRIOR TO ME, AND FOR THE MOST PART I AGREE WITH ALL OF THE POSITIVE POINTS THAT WERE MADE. I SUPPORT JEFF, I BELIEVE JEFF HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF OF RUNNING MULTNOMAH COUNTY COUNTY, BRINGING BENEFIT TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND MAKING IT WORK. THIS IS CLEARLY AN UNFORTUNATE THING THAT HAS HAPPENED. I KNOW THAT HE IS PERSONALLY SUFFERING, HIS FAMILY IS SUFFERING, AND THAT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO REBUILD, AND I HOPE IT DOES SUCCESS FAMILY REBUILD FOR ALL INVOLVED. AND AS PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT, THIS IS BEING A DISTRACTION BECAUSE IN PART MEDIA IS MAKING IT A DISTRACTION, AND ALSO IN PART THERE ARE OTHER COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE MAKING IT A DISTRACTION. AN INVESTIGATION WAS AUTHORIZED, IT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. BUT UNTIL THEN, ANYTHING, ANY DECISIONS ARE PREMATURE AND THAT CAN BE DONE OFF TO THE SIDE AND WHEN THE FACTS ARE IN, A DECISION CAN BE MADE. UNTIL THEN, JEFF HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO, AND AS WAS CLEARLY POINTED OUT, THE VOTERS ULTIMATELY WILL MAKE A CHOICE ON WHETHER OR NOT HE DESERVES TO BE IN OFFICE, AND IF HE IS, HE WILL BE ELECTED, AND IF HE IS NOT, SOMEONE ELSE WILL BE. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. King: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PROMISE KING, FOR THE RECORD. ALL OF US WHO LOVE THE MOSAIC OF THIS GREAT COUNTY ARE SADDENED. ALL OF US WHO HAVE MADE MISTAKES IN THEIR LIFE ARE WORRIED. ALL OF US WHO CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE WORK OF THIS COUNTY ARE VERY, VERY CONFUSED. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, ALL OF US WHO BELIEVE IN JEFF [INDISCERNIBLE] AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, BELIEVE IN HIM. THERE IS NOTHING I CAN SAY AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT COUNCIL [INDISCERNIBLE] BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ALL OF US CAN DO. THAT IS TO BE PATIENT, TO LET IT PLAY ITSELF OUT. YOU HAVE -- AN INQUIRY INTO WHAT HAPPENED. LET IT PLAY ITSELF OUT. RUSH TO JUDGMENT CAN LEAD US [INDISCERNIBLE] ALL OF US DON'T LIKE INJUSTICE. I WORK FOR JEFF, I KNOW JEFF. I CAN TELL YOU, I KNOW THE FAMILY. I CAN TELL YOU THAT. JEFF HAS DEMONSTRATED THE VALUE THAT THIS COUNTY REPRESENTS WHEN IT COMES TO DIVERSITY AND EQUITY AND RACE RELATION. THE HARDEST [INDISCERNIBLE] BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, JEFF HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT. WHEN YOU ASKED ME AN ELECTED OFFICIAL I WILL ASK YOU, SHOW ME WHO WORKS FOR YOU. JEFF TODAY HAS THE BEST STAFF, DIVERSE, EXPERIENCED, AND EXCELLENT. YOU KNOW, ALL OF US CAN COME HERE AND MAKE JUDGMENT. IT WON'T DO US ANY GOOD. THERE IS NO ONE THAT IS FREE FROM SCENES. ALL OF US, WE MUST USE THIS MOMENT. I LOOK AT WHAT JEFF HAS DONE, NOT JUST WHAT HAS HAPPENED NOW, BUT THE TOTAL SUM OF HIS PERFORMANCE AS A COUNTY OFFICIAL. YOU KNOW, TWO YEARS AGO JEFF DROVE ALL THE WAY TO TROUTDALE TO HELP US, THE OREGON LEAGUE OF MINORITY VOTERS, DEVELOP OUR DEBATE TEAM. ONE OF THE KIDS NOW IS [INDISCERNIBLE] TWO WEEKS AGO DONOVAN -- [INDISCERNIBLE] HE CAME TO THE OFFICE WITH A LITTLE STENCH. I CALLED MY FRIENDS, WE PAID HIS LIGHT BILL, AND WATER BILL THIS MORNING. YOU KNOW, FOLKS, THIS IS WHAT BROUGHT ME TO THIS, AND THIS IS WHAT -- [INDISCERNABLE] TO ASK JEFF TO KEEP WORKING SO WE CAN RESOLVE THE ISSUES THAT MATTER. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE MORE?

Board Clerk: YES.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID FOREMAN, I SERVE ON THE COUNTY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION. I AGREED TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN CHAIR COGEN'S EFFORTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY, AND TO MAKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AN INTERNATIONAL MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE ACTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENT. WHEN I CAME HERE THIS MORNING I THOUGHT I WOULD BE ONE OF THE FEW VOICES ASKING THIS BOARD TO LET THE INVESTIGATION PLAY OUT. BUT IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE COMMUNITY OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTS THAT. JUST LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN GIVEN ALREADY TODAY. I KNOW CHAIR COGEN MADE A MISFAKE, I'M SURE CHAIR COGEN UNDERSTANDS THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THIS ROOM. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE GOOD THAT CHAIR COGEN HAS DONE

FOR THIS COMMUNITY, ALL THE POLICIES HE SUPPORTS, WHICH I SUPPORT, AND ALL THE GOOD THAT CHAIR COGEN CAN DO FOR THIS COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE AND WILL DO FOR THIS COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE DOES NOT GET OVERLOOKED. AGAIN, I AM NOT HERE TO CONDONE BEHAVIOR, I AM ONLY HERE TO ASK THAT THE COMMITTEE LET THE INVESTIGATION PLAY OUT.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. COUNTY CHAIR COGEN AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS NICOLETTE SMITH, AND I'M THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT THE BUCKMAN SUN SCHOOL. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH JEFF COGEN DURING THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE BUCKMAN, SUN, AND TWO OTHER SUN SCHOOLS UNDER THREAT OF CLOSING DUE TO CITY BUDGET CUTS. I'M HERE TODAY AS A VOTER, AS A WORKING MOTHER, AND AS A CITIZEN OF PORTLAND TO STRONGLY REQUEST THAT JEFF COGEN NOT RESIGN FROM HIS POSITION AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR. DURING A HECTIC TIME OF CITY AND COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS, JEFF COGEN DEMONSTRATED STRENGTH AND RESILIENCY IN THE FACE OF WHAT WAS CALLED ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT BUDGETS IN OUR CITY AND -- THAT OUR CITY AND COUNTY HAD TO WORK WITH. MR. COGEN'S ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITY, FIND OUTSIDE OF THE BOX SOLUTIONS, AND REINFORCE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO PRESERVE KEY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, COMMUNITIES, AND FAMILIES IS INSPIRING AND ADMIRABLE. MR. COGEN'S KINDNESS, DETERMINATION, CLEAR COMMUNICATION, AND DEDICATION TO THE KIDS OF PORTLAND IS UNMATCHED IN LOCAL POLITICS. OUR CITY AND OUR COUNTY WOULD SUFFER AN INCREDIBLE LOSS IF MR. COGEN WERE TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS POSITION. AND WE CANNOT AFFORD SUCH A DEVASTATING LOSS DURING THIS TIME. MR. COGEN, HAVE YOU HAD AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MY SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY. WE NEED YOU IN PUBLIC POLICY, AND WE NEED YOU IN PORTLAND. I'M ASKING YOU AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO STAY STRONG DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE, WITH TENACITY, DEDICATION, FAIRNESS, AND KINDNESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAN BARNHART, I LIVE IN THE MOUNT TABOR AREA OF PORTLAND, SINCE 1990. I WAS BORN HERE IN PORTLAND. I'M HERE IN FAVOR OF MR. COGEN. MOSTLY OUT OF -- I THINK HE'S VERY TALENTED, VERY SKILLED, AND I PAY MODERATE ATTENTION TO THE POLITICS HERE IN PORTLAND, AND I'VE BEEN FRUSTRATED AT TIMES. BUT I SEE HIM AS A RISING STAR. I THINK HE'S GOT THE HEART OF A PUBLIC SERVANT. AND WE NEED THAT KIND OF TALENT. WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. RARELY SO PUBLICLY. AND

