

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Thursday, February 17, 2011
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a Proposal to the Health Resources and Services Administration HIV Early Intervention Services Program Ongoing Expansion Funds for Current Part C Grantees Grant Competition.
- C-2 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a Proposal for up to \$10,000 to the Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition Mini-Grants for Adult Immunization Grant Program.
- C-3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit a Proposal for up to \$20,000 to the March of Dimes Chapter Community Grants Program.
- C-4 Appointment of Ann Collins, Terry Johnson, Ray Johnson, Kae Gaunt, Donna Childs & Ellen Klem to the Elders in Action Commission.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Shiprack and seconded by Commissioner McKeel, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

Public testimony was given and received for the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R-1 Informational Board Briefing on Intergenerational Music Classes and Music CD Produced by the Gateway Area Business Association (GABA) Benefitting David Douglas Music Department. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack. Presenters: Bonnie Singer, Co-Director/Teacher, Music Together; Ellen Garcia, Providence ElderPlace; Mary Beth Camp, Music Together; Fred Sanchez, GABA & Other Invited Guests.**

Ms. Singer began the presentation with a musical interlude, engaging the entire audience. She stated that early childhood years are the crucial times when a child's musical aptitude is developing most rapidly and is critical for developing basic music competence. The Music Together program is based on the idea that all children are musical and that parents play a vital role in activating and nurturing their child's music development.

Ms. Garcia spoke about intergenerational music classes provided by ElderPlace. These classes are collaboration between Music Together and ElderPlace, in which early childhood music education integrates multiple generations by including seniors in the music-making process. The presenters thanked Commissioner Shiprack for providing the inspiration for these classes and presented her with a framed photo of seniors and children with their parents.

Mr. Sanchez presented the Board with a copy of the music CD made by the Davis Douglas Music Department. He described GABA's involvement in producing the CD and the benefits CD sales will have for the music department. He noted that the Davis Douglas Art Department made the artwork for the CDs. He ended the presentation by playing a portion of a track off the CD.

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

R-2 BUDGET MODIFICATION FPM11-03 Reallocation of Capital Project Funds for Carpet Replacements from Hollywood Library and Woodstock Library to Gresham Library and North Portland Library. Presenter: John Lindenthal, Capital Improvement Program Manager and Mike Harrington, Library Facilities.

Commissioner McKeel moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded approval of R-2.

Messrs. Lindenthal and Harrington provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Budget Modification FPM11-03 was unanimously approved.

R-3 Informational Board Briefing on Library Funding. Presenters: Vailey Oehlke, Library Dir.; Becky Cobb, Deputy Library Dir.; Mike Jaspin, Economist, Budget Office; & Bernadette Nunley, Asst. County Attorney.

Ms. Oehlke provided the introduction and acknowledged members of the library board. She spoke about the five-year levy currently funding the library, which expires in June 2012, so a funding measure will need to be referred to the November 2011 ballot. In November 2010, ballot measure 26-114 passed amending the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter to allow for direct referral to the voters of a library district measure by the Board. This measure gives the Board the additional option for library funding. A decision

will need to be made within the next few months between referring a library district measure and renewing the library levy.

Ms. Oehlke said this briefing will update the Board on the district analysis process and the latest rate projections for both a district and a levy. She spoke about the pros and cons of both options. Some pros for the levy are that it gives the library the opportunity to adjust the funding rate with each renewal as the economy changes; it gives voters the ability to vote on this issue every five years; and there has been a strong record of public support for the levy. Cons for the levy are that it keeps the library on a restricted five year cycle and relies entirely on voter approval. Some pros of the district option are that it will be a single dedicated source of funding; the compression impact would be significantly reduced; and the time and resources dedicated to a levy campaign could be used elsewhere. Cons for the district option are that it's a permanent rate that can't be changed; it establishes a new taxing entity; and, it could create higher overall taxes.

Ms. Cobb stated that the library has formed an internal task force to go over the details of the district option. Since December, they've been meeting and evaluating financial feasibility of a library district; impacts on employees – including input from AFSCME Local 88; and other options. The task force intends to produce a report outlining their findings by March.

Ms. Jaspin reviewed the existing levy and said the ending balance of this levy should be higher than forecasted. Ms. Oehlke said the library will poll public opinion later this month. Ms. Nunley explained that the relationship between the County and the library district will be similar to that of the Dunthorpe-Riverdale district, in which the Board is the governing body, but a separate entity.

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

R-4 BUDGET MODIFICATION NOND11-12 requesting General Fund Contingency Transfer of \$102,510 to Program Offer #25020 ADS Access and Early Intervention Services to Implement Bed Bug Treatment Support and Assistance with Dentures/Extractions. Sponsor: Commissioner Shiprack. Presenters: Mary Shortall, DCHS; Melissa Greeney, Case Manager, Aging & Disability Services & invited guests.

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded approval of R-4.

The presenters provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Budget Modification NOND11-12 was unanimously approved.

R-5 Presentation for Incentive from Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) to Present Check. Presenters: Murali Varahasamy, ETO Consultant; Bob Thomas,

Director, Facilities and Property Management; Larry Whitney, Project Manager; Peter West, ETO Director of Energy Programs.

Mr. Thomas introduced the presenters. Mr. Whitney spoke about the benefits ETO provides. Mr. West said that this company has saved Oregonians millions of dollars throughout the years. He thanked the Board for their partnership and said that it opened the door to many new partnerships with other cities and counties.

Mr. West presented the Board with an Energy Incentive check from ETO in the amount of \$342,658.14. These funds are set to go towards a county wide project of upgrading 38 County facilities.

The Board thanked them for their presentation and generous contribution.

BOARD COMMENTS

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

Board comments were received for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Submitted by:
Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County