

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
Thursday, June 9, 2011**

REGULAR MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-070 Authorizing the Private Sale of Two Tax Foreclosed Properties to Covington Place Row Homes Association, Inc.
- C.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-071 Authorizing the Private Sale of a Tax Foreclosed Property to Glenn J. Blanchard.
- C.3 APPOINTMENT of Henry (Hank) Miggins and Helen McCann to the Audit Committee.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chair Kafoury 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 file.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Adopting the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for Multnomah County and Making Appropriations Thereunder, Pursuant to ORS 294.435. Presenter: Karyne Kieta, Budget Director.**

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded, approval of R-1.

Chair Cogen made opening remarks. In recent months, the Board met to develop the Mission, Vision and Values for Multnomah County as guiding principles by which the County operates. In that process, the Board reiterated their commitment to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, secure funding for public safety, invest in prevention, and do so in a collaborative and fiscally prudent fashion.

Multnomah County provides 735,000 residents with a wide range of health and human services, public safety, libraries, roads, bridges and other community services. Before developing the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) budget, the Board worked extensively with departments, conducted budget work sessions and public hearings where they heard public input.

Chair Cogen said that in considering the budget, the Board faced a General Fund shortfall of \$4.4 million for the upcoming fiscal year. This is the 11th straight year of service level cuts. The budget includes a total of \$381 million in General Fund dollars to be spent on departments, programs and contingencies out of a total \$1.2 billion budget.

The Chair's budget proposes budget cuts in administrative costs to preserve critical services; sets aside funds to prepare for proposed State and Federal program cutbacks; and, freezes management wages and requests 0% COLA from County Labor Unions.

The Board is preparing for the impact of major State and Federal funding cuts which account for approximately 30% of the County's funding, and expect to rebalance the budget again later this year.

Ms. Kieta provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments. She said the Board has a Resolution with four attachments and several sections within Attachment A to adopt the FY12 budget. Adopting the budget sets the upper limit on departmental spending during the year. The Board can incorporate amendments that can decrease the budget by any amount or increase any fund up to 10%. The Board will be asked to vote on each attachment individually as a Subsidiary Motion. Any exceptions can be considered during the appropriate attachment or section.

R.1.a ATTACHMENT A - AMENDMENTS

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded, approval of Board and Department Amendments in Attachment A.

R.1.a Attachment A - Amendments - Board Amendments

Ms. Kieta said the Board Amendment Section includes all changes proposed by the Board at previous Budget Work Sessions. Each subsection will need to be voted on individually. After the amendments are finished, return to the Main Motion on Attachment A as amended.

Part 1: PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES

i. FY 2011 Unspent General Fund Contingency - placeholder only.

Ms. Kieta said it will be voted on after going through the complete list of amendments.

ii. Rockwood Health Clinic One Time Only Funding

Vice-Chair Kafoury advised that this item just changes the funding stream to propose investing Health Department revenue into operations and preserving the County's General Fund.

Aye: 5
No: 0
Passed

PART 2: PROPOSED NEW EXPENDITURES

i. East County Homeless Outreach

Vice-Chair Kafoury said a similar project was funded last year in a partnership with JOIN and the Sheriff's Office and was very successful. Prior to that, the Sheriff's Office would do sweeps, and the homeless would return; so nothing was resolved. This allows for a great partnership between Homeless Outreach Services and the Sheriff's Office. All money goes directly into putting people into housing; no staffing positions are involved.

Commissioner Shiprack said that with the exception of Item 11, she will oppose these amendments. Her concern is the impact the cuts proposed by the State and preparing for the shortfall that is coming. She believes a more robust contingency must be available in September when the Board will have to readjust the budget. She emphasized that she believes in these programs, but doesn't believe the funds will be there to support these programs beyond September.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed.

ii. Action for Prosperity

Vice-Chair Kafoury said this partnership leverages money from Home Forward, formerly Housing Authority, and Work Systems, Inc. It targets housing retention funds to vulnerable populations, to ensure they have the tools necessary to stay in housing and get job training.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed

iii. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children - Victims System of Care

Commissioner McKeel asked that they consider an amendment before voting. The Chair entertained the motion. Commissioner McKeel moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded the motion to consider the substituted amendment.

