

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
February 3, 2011
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners, Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present, and Commissioner Diane McKeel excused.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION - HD-09 Authorizing Three (3) Position Re-classifications Within Various Divisions of the Health Department as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources.
- C.2 Amendment to LEASE R-15 Between Multnomah County, as Lessor, and Loaves and Fishes Centers, Inc., as Lessee, for a One (1) Year Lease Extension for Space Occupied in the Walnut Park Building.
- C.3 NOTICE OF INTENT to Submit an Application for up to \$8,000 to the State of Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program's 2011 General Mini-Grant.
- C.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION #DCHS11-22- Reclassifying a 1.00 FTE Program Development Specialist Position to a Program Development Specialist Senior Position in the Domestic Violence Services Division, as Determined by Class/Comp.
- C.5 ORDER 2011-010 Authorizing Designees of the Mental Health Program Director to Direct a Peace Officer to Take an Allegedly Mentally Ill Person into Custody.
- C.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCS-03 Reclassifying a Finance Technician Position to a Finance Specialist 1 as Determined by the Class/Comp Unit of Central Human Resources

Upon motion made by Vice-Chair Kafoury and seconded by Commissioner Shiprack, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- PC.1 Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer.

No one testified.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 Public Hearing and First Reading of an ORDINANCE Amending MCC Chapters 33, West Hills Rural Area Plan, and MCC 35 Amending East of Sandy River Rural Area Plan, the County Comprehensive Plan, Rural Area Plans, Community Plans and Sectional Zoning Maps to Adopt Amendments to the Rural Center Districts for the Burlington & Springdale Communities, Consistent with Division 22, Unincorporated Communities, of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Presenters: George Plummer, Planner & Joanna Valencia, Transportation Planning Specialist, LUP.**

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of the first reading.

Ms. Valencia provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. Stakeholders were identified and notified. Hearings were held, issues reviewed and feedback provided. Amendments recommended take into account the priorities relayed by the communities. These amendments ensure we meet all criteria and definitions and don't adversely affect agriculture, resources or the environment.

Mr. Plummer discussed the zoning changes and impact those changes will have on the community. Changes reflect citizen input and discussions and include feedback on minimum lot size, setbacks, commercial uses, existing and future uses, and addressing septic, stormwater and erosion issues.

No Public Testimony was given.

The first reading was unanimously approved, and the second reading is Thursday, February 10, 2010.

- R.2 Approval of Multnomah County Child Welfare Work Group REPORT. Sponsor: Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury. Presenters: Jerry Burns, DHS District Manager; Joshua Todd, CCFC Director; & Melissa Butterfield.**

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

Vice-Chair Kafoury made opening remarks. She discussed the ongoing work being done over a number of County departments and the recommendations made in the Work Group's. The recommendations they have provided today are based on six months evaluating how to provide those services more efficiently. There is widespread concern about the disproportionate numbers of children of ethnic families in the system, and the impacts that removal from the home have on these children. She found recommendation #4, the need for housing, to be the most compelling, and referenced the successes of the County's 30 Families in 30 Days program.

Mr. Burns reviewed the power point presentation and discussed the breakdown by cultural/racial group, disproportionate numbers based on ethnicity, the intent to expand more on prevention methodology, and the focus on defining the 58% of children in the category “threat of harm.”

Mr. Todd spoke of the goals of the work group and overview of work sessions. He said they created this work group to study the scope of services and find opportunities for collaboration. There are 97 departments that impact these children and a significant number of programs and places where the County and DHS intersect.

Ms. Butterfield spoke about the findings and recommendations, and emphasized the importance of addressing the disproportionate numbers and the services that are not available to families unless their children are removed. She reviewed current policies and procedures and the importance of supporting culturally-specific organizations and programs and linking families with those services

Mr. Todd said it’s imperative to look at a new way of distributing resources, identifying housing that could keep the families whole. Another key role is the importance of continuing to raise awareness and support community response to sex exploitation of children. He stated that the issues of child welfare are at the forefront at the County and their goal is to make sure these children and families are safe.