RARELY WITH THIS TYPE OF PUBLIC HUMILIATION. BUT IT'S HOW WE DEAL WITH MISTAKES WE MAKE THAT DEFINE OUR CHARACTER. DO WE OWN THEM? DO WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM? HE'S DONE THAT. NOW I WANT HIM TO GOVERN. TO BE A GOOD LEADER OF THIS COMMUNITY. AND HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. HE'LL BE A BETTER MAN IN THE LONG RUN FOR THIS, AND A BETTER LEADER HAVING LEARNED FROM THIS MISTAKE. I WOULD LIKE HIM TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD US, BECAUSE FINDING THIS KIND OF TALL ENDER AND THIS KIND OF ABILITY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS DIFFICULT. AND I WANT HIM TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME COISE SCOTT, I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL FOR 30 YEARS. AND I'VE LIVED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT MANY YEARS. I'VE PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY KNOWN AND WORKED WITH JEFF COGEN FOR THE MAJORITY OF THOSE YEARS. MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM AND THROUGHOUT THIS CITY ARE STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK AND DISBELIEF. IT IS DEFINITELY NOT A TIME TO RUSH -- TO PASS JUDGMENT OR TO MAKE RASH DECISIONS. HOWEVER, IT IS DEFINITELY A TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER, PUT OUR ARMS AROUND, AND HELP BUILD A MORE SOLID FOUNDATION UNDER THIS PROVEN MEMBER AND LEADER OF THIS COUNTY WHO IS STRUGGLING AND SUFFERING. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> DEFORA SPILL MONSOON, STEPHANIE PAIGE AND GLEN GILBERT, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>> HI, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE PAIGE. I'M NOT MUCH OF A PUBLIC SPEAKER, BUT I CAN GIVE THIS A SHOT. I'M A CITIZEN OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT TWO. AND I'M YOUR SILVER LINING I WOULD SAY, BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT I GET UP AND GO TO WORK EVERY DAY AND DON'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT IT IS YOU'RE DOING. YOU WERE THE PEOPLE THAT PUT THE CALORIES ON THE MENUS AND I DON'T LIKE LOOKING AT THEM. AND ALTHOUGH IT'S MADE A HUGE IMPACT ON MY LIFE, I'VE LOST 50 POUNDS AND I MAKE BETTER FOOD CHOICES NOW. I DON'T SUPPORT THE RESIGNATION OF MR. COGEN. AND WHEN I I'M THE SILVER LINING US BECAUSE IN THE LAST COUPLE NIGHTS JUST REVIEWING WHAT IT IS THIS BOARD IS ABOUT AND WHAT IT IS YOU DO, I'M IMPRESSED AND I'VE LEARNED THAT MS. KAFOURY IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF SELLWOOD BRIDGE, AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT THINGS LIKE THAT JUST GET DONE BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY HAPPEN. SO I'M -- I'M NOT SUPPORTIVE OF THIS RESIGNATION MAINLY FOR THE REASON THAT I FEEL LIKE THIS HASN'T BEEN COMPLETELY INVESTIGATED YET. IT HASN'T BEEN INVESTIGATED YET. AND THE ONLY FACTS THAT ANY OF US ARE

REALLY TOTALLY FAMILIAR WITH ARE THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO US BY THE MEDIA. I WOULD PREFER THAT WE WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION IS, AND I ALSO THINK THAT GIVEN THE FACT THIS RESIGNATION TOPIC ONLY CAME UP LESS THAN 24 HOURS AGO, AND THERE IS THIS MANY PEOPLE IN HERE AT THIS POINT WHICH REALLY ISN'T EVEN THAT MANY PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S MORE THAN I THOUGHT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD LET THE PEOPLE AS YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER, MAKE THE DECISION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD BE IN THIS POSITION, AND THAT WOULD MEAN WE WOULD WAIT UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR A REELECTION. THAT'S WHAT SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE TO ME. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GLEN, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT 87 AND AGAINST HIS RESIGNATION. FULL DISCLOSURE, I'M ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CASCADE AIDS PROJECT WHICH RECEIVES FUNDING FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT I'M NOT HERE IN MY CAPACITY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CASCADIA'S PROJECT. I'VE KNOWN JEFF FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS, AND HE'S A FRIEND. I BELIEVE JEFF IS A VERY, VERY GOOD PERSON, AND A VERY, VERY GOOD LEADER. I BELIEVE JEFF HAS ALSO MADE A HUGE MISTAKE. BUT WE ARE ALL HUMAN, AND I THINK THAT SOMEBODY ELSE HAS ALREADY SAID THIS, THAT MOST OF US HAVE MADE HUGE MISTAKES IN OUR LIVES AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, BUT DO NOT FALL UNDER THIS KIND OF SCRUTINY. FORGIVENESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED AND I THINK ALL OF OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO JEFF'S FAMILY. IT IS CLEAR TO ME HOWEVER, THAT JEFF IS INCREDIBLY SORRY ABOUT THIS MISTAKE. ANYBODY WHO WATCHED THE INTERVIEW ON TELEVISION THE OTHER NIGHT SAW SOMEONE WHO IS INCREDIBLY CONTRITE, AND FRANKLY THOUGH WE'VE WATCHED MANY POLITICSES MAKE MISTAKES LIKE THIS BEFORE, I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE EVER SEEN ANYONE IN AN INTERVIEW LIKE THAT BE MORE CONTRITE AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO JEFF. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LET THE VOTERS DECIDE IN 10 MONTHS. JEFF HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK IN GOVERNING THE COUNTY. JEFF CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE, CARES MORE ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND IDEAS AND GOVERNANCE THAN ANYONE I'VE EVER MET OR KNOW. AND I HOPE HE CONTINUES TO LEAD. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHERS? ANY ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

Chair Cogen: YOU CAN STILL TESTIFY IF YOU'D LIKE TO TESTIFY. COME UP AND JUST SAY YOUR NAME AND GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY, BUT AFTERWARDS IF YOU COULD --

>> THIS IS UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS. THEIR ITEM IS NOT RELATED TO THIS --

Chair Cogen: I'M SORRY.

>> THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE. I SIGNED UP TO SPEAK --

Chair Cogen: DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS MATTER?

>> OH, THAT'S COMING LATER.

Chair Cogen: THERE'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO OTHER MATTERS.

Ms. Eng: CAN I SPEAK ON THIS MATTER BRIEFLY? I WANT TO SAY THE MISS ONLY NEWS TICK WITCH HUNT AGAINST A POTENTIAL VICTIM OF A SEXUAL HARASSMENT CRIME DOES NOT NEED TO BE MET WITH A LYNCH MOB ATMOSPHERE. SUPPOSING THIS WAS A CONSENSUAL ADULT RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE JOB FRAMEWORK OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I THINK WITCH HUNT, LYNCH MOB AGAINST COGEN IS PREMATURE. AND GIVEN THAT NOT ALL OF US ARE CHRISTIAN MONOGAMIST PEOPLE, SOME OF US HAVE POLY AMOROUS LIFESTYLE, THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS IN OUR MIND, ENFORCEMENT OF A RELIGIOUS AGENDA AGAINST A PERSON WHO MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF OF THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP TO LOVING RELATIONS HAS DISTURBED ME, BECAUSE I DON'T HEAR ANYONE STICKING UP FOR THE WOMAN. SHE MIGHT BE A REALLY FANTASTIC WORKER, REALLY GOOD AT HER JOB. AND I THINK THE SEXIST COERCION OF HER OUT OF THE COUNTY REMINDS ME OF NOTHING LESS THAN NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE'S THE SCARLET LETTER. SOMETIMES WITH SEXISM IN OUR SOCIETY, NOTHING IS BETTER FOR A MAN'S CAREER THAN A SEX SCANDAL. WHEREAS THIS SORT OF TARRING AND FEATHERING OF THE WOMAN IS REALLY, REALLY DISTURBING. SO I HOPE YOU ALL DON'T DO THAT TO ME. I'M BISEXUAL, I'VE HAD A THREESOME, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

Mr. Pickering: I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW THINGS. THE PEOPLE -- I'M ALL OUT WORKING ON PEOPLE SKILLS, WE GOT OUT THERE, BUT THE PEOPLE OUT, THERE I'VE HEARD THE STORIES WHERE PEOPLE GO TO WORK EVERY DAY, AND THEY THINK PEOPLE OUT THERE NEED -- DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE THINGS JUST HANDED TO THEM, WHICH IS -- YOU CAN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION PEOPLE DO WORK OUT THERE AND I COME FROM A WORKING FAMILY, BUT ANYWAY, I DO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF THAT PEOPLE THAT NEED IT -- TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT WORKING ON THINGS. I ALWAYS LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THINGS AND WORK OUT THINGS, LIKE WHEN WE HAVE FAMILY ISSUES, WE SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT

