

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah County, Oregon  
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.  
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Conference Room 635  
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

E-1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to discuss pending litigation. Only representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend. News media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Presenter: Assistant County Attorney Jed Tomkins.

An Executive Session was held.

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**BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. with Vice-Chair McKeel and Commissioner Kafoury present. Commissioner Barbara Willer and Judy Shiprack were excused.

**B-1 Sellwood Bridge Project. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Bridge Services Manager & Michael Baker, Owner's Representative.**

Mr. Cannon provided the introduction and briefed the Board on the upcoming activities relevant to the Sellwood Bridge Project. Clackamas County will hold public hearings to discuss the possibility of instituting a vehicle registration fee to support construction of the bridge. A Senior Agency Staff Report on Bridge Type and other project elements is due in December 2010; Public Stakeholder Committee recommendations are due in January 2011. The Board will review and approve a bridge type in late January 2011.

Mr. Baker informed the Board they are in the final design plan and will soon begin the process of choosing an engineering design firm and construction manager/general contractor to work on the project. He reviewed the hiring criteria being utilized. He stated that charters with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) are almost complete. Negotiations are under way with Portland regarding an IGA and together, they are evaluating cost saving measures to be employed. He provided a timeline for the project with construction finishing in the Fall of 2016.

Mr. Cannon and Mr. Baker responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**B-2 Multnomah County Green Team Annual Board Update. Presenters: Tim Lynch, Office of Sustainability; Grant Swanson, Steve Wright, Terry Baxter, Heidi Leibbrandt, Stuart Farmer, MC Green Team.**

Mr. Lynch introduced the Green Team project managers in attendance. Mr. Swanson provided the history and purpose of the Green Team, which is to engage and educate County employees and community members on issues of sustainability.

The presenters spoke about project successes in the past year, such as the Hope Garden, Sustainability Film Series, Green Bag lectures, Take-Back-the-Tap and Earth Day events, Adopt-a-road cleanup, and the Reuse-a-shoe program. They said that those projects were held to inspire and educate the community, and protect the environment. They are expanding these programs county-wide. Mr. Wright said that this year, the Hope Garden yielded carrots, peppers, lettuce, and kale, which were donated to Loaves & Fishes and fed many residents.

They responded to Board questions and comments. The presenters thanked the Board for their time and support. Chair Cogen commended the presenters on their great energy and for representing the County in such a positive way.

**B-3 Federal Government Relations. Presenters: Rich Gold, Partner and Shawna Watley, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland and Knight (H&K); and Nancy Bennett, Co-Director of Government Relations.**

Ms. Bennett introduced the staff from H&K, the Lobbyists who represent the County on a range of legislative issues, including transportation, health and human services, and public safety. Ms. Watley spoke about the status of the Federal agenda and the projects they are representing for the County. Two bills to fund County projects have passed, which are Sellwood Bridge and Sandy River Trail, which received \$650k in the House and \$500k in the Senate respectively. Commissioner Kafoury asked if they would continue pursuing funding for other projects. Ms. Watley responded that they intend to do so. He discussed the Lame Duck Session's priority legislation, moratorium on earmarks, and other priorities including: food safety, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act, energy bills, the Defense Authorization Bill, etc. She listed the major legislation passed in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress as health care, financial services regulatory reform, and the jobs bill.

Mr. Gold provided a preview of the first session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. He spoke about the new House and Senate distribution and leadership. Despite the earmark moratorium, Mr. Gold encouraged the Board to continue identifying and preparing priority projects for Senators Wyden and Merkley. He spoke about the post-election dynamics and Federal issues they are currently monitoring for the County.

Ms. Watley explained H&K's federal strategy for the County, including: identifying top federal funding priorities; reviewing priorities with our Congressional Delegation for support, either through the appropriations or grant process; seeking other federal funding sources (i.e. grants); annually visiting Washington, DC to communicate priorities with appropriate Delegation members and staff; and continuing to track and update the on Board on legislation of importance.

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

**B-4 Multnomah Leadership Academy. Presenters: Alumni of the Multnomah Leadership Academy; Garret Vanderzanden; and Wayne Scott, Manager, Training & Organizational Development.**

Mr. Vanderzanden provided the introduction and showed a video about the Leadership Academy. The presenters spoke about their experience and the benefits they gained from the Academy. The Academy is a partnership between departments and Central Human Resources (Talent Development) and is part of the County's succession planning initiative to develop the organization's ability to fill future mission-critical and executive openings.

The presenters thanked the Board for their ongoing support of the Academy. The Board thanked them for their dedication and for coming before them today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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