The Board discussed the reasons why there are so many children of color in the foster care system and the disparity seen in terms of resources, services, and how to address these disparities moving forward.

The Report was unanimously approved.

R.3 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming February 4th, 2011 as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day. Sponsor: Chair Jeff Cogen. Presenter: Joshua Todd & Invited Guests.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded approval of R-3.

Chair Cogen made opening remarks. Mr. Todd introduced Rebecca Phaser of the IRS and Nicole McKinney, Outreach Worker with the Commission on Children and Families. Mr. Todd said they’ve been working with IRS, AARP and other organizations to promote these tax credits in 33 free tax counseling sites in the County. He emphasized the financial benefits these tax credits provide the families and community. Ms. Phaser provided an explanation about the role the IRS plays, and working collaboratively to assist these families. Ms. McKinney discussed the role of her department, and both responded to Board questions and comments. Chair Cogen emphasized that the County is under relentless pressure to make cuts in the budget, and programs like these are the best way to help folks with a modest investment.

The Chair and Commissioners thanked the presenters for attending and acknowledged their work.

Proclamation No. 2012-011 was unanimously adopted.

R.4 RESOLUTION Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Portland to Fund Construction of the Sellwood Bridge. Sponsor: Chair Jeff Cogen. Presenters: Mayor Sam Adams & Marissa Madrigal, Chief of Staff, Chair's Office.

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

Chair Cogen made opening remarks. He talked about the status of Sellwood Bridge and the urgent need for its replacement. He acknowledged everyone's efforts to bring this project to fruition. He talked about the funding that has been committed to this project from the State for \$30 million, Clackamas County for \$22 million, and the City of Portland for an unprecedented \$100 million; all of which will help to make the new Sellwood Bridge a reality.

Ms. Madrigal reviewed the IGA and outlined the terms. She stated that this agreement provides that the County is responsible for supplying the remaining funding to complete the project and provides for a method to resolve design issues and cost saving concerns. She responded to Board questions and comments.

Chair Cogen invited Mayor Sam Adams from the City of Portland to speak and thanked him for being instrumental in the City's partnership with the County on this project. He acknowledged the significant resources that the City has committed and the significance of their commitment.

Mayor Adams acknowledged the long history of this project, the collaborative spirit between the City and County and various Commissioners that have been involved, and stated that the City approved the IGA at their meeting yesterday. He added that the new Sellwood Bridge will provide critical transportation connectivity to the City and region and said everyone here can take pride in this project.

Chair Cogen thanked Mayor Adams and Ms. Madrigal and staff for all their hard work on this project.

Resolution No. 2012-012 was unanimously adopted.

R.5 PROCLAMATION Naming February 2011 as School-Based Health Care Awareness Month. Sponsor/Presenter: Comm. Kafoury, District One with Invited Guests.

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded approval of R-5.

Vice-Chair Kafoury made opening remarks. She acknowledged the work of the departments and Portland School District. She introduced Former Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury; Mary Lou Henrich, OPHI Director and retired employee from the County; and, Paula Hester from Oregon School Based Health Network.

The presenters each spoke about their part and collaboration needed to bring health care into the schools and discussed the work that remains to be done. High School students Daisy Quinonez and Uma Abdullahi spoke about their participation in the schools today, and how this program has positively impacted their lives because of the types of services and education that they have been provided.

Lillian Shirley provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. She then read the Proclamation.

The Chair and Commissioners thanked the presenters for their work, commitment and for participating in today's meeting.

Proclamation No. 2012-013 was unanimously adopted.

IV. BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment.

Vice-Chair Kafoury asked to share some thank you letters from families who benefited from the Holiday Clothing and Food Drive held by the County. It was a huge success and the letters reflect the appreciation of the recipients and how it affects their lives. Kimberly Bernard, Karen Rhien and Dana Schnell from DCJ read some of the letters from those who received the gifts.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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