IT. IT'S LIKE, PEOPLE OUT THERE YOU GOT TO FEEL SAFE, SOME PEOPLE YOU'LL NORTHBOUND A GROUP GETTING OFF WORK AND PEOPLE ARE JUDGMENTAL, AND THEY'RE LIKE HEY, AND START A RIOT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, PROTESTORS OR WHATEVER, AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE SAFETY, WHICH IS THEY JUST -- THE PEOPLE OUT THERE, YOU SAY ABOUT BEING SAFE, LOCKING YOUR DOORS, BUT HOW PLUSH IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE OUT THERE ON THE STREET AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING AGAINST THE PEOPLE THAT ARE JUDGMENTAL OR OUT THERE FOR THE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THERE IS A CONSIDERATION WHERE, YOU KNOW, OUT THERE ARE FEELING SAFE, GETTING HURT ON THE STREET OR, YOU KNOW, FIGHTING AGAINST EACH OTHER LIKE ANIMALS. IF WE HAD MORE THINGS THAT WERE -- FIND OUT WHAT THEY LIKE AND WHETHER IT'S GOOD EATING, HAVING POTLUCKS, COMING INTO A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE MORE WHERE THEY GET DRESSED UP, HAVING FUN, YOU KNOW, BEING INVOLVED WITH EVERYBODY ELSE TOO, BECAUSE WE ALL ARE SPECIAL IN OUR OWN WAY. BUT WE ARE ALL SMART IN OUR OWN WAY TOO AND WE ALL HAVE GOOD THINGS TO SAY. ANYWAY, I JUST HAVE MORE TO SAY, BUT I'LL JUST TAKE A BREAK.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE TODAY THAT TALKED. THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR ALL OF US. AND FOR ME THIS IS NOT PERSONAL, WE HAVE ALL BEEN PUT INTO A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION HERE. FOR ME, THIS IS ABOUT LEADERSHIP. WE NEED LEADERSHIP. WE ALSO NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ELECTED FOR. WE HAVE SO MUCH GOOD WORK THAT GOES ON IN THIS COUNTY, AND THAT IS WHERE I WANT TO FOCUS, IS ON THE GOOD WORK OF THE COUNTY FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. SO THAT IS WHY I SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE BOARD COMMENTS? ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? NO. THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM FAILS FOR LACK OF UNANIMITY. [APPLAUSE] I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE ANOTHER UNANIMOUS CONSENT ITEM. OK, I'M SORRY. LET'S GO RIGHT TO R-1.

>> SHALL WE DO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR OTHER ITEMS?

>> Chair Cogen: I'M SORRY. WE NOW HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS.

Board Clerk: OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

>> GOOD MORNING MR. PHILLIPS, IF YOU'D LIKE YOU CAN BEGIN.

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS, THE LAST TIME I SPOKE HERE WAS LAST YEAR, NOVEMBER 1st, 8, AND NOVEMBER 15th AS WELL. I'M HERE WITH A VIDEO THAT I GAVE TO THE CLERK THERE. THE INJURY -- IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, AS I CLAIMED FROM JANUARY 27th OF 2011, THE BOARD MEETING IS ALSO ON THIS DISK THAT DATE. AND TWO-THIRDS OF AMERICAN HOMES HAVE DOGS OR CATS. I WAS ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG. IT WAS ATTACKING MY SERVICE ANIMAL, AS IN THIS VIDEO. AND THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME, BUT THIS TIME I WAS INJURED SO SEVERELY, I HAD EIGHT DAYS OHSU OF SURGERY AND RECOVERY THERE, THEN 60 DAYS IN A CARE FACILITY, AND I HAD TO GO TO PACIFIC -- I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE CARE. BUT I HAD TO GO BACK TO ANOTHER CARE FACILITY FOR ANOTHER 20 DAYS. AND MEDICARE HAD TO PAY \$100,000 PLUS, AND OF COURSE IT'S A LIFETIME DEAL. I FRACTURED TWO OF MY VERTEBRAS IN MY SPINAL CORD THAT AFFECTS MY MEMORY, AND I HAVE BLADDER PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS WALKING, BECAUSE OF THE SPINAL CORD INJURIES, THE VERTEBRAS I BROKE WAS THE T-12 AND THE L-1, IF I REMEMBER. THEY'RE IN SEQUENCE. THEY CONTROL THE ARMS AND THE LEGS. THE TWO VERTEBRAS THAT I FRACTURED. AND THE BROKEN HIP AND MY LEFT KNEE WHEN I FELL BREAKING MY HIP, HAS STILL GIVEN ME TROUBLES WITH THE CARTILAGE AND THE KNEE OR THE JOINT ITSELF. IF ANIMAL CONTROL -- I TRIED TO SEEK JUSTICE, AND THAT WAS ANOTHER REASON THAT I WAS GOING TO -- THIS IS A COURT -- A PAPER FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURT, AND THIS IS A JURY SUMMONS. IT SAYS JUROR TO PROVIDE TEXT THE RIGHT OF EVERY PERSON TO A TRIAL BY JURY. WELL, I HAD AN ATTORNEY THAT JUST WAS A SHYSTER, UNCLE GREG KAFOURY, DEBORAH KAFOURY'S ATTORNEY -- UNCLE, HE TOOK THE CASE 6-8-2011, RESIGNED WRITING THE OREGON STATE BAR 9-13-2012, WHICH WAS MORE THAN SOME 15 MONTHS, AND HE LEFT ME WITH THE OPTION OF LESS THAN TWO MONTHS TO GET AN ATTORNEY WHICH I WASN'T ABLE TO. AND YET I GET SUMMONED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF A JURY TRIAL. WHAT A BUNCH OF BUREAUCRACY.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, MR. PHILLIPS. SIR?

>> YOU GO FIRST.

>> I'M JUST LISTENING.

>> Chair Cogen: SIR. YOU'D LIKE TO GO.

>> I'M MITCHELL BAILEY. I WANTED TO GO ON -- YOU'RE THE NEXT STEP UP. THE CITY NOT GOING TO WANT TO TAKE CARE OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT THAT'S ALREADY DETERIORATING, SO TAKE A LOOK AROUND AT YOUR OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS THAT YOU LIVE AT. SEE HOW NICE AND PRETTY THEY ARE.

AND IT'S LIKE, RIGHT NOW THIS OTHER AREA IS ALL UNDEVELOPED AT 102nd AND PACIFIC. ALONG WITH A NEW PLACE THAT'S GOING UP THAT MAY NOT HAVE ON-SITE PARKING. I'VE ALREADY TRIED TO DO IT WITH THE CITY, I'M ENCOURAGING ALL PEOPLE FROM ANY PLACE TO GO ON THROUGH AND AT LEAST DO A SURVEILLANCE OUT THERE, GET A PERMIT AT THE 9800 BLOCK OF PACIFIC AT THESE TIMES. WE'RE GETTING TIRED OF GATEWAY BEING TREATED LIKE DIRT. IT'S LIKE RIGHT NOW WE'RE BEING TREATED AS A NOBODY. AT THIS TIME I LIVE AT 827 NORTHEAST 99th AVENUE, APARTMENT 47. TRI-MET HAS OVERTAKEN THE GATEWAY AREA. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. IF THE PEOPLE CAN'T SEEM TO AFFORD \$60 A YEAR FOR PERMIT PARKING, THEN WHY HAVE A HISTORIC GATEWAY DISTRICT? LIKE THE GATEWAY ELF DOES COME DOWN, THAT'S PROBABLY AN HISTORIC LANDMARK. SO I'VE SEEN THE MAYOR ON TV, AND EVEN YOU, YOURSELF ON TV IN OTHER AREAS, OH, WE LOVE HOLLYWOOD, WE LOVE LAURELHURST, WE LOVE SELLWOOD, WOODSTOCK, AND KNOB HILL, ROSEWAY, PARKROSE, ALBERTA, ETC. WE DON'T LIKE GATEWAY. IT'S A GHOST TOWN. A BAD AREA. SO I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT THEY TAKE THE WRECKING BALL TO ALL OF GATEWAY FROM I-205 TO 122nd AND BURNSIDE, AND I HAVE SYMPATHY FOR THOSE OF THEM THAT DRIVE, I MYSELF DON'T DRIVE. TAKE A LOOK AT NORTHEAST, QUOTE, GLISAN, AND 100TH AVENUE AND 99th AVENUE. SAY, FOR INSTANCE, THAT NEW APARTMENT BUILDING WILL NOT HAVE ON-SITE PARKING, JUST LIKE ON THAT PART OF DIVISION. JUST AS WELL. SO THEN FOR THE RESIDENTS AND GUESTS, THEN THEY MAY -- THEY NEED THE PARKING ON THE STREET. SO SEE IT FOR YOURSELF OUT THERE. THEN GO ON THROUGH AND RESIGN, IF YOU DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE HARD MONEY OR EASY MONEY OUT THERE TO GET A PERMIT AT THE 9800 BLOCK OF PACIFIC, WHICH IS NOW A VACANT LOT, FORMERLY 9844, FORMERLY 9816, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GATEWAY TERRACE. AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF. YOU'RE ALL ONE TEAM. GO AND TAKE PRIDE OF GATEWAY. MAKE IT LIVABLE AGAIN AND WORKABLE AGAIN. THIS HAS GONE ON WAY TOO LONG. MY NAME IS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. AND IF THE COUNTY OR THE CITY CAN GO ON THROUGH AND AT LEAST GET THE QUICK DROPS THERE, THE GATEWAY, THAT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP AT THE 9800 BLOCK OF PACIFIC, AND THAT WOULD BE A REAL GOOD START ON IMPROVEMENTS.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, SIR. DID YOU WANT TO TESTIFY, MA'AM?