Commissioner McKeel said some of her colleagues have expressed interest in having more information about this amendment. The change she proposes today is to place these funds in contingency and introduce a companion budget note to provide direction for these notes. She emphasized its importance for the most vulnerable population. The Budget Note will be that: DCHS and DCJ staff bring a report before the Board by July 28, 2011 and provide detailed program service outcomes and clients served.

The vote to consider the substitution was unanimously approved.

The Chair called the vote on the substituted amendment.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed

Amendment #4 In-Jail Human Trafficking - proposed by Commissioner McKeel

Commissioner McKeel stated that this position, created in July, 2010, has been a success. The Sergeant has identified 23 adult and 10 juvenile victims. The officer has been involved in 21 prosecuted cases, both State and Federal. As of May 19, 2011, there are an additional 13 cases pending.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 3

No: 2

Passed.

Amendment #5 Child Abuse Team Detective

Commissioner McKeel stated that the Child Abuse Detective investigates child abuse incidents reported in Multnomah County. Letters from our partners have been received emphasizing the critical nature of this position in the continuum of care around child abuse.

Vice-Chair Kafoury indicated she's in support of this amendment, but direction hasn't been clear on future funding. She asked that more information be prepared for revisiting the budget in September. Chair Cogen said he doesn't believe the funds will be there to support these programs beyond September, and he thinks grant opportunities are better ways to keep this funded.

Undersheriff Tim Moore was invited to answer questions on behalf of the MCSO. He explained that they have applied for two grants in the COPS program, but this wasn't part of those applications.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 3

No: 2

Passed.

Amendment #6 Micro lending

Commissioner Smith said that as a result of the summit held with young entrepreneurs in Oregon, it was determined that access to capital is the primary hurdle for small businesses seeking loans from \$200 to \$1,000. This amendment gives dollars to not-for-profit micro lending programs, who can borrow against loan loss reserves and secured money. She said if these young entrepreneurs succeed, it will create jobs and help people rise from poverty.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed.

Amendment #7 Black Women for Peace

Commissioner Smith said this program was started under Commissioner Willer. This group convened to engage community in terms of addressing youth and gang violence and is identifying root causes in our community. They are working closely with PSU's School of Social Work on researching potential solutions. She requested that the Board consider

approving putting these funds in contingency until Fall, while they determine which research project to select.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

Amendment #8 Food System Economic Cluster

Commissioner Smith said this amendment is to work jointly with partners to keep more of our food expenditures in our local food system. It's an opportunity to create jobs, sustainability, and better access to local food.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed.

Amendment #9 Veteran Services Officer

Commissioner McKeel stated that this is for a half-time position in Corrections for a Veteran Services Officer to work with incarcerated veterans and make sure they are able to access the services to which they are entitled. This position may also create savings in our system by reducing impact on the County's services.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed.

Amendment #10 Bedbug Eviction Mitigation

Vice-Chair Kafoury proposed this amendment because it helps 175 elderly and disabled clients in low-income housing at risk of being evicted due to bedbugs. It helps them prepare homes for treatment and stay in their homes once treatment is completed.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 4

No: 1

Passed.

Amendment #11 East County SUN Sites

Commissioner McKeel said this funding would enable these two additional sites in East County to set up and be ready by the time school starts in the Fall. The two school districts have invested \$180,000 into this program for this purpose.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

Amendment #12 Place All Proposed BCC Amendments into General Fund Contingency with Earmarks Until the State Impacts are Known, Excluding the SUN Schools Amendment.

Commissioner Shiprack said there is great uncertainty about State funding for a variety of services and midyear corrections will be needed once the impact is known. The majority of State-supported services will be impacted, including: mental health services; parole, probation and corrections; services for seniors and those with disabilities; cuts to health services; and funding for education and early childhood services will all be impacted. She proposed that the Board put all of these amendments into contingency, with the exception of SUN Schools, with earmarks. She said she is not opposed to the services outlined in the amendments, but it is the Board's job to analyze those services and prepare for the upcoming cuts.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 1

No: 4

Amendment #12 failed.