Ms. Eng: YES. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS MARY ENG, AND I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE PORTLAND POLICE BEATING OF A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY VICTIM WITH A PREEXISTING BLINDNESS. MY FRIEND BENJAMIN PICKERING WAS BLINDED IN A SEVERE ACCIDENT 20 YEARS AGO. HIS LEFT EYE LOST ALL SIGHT, HE WAS IN A COMA AND SUFFERED EXTREME MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING SURGERY FOR HIS LEFT EYEBALL. SO COMING TO PORTLAND HAS BEEN A VERY TRAGIC THING FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH KAFOURY WHO HAS DECIDED NOT TO TAKE THE CASE, I THINK THE ONLY

PROBLEM WITH KAFOURY IS WE NEED ABOUT 50 OR 100 OF HIM IF WE'RE GOING TO CRACK THROUGH THE CORRUPTION OF THIS CITY. HE'S ONE OF MY BIGGEST HEROES. BUT HE'S VERY AWARE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO BENJAMIN, SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY PUBLIC, I HOPE THE RECORDING OF THIS IS ONLINE SOMEWHERE, THAT IF THE OREGON STATE POLICE OR THE FBI OR THE SHERIFFS OR THE PORTLAND POLICE OR A PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM NOTICE SYMPTOMS OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, WHICH CAN ALSO OFTEN INVOLVE IMBALANCE, EQUILIBRIUM, SPACIAL RELATIONS ISSUES, THOSE ARE NOT ANY TRON GET OUT YOUR TASER OR SLAM SOMEONE DOWN ONTO THE GROUND. AND IN SO FAR AS WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A LEVEL OF PTSD IN MY ATTEMPTS TO GET THROUGH THIS STORY, THAT THE BENJAMIN WAS DRINKING AN ICE WATER, HE WAS SUDDENLY SLAMMED ONTO THE GROUND AND HE WAS -- A KNEE WAS CRUSH IN ADDITION HIS RIBS, BREAKING HIS STERN YUM, SHATTERING A PIECE OFF HIS ELBOW, HE -- HIS EYE HAS BEEN RED, HIS IOWAS BLACK AND BLUE, THE EYE THAT HAD BEEN RECONSTRUCTED, HIS BLIND IOWAS GROUND ACROSS THE GROUND AS THE OFFICER SAID, DON'T BE A PUSSY YOU CAN HANDLE IT. THEN LATER IN THE COP CAR THEY'RE PULLING UP A RECORD OF A MISSING PERSON WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES. THAT ABALERT FROM ONE OF THE WASHINGTON OR OREGON RELATIVES HAS BEEN PUT OUT, AND IT TURNS OUT A PACK, A MOB OF FOUR OFFICERS BRUTALLY BEAT A BLIND AND DISABLED PERSON. SO I JUST WANT TO GET SOME ACCOUNTABILITY FROM SOMEONE WE COULD PLAY PASS THE BUCK ALL DAY, BUT I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO PUT AN ALERT OUT FOR DISABLED PEOPLE. WE NEED MEDICAL TRAINING ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF RETURNING VET ORDINANCE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND THE SPACIAL RELATION AND EQUILIBRIUM ISSUES AND LINGUISTIC ISSUES ARE REALLY BEAUTIFUL KIND OF DIVERSITY, AND I THINK BENJAMIN PICKERING'S GIFTS TO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE IMMENSE. HE'S VERY PUBLIC AND VERY OPEN, VERY TALENTED AND VERY INTELLIGENT. AND I HOPE YOU'LL GET TO KNOW HIM AND HELP HIM RECOVER FROM THIS GREAT TRAGEDY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

Mr. Pickering: I CAME HERE --

Chair Cogen: SAY YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

Mr. Pickering: BENJAMIN H. PICKERING. I'M OUT HERE SPEAKING, GETTING TO LEARN SOME OF THESE THINGS, BUT I'VE LEARNED BEING OUT THERE HOW TO RESOLVE THINGS REALLY WELL. THIS IS FOR THE MAYORS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENTS OUT THERE, AND AMERICA. UPBRINGING IS UP TO PAR. ANYHOW, BEING HERE, OK, I JUST KAINE HORMAN FROM WASHINGTON NOT TOO LOPPING AGO, AND I HAD ONE OUTBURST WHERE I WAS DRINKING SOME 7-UP, AND HAVING THIS INCIDENT WHERE PEOPLE WERE JUST, YOU

KNOW, PUSHING AND SHOVING, YOU KNOW, IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW, MAN, YOU KNOW, WAIT YOUR TURN, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT HARD TO WAIT, YOU KNOW, AND HAVE THE PATIENCE, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO COME FEW, YOU KNOW, PATIENCE, YOU KNOW. ANYWAY, I WAS DOWN IN WASHINGTON, I JUST RECENTLY HAD A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT WHERE I HAD 42 STAPLES TAKEN OUT OF MY HEAD BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAD A BAD DAY. I CAME HERE TRY TO STAY WITH MY BROTHER, WE GOT IN A DISPUTE, STARTED TALKING, SO I HAD WALKED IT OFF, AND I WALKED OVER TO THE BAR, ANOTHER GUY ON THE STREET WAS CRAZY AND TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THAT I HAD GOT JUMPED, MY MONEY GOT STOLEN, AND YOU KNOW, I HAD MY SISTER WIRE ME MONEY, LEFT AND RIGHT SINCE I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE. SOMEONE MACED ME, A GROUP OF KIDS, WHATEVER, THREW ME DOWN, YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST LIKE, YOU KNOW, THEN I WAS JUST DEALING WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU KNOW, ALSO I COME HERE, YOU KNOW, I DEAL WITH THINGS PRETTY GOOD. THIS GAL IS THE ONE TALKING ABOUT MY BRAIN INJURY, I HAD WAS -- I WAS HIT, AND I GOT LIFE FLIGHTED AND COUGHING UP BLOOD AND STUFF, BUT ANYWAY, IT'S JUST WHAT I DEAL WITH, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN DISABLED SINCE I WAS YAY BIG, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE OUT THERE I CARE ABOUT, ALL THE LOVED ONES, YOU KNOW, WE JUST GOT A LOT OF STUFF TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PEOPLE SUFFERING, HURTING, YOU KNOW, I'M OUT THERE FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S SO MUCH TALK ABOUT SHOWING UP AT EVERY HEARING, YOU KNOW, BUT IT'S GETTING INSIDE TALK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. BEING HERE, POLICE BRUTALITY, YOU KNOW, I'VE HEARD STUFF ON THE STREETS, MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE, SOME INNOCENT PEOPLE, THEY'RE KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE, BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW, THESE PEOPLE OUT HERE, WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW, PEACE CIRCLES, YOU KNOW, LOVE, PRAYER GROUPS, AND YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY KIDS AND PEOPLE OUT THERE ON THE STREETS, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT COMPASSION IS, YOU KNOW. SOME PEOPLE AINT GREW UP WITHOUT PARENTS, OR LOVED ONES, OR SOMEONE -- THEY DON'T SHOW THEM WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF, YOU NEGOTIATION LOVE IN THEIR HEART, YOU KNOW. IT'S LIKE ROLLING WITH LOVE, YOU KNOW, BRINGING THESE PEOPLE UP TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN, YOU KNOW. IT'S LIKE PICKING THEM BACK UP, YOU KNOW, REACH OUT AND DO SOMETHING IF YOU CAN, YOU KNOW. ALSO, WE GOT A LOT MORE THAN JUST PUSHING AND SHOVING, AND THIS AND THAT, THINKING EVERYBODY IS DANDY AND PICKING DANDELION. IT IS PRETTY HANGING WITH MY GAL HERE. I JUST GOT A FEW THINGS. SO I MEAN, IS IT ALL RIGHT TO KEEP SPEAK SOMETHING ANYWAY --

Chair Cogen: YOU NEED TO WIND UP.

Mr. Pickering: I JUST LIKE TO SAY ALSO, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOME GOOD THINGS THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING, WHEN I COME TO THESE THINGS, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK, AND YOU GUYS ARE ALL GREAT LISTENERS. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Sherman: HOW ARE YOU DOING? GOOD MORNING, SIR. MY NAME IS SAWYER SHERMAN, MY ORIGINAL ADDRESS WAS VERY LENIENT. THIS ONE WILL BE VERY DELIBERATE. I'LL REQUEST NOTHING BUT A NOD FROM EACH ONE OF YOU AND, YOU DON'T OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO RESPOND, I UNDERSTAND THAT. FIRST AND FOREMOST, AS SOON AS YOU SAID NO, THIS BECAME A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TOPIC THAN WE WERE ADDRESSING EARLIER. YOU HAVE NOW SAID YOU'RE GOING TO STICK AROUND. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO YOU THAT I STAND WITH YOU AND I PRAY THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO STAY. I PRAY THAT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M WITH YOU, 100%. I HOPE SO. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M WITH YOU 100%? AND I VOTED AYE ALONG WITH YOU GUYS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? I'M WITH YOU. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? I'M WITH YOU. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? I'M WITH YOU. 150%. AND ONCE AGAIN I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE MATTER OF SELFISHNESS. THESE INDIVIDUALS DESERVE THE RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR JOB, UNFORTUNATELY, SIR. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HERE. THEY'RE HERE TO PROGRESS IN THEIR CAREER. YOU PREVENT THEM FROM DOING THAT BY EXISTING IN YOUR POSITION. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? AND I UNDERSTAND NONE OF YOU GUYS PREFER TO NOD, IT'S VERY APPRECIATED THAT YOU REMAIN SILENT. AND EARLIER YOU MENTIONED YOU CAN'T SAY HERE WHAT YOU FEEL. IF NOT IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE, IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA, WHEN CAN YOU SAY WHAT YOU FEEL? BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN A HOTEL ROOM? WHEN DO WE SAY WHAT WE FEEL? IT'S TIME TO SPEAK UP. AND IT'S TIME TO STOP BEING SELFISH. THIS INDIVIDUAL, ALTHOUGH HE'S GONE THROUGH VERY TRAUMATIC THINGS IN HIS LIFE, UNDERSTANDS LOVE. AND HE UNDERSTANDS A LIFE LIVED FROM THE HEART. THIS IS ACTUALLY A SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT LIVING FROM THE HEART WILL RESULT IN A PROSPEROUS WORLD. THE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION HERE ARE ACTING SELFISHLY, AND THEY'RE BEING SILENT. PEOPLE WHO ACT FROM THEIR HEART DO NOT EVER, EVER REMAIN SILENT WHEN THEY MUST SPEAK UP. WE MUST STAND FOR THOSE WHO MUST SIT, WE MUST SPEAK TO THOSE WHO MUST LISTEN. I HOPE WERE YOU LISTENING TODAY, SIR, AND I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO COME BACK. THANK YOU, GUYS.

Chair Cogen: ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: MR. LIGHTNING.

Chair Cogen: OK.

Mr. Lightning: CHAIR JEFF COGEN, I HOPE YOU RESIGN. ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT THESE SCANDALS WHEN THEY BEGIN IS LOOKING AT IT FROM A COST -- WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. IF YOU LET THIS, QUOTE, ONGOING IMPENDING INVESTIGATION EXTEND OUT FOR A LONG TIME, WE

CAN COST THE LOCAL ECONOMY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT CAN PUT THINGS AT A STAND STILL. PEOPLE ARE THINKING IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. LOOK AROUND YOU. THAT'S WHY THE MEDIA IS HERE. IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. IT'S BEGINNING RIGHT NOW. IT'S BEGINNING TO SLOW THIS ECONOMY DOWN AS WE SPEAK TODAY. I'M ASKING YOU TO MAKE SURE THIS ONGOING IMPENDING INVESTIGATION, WHICH A LOT OF MATERIAL FACTS HAVE ALREADY COME OUT, AND YOU'VE ADMITTED TO, TO THE MEDIA, THAT YOU RESIGN IMMEDIATELY WHEN YOU FEEL THAT THIS LOCAL ECONOMY IS IN JEOPARDY. THAT IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T EXPERIENCE A BUDGET SHORTFALL LIKE WE DID AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT THAT SCANDAL AGAINST THE EX-MAYOR WAS PART OF IT. IT DRAGS THINGS OUT, AND ANYBODY CAN DISPUTE THAT, BUT I'LL GO WITH ANY OF THE ECONOMIC PROFESSORS THAT DO THESE STUDIES, AND WE'LL GO AGAINST YOU. AND THE REALITY IS, IT WILL SLOW THIS ECONOMY DOWN. AND ALL I'M ASKING, YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON. THE ONLY PROBLEM YOU HAVE TODAY IS YOU GOT CAUGHT. IF YOU DIDN'T GET CAUGHT, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. BUT YOU GOT CAUGHT, THERE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT TO TAKE, THERE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AROUND AT ALL THE PEOPLE AND SAY, HEY. I DID GET CAUGHT. I'M HERE TODAY, AND I'M GOING TO ADMIT IT IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE THIS IS UNDER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW. YOU WILL TELL THE TRUTH. THEY WILL PULL ALL YOUR EMAILS AND WE'LL GO BACK THROUGH ALL YOUR RECORDS, WE'LL MAKE SURE THERE'S NO MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, WE'LL LOOK AT YOUR IRS RECORDS, WHERE YOUR MONEY IS GOING. AND IF YOU'RE FEELING GUILTY, I HOPE DO YOU GO TO JAIL. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO RESIGN RIGHT NOW. AND I HOPE YOU DON'T DRAG THIS OUT A LONG TIME FOR THE PEOPLE, FOR YOUR FRIENDS THAT DO SUPPORT YOU, BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THIS ECONOMY GOING IN A POSITIVE MANNER AT THIS TIME. EVERYTHING APPEARS THAT THE ECONOMY IS PICKING UP. THESE TYPE OF SCANDALS, AND ANYONE CAN LOOK THROUGH HISTORY, COST OF LOCAL ECONOMY, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY, PLAIN AND SIMPLE. THE BUDGET SHORTFALL WAS CREATED AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND. JUST LOOK AT THAT. LOOK AT WHAT HISTORY SHOWS YOU AND LEARN FROM IT. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO RESIGN. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO COME BACK AND GET REELECTED. BUT IF YOU BEGIN TO DRAG THIS LOCAL ECONOMY DOWN, YOUR LEGACY WILL BE THAT YOU DID THAT. YOU DID THAT. NONE OF THESE COMMISSIONERS HERE DID THAT. THEY DESERVE CREDIT FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND WHAT THEY'VE TRIED TO DO IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THEY TAKE AS MUCH CREDIT FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND NOT HAVING A BUDGET SHORTFALL AS YOU. BUT NOW YOU ARE IN THE POSITION TO CREATE THAT BUDGET SHORTFALL.

Chair Cogen: YOU NEED TO WIND DOWN.

Mr. Lightning: YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO ALL THESE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEM BEING DISCREDITED TODAY, AND YOU SHOULD TAKE THAT

RESPONSIBILITY AND APOLOGIZE TO EVERY ONE OF THEM UP HERE WHO WAS DISCREDITED BY THIS CROWD TODAY, WHICH IS APPALLING TO ME. THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG, BUT TRIED TO STAND UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: NO. R-1, PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JULY 21st THROUGH 27th, 2013, AS PRETRIAL E. PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Cogen: MOVED AND SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-1. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Martin: GOOD MORNING. I AM GINGER MARTIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE. AND I AM HERE BECAUSE IT IS PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK. DURING THIS WEEK, PEOPLE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA WILL JOIN TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK THAT PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION PROFESSIONALS DO FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE DEDICATED AND CARING INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER, PLACES TO LIVE, WORK, AND RAISE FAMILIES. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM. THESE PROFESSIONALS ARE ON DUTY EACH AND EVERY DAY AND NIGHT TO MONITOR JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS. RESPOND TO HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS, AND ASSIST CLIENTS IN BECOMING LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN WAS PRODUCTIVE LIVES. HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS THEY ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS AND THE COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS PROMOTE COMMUNITY PROTECTION THROUGH PROBLEM SOLVING WORK WITH OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SERVICE PARTNERS, AND ARE AIMED AT CHANGING CRIMINAL OR DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS MONITOR AND SUPERVISE OFFENDERS, WORK WITH FAMILIES, PROVIDE SWIFT AND SURE RESPONSES TO VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES OF SUPERVISION, AND REFER OFFENDERS TO TREATMENT SERVICES AND ALSO TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTS SUCH AS HOUSING, PEER MENTORING, AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. PRETRIAL PROFESSIONALS COLLECT AND ANALYZE DEFENDANT INFORMATION FOR USE IN DETERMINING RISK TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, AND TO SUPERVISE DEFENDANT

WHO'S ARE RELEASED FROM SECURE CUSTODY DURING THE PRETRIAL PHASE. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS WORK 24/7 TO HELP MAKE OUR COUNTY SAFE. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS ARE DEDICATED, HARD WORKING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY LIVE. THIS WEEK IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE AN & HONOR THE IMPORTANT WORK OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR OFFENDERS AND COMMUNITIES, REDUCE RECIDIVISM, AND PREVENT FUTURE CRIME VICTIMS. WITH ME TODAY IS SAMMY OLIVER. HE IS A GRADUATE OF DCJ'S REENTRY ENHANCEMENT COORDINATION PROGRAM. HE ALSO HEADS UP THE REC ALUMNI GROUP. HE RECEIVED SERVICES FROM SEVERAL OF OUR PARTNER PROGRAMS, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AND BRIDGES TO CHANGE, HE HAS EIGHT YEARS CLEAN AND SOBER, AND IS A PAINTER BY TRADE. HE HAS SPOKEN TO THE OREGON LEGISLATURE TWICE THIS YEAR IN SUPPORT OF DCJ, AND RECENTLY HE'S BEEN ON KBOO RADIO TALKING ABOUT A BOOK HE'S WRITTEN. HE'S HERE TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF HIS STORY AND HIS EXPERIENCES BEING UNDER SUPERVISION.

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SAM OLIVER. HOW DO I FOLLOW THIS PREVIOUS CROWD? TRYING TO BRING A LITTLE LIGHT TO THE SUBJECT. SO LET ME TELL YOU WHERE IT STARTED FOR ME. WELL OVER 20 YEARS AGO I BACK HEROIN ADDICT. AND LIVED ON THE STREETS OF PORTLAND. VIOLENCE WAS MY WAY OF LIFE. I'VE BEEN ARRESTED OVER 40 TIMES, UM, BEEN IN PRISON THREE TIMES, UM, MY LAST CONVICTION WAS IN JULY OF '05 FOR A ROBBERY. AT THAT TIME I KNEW SOMETHING IN MY LIFE NEEDED TO CHANGE. I WASN'T A FATHER, I WASN'T A GRANDFATHER, I WAS A MENACE TO SOCIETY. BUT I KNEW I COULD BE A DIFFERENT PERSON. I WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO 94 MONTHS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. IT WAS AT THAT TIME WHERE I KNEW I NEEDED TO RELEASE SOME HURT AND ANGER FROM CHILDHOOD, SO I STARTED TO WRITE. TODAY I'M A PUBLISHED AUTHOR. AS ONE OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE JUDGE AGREED TO ALLOW ME TO GO TO POWDER RIVER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TREATMENT PROGRAM. I GRADUATED THAT PROGRAM, AND WAS RELEASED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. UPON MY RELEASE I WENT TO ANOTHER PROGRAM THROUGH THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, AND THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. I WAS A RESIDENT OF A BRIDGES TO CHANGE HOUSE, AND THAT SUPPORT THAT I GOT WHEN I GOT OUT HELPED ME BECOME THE PERSON I AM TODAY. WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT, AS IN PREVIOUS RELEASES, IT DIDN'T LAST LONG. I WAS LOCKED BACK UP. YESTERDAY I CELEBRATED EIGHT YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY. IT'S THROUGH THE HELP FROM PEOPLE LIKE PAUL ADAMS, JULES NEIL, AND THE SUPPORT I GOT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS THAT HELPED ME BECOME WHO I AM TODAY. I KNOW I DID THIS WORK. AND I'LL BE THE FIRST

TO SAY IT. BUT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT, WITHOUT THE HELP, WITHOUT THE PLACES TO GO, I COULD PROMISE YOU THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT IN MY LIFE. TODAY I'M ABLE TO CASH A CHECK THAT WAS ACTUALLY WRITTEN WITH MY NAME ON IT. I'VE GOT A CREDIT CARD IN MY POCKET THAT'S NOT ONE OF YOURS. [LAUGHTER] YOU KNOW? I GO TO THE STORE TODAY, AND I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SECURITY BEING BEHIND ME. YOU KNOW? BUT MOST OF ALL, I DON'T EVER HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT PERSON THAT I WAS BEFORE. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, MR. OLIVER. [APPLAUSE] GINGER, DID YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Ms. Martin: I WOULD LOVE TO, THANK YOU. [MS. MARTIN READ THE PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.]

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, GINGER. BOARD COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, SAM, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD WITH YOUR VERY INSPIRING STORY. THAT WAS WONDERFUL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NAME OF YOUR BOOK.

Mr. Oliver: "27 SEASONS." I HAPPENED TO HAVE A COUPLE IN MY CAR. [LAUGHTER]

Commissioner McKeel: GOOD MARKETING. ALSO I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD WORK THAT WE DO HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND THE OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE HERE AT THE COUNTY. SO THANK YOU, GINGER, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WANTED TO ADD JUST HOW REFRESHING IT IS TO HEAR FROM A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS A NATIONAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION. GINGER, I'M SO PROUD OF THE WORK THAT DCJ DOES, AND SAM, YOUR GENUINE RECOVERY AND YOUR ABILITY TO REHABILITATE YOURSELF IS REALLY AN INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE, AND I THINK THAT THIS GROUP RIGHT HERE WAS NEEDING TO HEAR THAT, AND I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING IT TO US TODAY.

Chair Cogen: OTHER COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, GINGER, AND THANK YOU SAM, FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO. AND WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. IT IS A FIELD THAT CERTAINLY COMES WITH ITS TRIALS, AND I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW APPRECIATIVE WE ARE FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO, AND THE TREMENDOUS STAFF THAT YOU HAVE UPSTAIRS IN SCOTT TAYLOR AND

ALL THOSE FOLKS. YOU WORK HARD FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND KEEP IT UP.

Commissioner Kafoury: I'LL ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, AND THANKS FOR COMING FORWARD THIS MORNING AND SHARING YOUR STORY. COMP CONGRATULATE LAYINGSES ON EIGHT YEARS. THAT'S REALLY REMARKABLE, AND THANKS AGAIN, GINGER.

Chair Cogen: SAM, I JUST WANT TO SAY YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION AT A TIME THAT A LOT OF US NEED INSPIRATION. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR COMING IN TODAY AND SHARING THIS STORY. AND GINGER, I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT SAM IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS, BUT HE'S JUST ONE INDIVIDUAL IN OUR PAROLE AND PROBATION SERVICES HAVE MANY, MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT SAM IS REPRESENTATIVE OF, AND THE GOOD WORK WE DO REPRESENT WHYS THIS WORK MATTERS AND WHY WE'RE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK AND LEADERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

>> R-2, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO INITIATE A LAWSUIT AGAINST COLORADO CUSTOMWARE INC.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Cogen: MOVED AND SECONDED APPROVAL OF R-2. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. JOANNE FULLER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, I HAVE LINDSAY KANDRA WHO WORKS WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND WE'RE GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A SITUATION WITH THE COLORADO CUSTOMWARE INC. AND THE COUNTY.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. I DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY ABOUT A MONTH AGO TO BRIEF ON YOU THIS MATTER. I DON'T BELIEVE COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK WAS THERE, SO I'LL GO THROUGH A LITTLE BIT OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE ABOUT THIS VENDOR. COLORADO CUSTOMWARE WAS -- WE CONTRACTED WITH THEM SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO CREATE A SOFTWARE PLATFORM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT RECORDING AND TAXATION. AFTER MULTIPLE YEARS OF FAILED PERFORMANCE MEASURES, FAILED DEADLINES, WE CHOSE TO TERMINATE

OUR CONTRACT WITH CCI AND TO SEEK RECOVERY OF THE MONEY SPENT. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT, AND DELIVERY OF SOME SOURCE CODE. WE ORIGINALLY CAME HERE TODAY TO GET PERMISSION TO FILE THE LAWSUIT. HOWEVER, I FOUND OUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT CCI FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY LAST WEEK. THAT PRECLUDES OUR ABILITY TO FILE A LAWSUIT IN STATE COURT AT THIS TIME. WE DO INTEND ON BEING INVOLVED IN THEIR CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION PROCEEDINGS. OTHER THAN THAT, I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF AN UPDATE TO OFFER ON WHAT THAT PROCEEDING IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. THEY HAVE NOT FILED COMPLETED SCHEDULES OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS YET SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT OUR CHANCES OF RECOVERY. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE OUR ABILITY TO FILE THIS LAWSUIT ONCE THE CHAPTER 11 HAS CONCLUDERRED, IT JUST PUTS IT ON HOLD UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO GO ON IN THAT PROCEEDING.

>> Chair Cogen: CHAPTER 11 IS REORGANIZATION?

>> REORGANIZATION.

>> Chair Cogen: IT'S NOT LIQUIDATION. THEY'RE PROPOSING TO COME BACK IN SOME FORM.

>> YES.

>> EXACTLY WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD TODAY?

>> WE ORIGINALLY -- WE WERE ON THE AGENDA UNTIL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO FILE IN STATE COURT. AS OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I, NO LONGER DO THIS, SO IT'S JUST AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE BOARD ON WHERE WE ARE ON THIS LAWSUIT.

>> Chair Cogen: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> R-3, NOTICE OF INTENT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR \$610,000 GRANT FROM THE WEST DEPARTMENT -- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Cogen: MOVED AND SECONDED APPROVAL OF R-3. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M ANNIE NEAL, THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATION OFFICE. I

HAVE AARON FAIRCHILD WITH ME, WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SEEK YOUR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE \$SECTION10,000 GRANT. WE RECEIVED THE INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT IN LATE JUNE AND WE HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED IT IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEADLINE, SO IF YOU DON'T APPROVE IT WE'LL WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION FROM CONSIDERATION. THIS IS PART OF OUR DEFENDING CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE AND WE ARE NOW ON OUR FOURTH GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THIS IF WE GET THIS FUNDING IT WILL BRING US UP TO \$2,225,000 OVER FOUR YEARS AND WE HAVE A LOT OF ACTIVITIES WE'VE DONE IN THAT GRANT FUNDING. WE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK'S OFFICE TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE ACTIVITIES. TODAY I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED FOR THIS PARTICULAR GRANT APPLICATION. WE ARE LOOKING AT EXTENDING OUR WORK IN FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS. THE FIRST AREA IS COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND THAT PARTICULAR WORK WE WOULD PARTNER WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CAPACITATION CENTER AND THE STRIVE PROJECT TO BRING EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES CLOSER TOGETHER TO HIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO DO SOME PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE LINK BETWEEN THE TWO ISSUES. AND TO DO SOME JOINT PLANNING AND KEEPING OUR WORK ALIGNED AND MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS ON HOW TO TALK TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT VIOLENCE ISSUES. ANOTHER AREA WE WOULD FUND WITH THIS GRANT APPLICATION IS ANOTHER POSITION IN THE SUN PROGRAM. WE'VE DONE TRIPLE AING WITH THE SCHOOLS SUN SITE MANAGERS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SO THIS WOULD BUILD ON THAT WORK AND DEVELOP SOME MORE CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND SOME OTHER WORK TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THEIR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO ISSUES OF VIOLENCE. THE THIRD AREA WE WOULD FUND IS EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES. WE WOULD PILOT SOME ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD AND THE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE PILOTTED HAVE ALL BEEN RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BECAUSE IT'S A LEADING INDICATOR FOR EXPOSURE TO MULTIPLE FORMS OF VIOLENCE, KIDS LIVING WITH OR EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE THREE TO NINE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE OTHER FORMS OF VICTIMIZATION, SO THAT IS WHERE WE EMPHASIZE OUR SERVICE DELIVERY. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD WORK WITH INSIGHTS TEEN PARENT PROGRAM AND PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY TO EVALUATE INTERVENTIONS FOR TEEN PARENTS. THERE'S NOT A LOT OF RESEARCH ON TEENS WHO ARE PARENTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOW IT IMPACTS THEM AND THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN, SO WE HAVE SOME WORK WE WANT TO DO TO ASSESS A COUPLE DIFFERENT TOOLS THAT MIGHT BENEFIT TEEN PARENTS. AND THEN A FOURTH AREA IS THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE WOULD BE WORKING ON SENDING A TEAM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS TO A NATIONAL TRAINING ON RESPONDING TO CHILDREN ON SCENE AT VIOLENT CRIMES, SO

THEY HAVE SOME BETTER TOOLS AND RECOGNIZING HOW THAT MIGHT BE IMPACTING KIDS AND RESPONDING TO THEM APPROPRIATELY. AND THEN ALSO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE FAMILY COURT JUDGES AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO DEVELOP SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND ASSESSING FOR RISK FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES IN PRETRIAL -- PRETRIAL CONTEXT FOR CRIMINAL CASES AND IN FAMILY LAW AND DEPENDENCY CASES, SINCE THEY ALL DEAL WITH SOME OF THE SAME ISSUES IN DIFFERENT FORMATS BUT DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE A UNIFIED SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW TO DO THAT. WE WOULD ALSO ADD 1 1/2 STAFF IN OUR OFFICE TO SUPPORT THAT WORK, AND THESE ARE ALL LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS. THAT IS THE SNAPSHOT.

>> Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. SO YOU SAID THIS IS OUR FOURTH GRANT. IS THAT CORRECT? SO IS THIS SCOPE OF WORK TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE THREE OTHER GRANTS, OR DOES IT ADD TO THAT WORK? COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

>> IT'S ACTUALLY BUILDING ON THE WORK WE'VE PILOTED ALREADY AND THE WORK WE'VE IMPLEMENTED AND IT EXPANDS IN SOME AREAS THE WORK THAT WE STARTED, WHERE WE'VE IDENTIFIED ADDITIONAL NEEDS. WE JUST HAD NATIONAL CONSULTANTS IN TOWN DOING TRAINING ON EARLY -- DOING TRAINING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITORS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE RISK FACTORS, AND ONE OF THE THINGS IT REQUESTED WAS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AROUND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES. THAT CAME UP IN OUR NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WE COMPLETED IN 2011. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PILOT SOME SPECIFIC SERVICES THAT RESPOND TO THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND THE TRAINING WE JUST COMPLETED. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR PLACES TO BUILD OUR CAPACITY IN THE AREAS WE'VE ALREADY IDENTIFIED.

>> AND THIS WILL BE COUNTYWIDE, THIS GRANT --

>> IT IS. YES. AND MOST OF OUR DIRECT SERVICES WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES THAT WE FUND, AND THEY'RE FOCUSED ON MID AND EAST COUNTY.

>> OK. AND ONE MORE JUST QUICK QUESTION OUT OF JUST CURIOSITY, THIS CONVERSATION YOU SAID THE POLICE ARE GOING TO FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, DOES THAT INCLUDE -- DOES THAT CONFERENCE INCLUDE ANY PART OF CSEC?

>> WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION ABOUT HOW THE CONFERENCE WILL BE SHAPED. BUT THEY DO WANT LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS TO COME -- I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF WE FIND.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I WAS CURIOUS. AND THAT IS COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. I USED AN ACRONYM. THANK YOU. I'D BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD LUCK WITH THE GRANT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU FOR PURSUING THIS. THIS IS HUGE IN TERMS OF IMPACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN. AND I THINK THAT WE PROBABLY COULD USE MORE OF THAT DOLLAR HERE IN THE COUNTY. SO THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. GOOD LUCK. WE MANY NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AND RECONVENE -- CONVENE AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD.

>> R-4, APPROVAL AFTER SOLE SOURCE SPECIAL PROCUREMENT UNDER PCR B RULE 47-02881C TO CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS FOR SERVICES UP TO TWO YEARS.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Cogen: MOVED AND SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R-4. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS BRIAN SMITH, THE PURCHASING MANAGER FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND I'M HERE WITH MICHAEL BOWERS, OUR FACILITIES DIRECTOR, TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT A SOLE SOURCE EXEMPTION FOR HIRING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS TO TO DO PROGRAMMING FOR OUR COURTHOUSE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. I'LL SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SETTING THE CONTEXT AND WE'LL HAVE MICHAEL ALSO DELVE INTO SOME OF THE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROJECT. BUT IN JUNE 2013, WE HOSTED AN INDUSTRY FORUM AND HAD MORE THAN 70 REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY TO COME AND ACTUALLY RESPOND TO A DRAFT OF AN RFP THAT WE WERE PROPOSING FOR OUR COURTHOUSE -- FOR OUR COURTHOUSE OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE RFP. AND WE TOOK SEVERAL HOURS OF COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THAT GROUP, AND ONE OF THE THINGS

THAT CAME OUT OF THAT WAS THAT THE PROGRAMMING COMPONENT OF IT MIGHT BE BEST DONE BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS, WITH WHOM THE COUNTY HAS A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP AND THIS IS A SPECIFIC AREA THAT THEY WORK IN, AND WHEN MICHAEL BROUGHT THIS TO ME AND WE DISCUSSED THE DETAILS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR IT, PROPERTY SAYS FOR THIS IS TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND IT IS YOUR DECISION UNDER OUR PUBLIC PURCHASING RULES, ANY DECISION FOR SOLE SOURCE OVER \$150,000 COMES BEFORE THE BOARD. AND SO WE'RE HERE TODAY TO MAKE THAT CASE. WE DID POST A PUBLIC NOTICE, WHICH IS ALSO REQUIRED UNDER OUR PUBLIC PURCHASING RULES. IT WAS OUT FOR SEVEN DAYS AND WE RECEIVED NO COMMENTS ON IT. SO WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MICHAEL TO TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS, I HOPE THIS IS A GOOD NEWS STORY, BECAUSE WE'RE CULMINATING ONE YEAR OF FAIRLY ASSERTIVE WORK TO START THE FRUITION OF GETTING A NEW COURT FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND OBVIOUSLY THE STATE WHO OPERATES AND RESIDES IN THAT COUNTY, THEY PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS. SO FOLLOWING MANY DECADES OF STUDIES AND A VERY AGGRESSIVE AND ASSERTIVE PLANNING YEAR, WE HAVE A COMMITMENT THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE FOR \$15 MILLION TOWARD THE COURT, AND I APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STARTING US WITH SEED MONEY FOR ABOUT \$1 MILLION OF PLANNING THIS FISCAL YEAR TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD. I'D LIKE TO OUTLINE THE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS IN THE NEXT SLIDE AND WHY THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO THIS PROCESS. DOVETAILING IN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT BRIAN SAID ABOUT OUR INDUSTRY FORUM, THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS CONTRACT WILL DO IS ESSENTIALLY PERFORM PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING USING THEIR NATIONAL DATABASE AND REPOSITORY THAT ENCAPSULATES ALL STATES, ALL COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION, IN TERMS OF INTEGRATING BEST PRACTICES OF COURT OPERATIONS, COURT PLANNING, USE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND FACILITY LAYOUT IN TERMS OF THE MIX BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF COURTS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES, THE NUMBER OF HEARING ROOMS, THE LAYOUT OF SECURITY OPERATIONS AND A BEST PRACTICES DATABASE. TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, WE HAVE A CHOICE TO CONTINUE THE CONFIGURATION OF THE DOWNTOWN COURT AND HOW BUSINESS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS, OR REMODEL OUR CONFIGURATION IN A PROCESS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE COURT THAT WE WANT TO OPERATE FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS, FAR MORE EFFICIENTLY. ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT, WE HAVE ABOUT 40,000 SQUARE FEET OF PAPER RECORDS IN THE DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE AND OTHER FACILITIES THAT WE'VE LEASED JUST TO HANDLE RECORD KEEPING AND ARCHIVES. EVERY YEAR THAT GROWS AND WE CONTINUE AS A COUNSEL TOY NEED TO LEASE MORE SPACE EACH YEAR. ONE THING WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS BUILD A COURTHOUSE THAT MAYBE COSTS \$400 A SQUARE FOOT, JUST TO

STORE PAPER IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, WHEN WE SHOULD LOOK AT DIGITIZING AND IMPROVING OUR PROCESSES WITH THE STATE INTEGRATING NEW TECHNOLOGY. THAT'S JUST ONE FACET. THE OTHER FACET IS, DO WE WANT TO BUILD A COURTHOUSE THAT REMAINS 80% VACANT WHILE AWAITING TRIAL, AND ALL THE BIG COURTROOMS, OR LOOK AT A NEW MODEL WITH SMALLER COURTROOMS, MORE HEARING AND DELIBERATION ROOMS? WHAT WE'RE GETTING AT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS IS FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS OF BEST PRACTICES DELIBERATION WITH AN INTEGRATED TEAM OF STAKEHOLDERS AMONGST STATE OFFICIALS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO INTEGRATE HOW WE WANT TO DO BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS BASED ON THE INDUSTRY FORUM BRIAN MENTIONED SEEMS TO BE THE BEST FIT AND THE ONLY PLACE CAPABLE OF DOING THIS WITH THE LEAST COST INVOLVED. SO THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS CONTRACT THAT STAFF IS PROPOSING IS A TWO-YEAR DURATION CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS ENVISIONS OVER SIX MONTHS THEY WILL NOT EXCEED ABOUT \$170,000. THAT MEANS SOMEWHERE IN THE TWO-YEAR PROCESS WE'LL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BRING BACK TO FOLLOW ON THE WORK WITH WHAT WE ENVISION WITH A COUPLE OTHER VENDORS. THE LAST POINT IS VERY IMPORTANT, WE AS A COUNTY HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE BASED ON THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED AT THE INDUSTRY FORUM. AND THAT IS, WE COULD ASSEMBLE A FAIRLY LARGE UNWIELDILY TEAM OF CONSULTANTS FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS WHICH WE VERY EXPENSIVE AND A ONE SIZE FITS ALL TEAM AND PAY THEM FOR THREE YEARS, OR WE CAN BRING IN THE JUST IN TIME DELIVERY OF THE RIGHT VENDOR FOR THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE RIGHT SCOPE, WHICH IS THE FEEDBACK WE HEARD FROM INDUSTRY. WHAT I'VE OUTLINED IS NEXT STEPS. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS WILL WORK ON PLANNING AND CONFIGURATION, AND OWNERS' REP OF SMALL ARCHITECTURE COMPONENT WILL WORK ON PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, SITE PLANNING, AND A COST ANALYSIS. THE THIRD PIECE WITH THE STATE WILL DO BEST CASE ANALYSIS ON HOW DO WE DELIVER AND PROCURE A DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW COURT. SO THAT WILL MINIMIZE THE COST WITHOUT BRINGING IN A HUGE TEAM FOR THREE YEARS, BUT JUST A SPECIFIC VENDOR FOR THE SHORT DURATION PIECE. AND WITH THAT I WILL ASK IF COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Chair Cogen: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. SO WILL THOSE BEST PRACTICES INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF HOW BEST TO MANAGE THE COURTHOUSE, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEANS? WILL WE SEE THAT?

>> WE WILL SEE THAT WITH THE PARTNERSHIPS PRODUCT WHICH FOLLOWS THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS.

>> Commissioner Smith: SO IT'S NOT A PART OF THIS ASSESSMENT.

>> IT WILL BE PART OF THE ONE-YEAR ASSESSMENT, BUT NOT PART OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS PIECE.

>> Commissioner Smith: OK. AND SO THE BEST PRACTICES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TELL US ABOUT IS HOW TO BUILD A STATE OF THE ART COURTESIES ITEM?

>> CORRECT. HOW TO CONFIGURE IT, PLAN IT, THE OTHER THING THEY'LL LOOK AT, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT, WE HAVE OTHER COURTROOMS IN THREE OTHER FACILITIES. THEY WILL ALSO LOOK AT DO WE NEED ALL OF THOSE COURT --

>> Commissioner Smith: SHOULD WE COMBINE THEM.

>> OR CAN WE MINIMIZE OUR FOOTPRINT FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN.

>> Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: THIS IS A REALLY EXCITING VENTURE, AND ONE MORE STEP IN THE PROCESS THAT MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT WE WOULD NEVER GET TO. SO I'M -- I HAVE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FORESIGHT IN GETTING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS INVOLVED, BECAUSE THEY KNOW OUR COMMUNITY, THEY'VE DONE STUDIES HERE ON OUR COURTHOUSE FACILITIES BEFORE, SO THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH. AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUCH AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF COURTHOUSES, THEY REALLY ARE INDUSTRY LEADERS AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE VERY GLAD THAT WE GOT THEM INVOLVED WHEN WE'RE FINISHED. SO THANK YOU, AND THANKS BRIAN.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: IF I COULD JOIN IN THAT THANKS, THIS IS SO TREMENDOUSLY ENCOURAGING. THIS IS COLOSSAL, REALLY, PROGRESS OVER THE ENTIRE ARC OF 40 YEARS OF WORKING TO GET A SAFE, FUNCTIONAL COURTHOUSE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MICHAEL, YOU HAVE REALLY STEPPED IN TO HELP US PATH FIND SO THAT WE CAN GET THERE IN A LOGICAL AND ORDERLY WAY. AND THIS IS YET ANOTHER STEP ALONG THAT PATH, AND I JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION TODAY THAT'S JUST VERY ENCOURAGING.

>> Commissioner McKeel: I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE INDUSTRY FORUM TOGETHER. I DON'T WANT TO GLOSS OVER THAT, BECAUSE

I THINK THAT'S A HUGE, HUGE STEP. AND I THINK YOU SAID YOU HAD ABOUT 70 PEOPLE THERE FROM THE INDUSTRY? WHAT GREAT INPUT TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP FORWARD. AND SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PIECE OF THIS AS WELL. SO THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THIS IS VERY EXCITING. THIS COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN HAS BEEN NEEDING FIXING FOR DECADES, AND THOUGH WE'RE NOT THERE YET, WE'RE BEGINNING TO HAVE A PATH FORWARD, AND THIS IS A REALLY GOOD STEP FORWARD. ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT IS APPROVED. WE'LL NOW ADJOURN AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. BUT THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF OUR REGULAR AGENDA. WE HAVE TIME RESERVED AT THE END FOR ANY NONAGENDA ITEMS DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING? HEARING NONE AND THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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