Amendment #13 Designate \$1.0 million in Capital Contingency Fund from Seismic & Life Safety Fund to the Downtown Courthouse (Capital Improvement Fund)

Vice-Chair Kafoury requested that these funds can be designated at the time when we have a plan to move forward on the downtown courthouse. Then the Board will have the opportunity to vote to use these funds for this purpose.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

Amendment #14 IT Innovation & Investment Fund 2012

Vice-Chair Kafoury recommended they do not make the General Fund cash transfer to the IT fund, but rather, that the funding remain in contingency until Budget System Project costs are known. The priorities would be: (1) Budget system & then (2) asset portfolio.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

Proposed Funding Sources -

Amendment #1 FY 2011 Unspent General Fund Contingency

Ms. Kieta said that now they return to Amendment #1 under Proposed Funding Sources and vote on the changes made today.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

R.1.b ATTACHMENT A - DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS

Ms. Kieta said the Department Amendment Section includes all changes proposed by the Board at previous Budget Work Sessions. Each subsection will need to be voted on individually.

i. Technical Amendments (green)

Ms. Kieta said these are clean up items for budget adoption and include adjustments between object codes. They do not change the bottom line of a fund.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

ii. Staffing Amendments (blue)

Ms. Kieta said these amendments update job class, amend corrected positions, reclassify a position, and changes three positions from permanent to limited duration.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

iii. Revenue Amendments (yellow)

Ms. Kieta said these amendments are outlined over four pages for various programs throughout the County.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

iv. Carryover Amendments (pink)

Ms. Kieta said there are no carryover amendments this year.

v. Program Amendments

Ms. Kieta said these five amendments are outlined in two pages.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

The Chair called the vote on the Board and Department amendments outlined above. The Board and Department Amendments were unanimously approved.

R-1.c. ATTACHMENT B - FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

Vice-Chair Kafoury moved and Commissioner Shiprack seconded, approval of Appropriations Schedule in Attachment B as Amended by Attachment A.

Ms. Kieta said they would move to Attachment B, Appropriations. This schedule authorizes the spending limit by department, by fund. The numbers in this schedule reflect the approved budget. The schedule will be updated to incorporate Attachment A, as amended.

The Appropriations Schedule in Attachment B, as amended by Attachment A, was unanimously approved.

R.1.d. ATTACHMENT C - BUDGET NOTES

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded, approval of Attachment C - Budget Notes.

Ms. Kieta said the budget notes will be addressed individually, because there are alternative notes and some were attached to proposed board amendments, and there are some new budget notes for the Board to consider.

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded, consideration of the additional budget notes.

i. Transportation Revenue Shortfall

Commissioner Shiprack said the purpose of this is to get organized around addressing what to do about the shortfall in the transportation maintenance schedule.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

ii. Capital Planning Process

Commissioner Shiprack said the supplement to the program the Chair has set in motion underlines the need for very robust capital plan that will analyze cost of maintaining our aging infrastructure, the cost of debt service for building new infrastructure, and strategies for replacing or rebuilding or selling existing county buildings in a way that will enhance the County's mission.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

iii. Black Women for Peace

Commissioner Smith said in an effort to make Black Women for Peace more self-sufficient, she's proposing a budget note to have the Chief Operating Officer work with other departments on how to further the work they've initiated and provide a briefing by the end of August. The proposal is for using contingency funds.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

iv. Other Post Employment Benefits

Commissioner Smith proposes that County Management conduct a Board Briefing in early 2012 on our financial policy of funding the OPEB.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

v. Added today: Funding for Department Specific Capital Projects and Assets

Vice-Chair Kafoury said this came to the Board as part of the Auditor's recommendations from the 2011 Financial Conditions Report.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

vi. Added today: Aligning Internal Service Policies with the Financial Condition Report

Vice-Chair Kafoury said this also came to the Board as part of the Auditor's recommendations from the 2011 Financial Conditions Report.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

vii. Added today: Sex Trafficking Program Services, Outcomes & Clients

Commissioner McKeel proposed that DCHS and DCJ staff come to the Board to provide details about program services, outcomes and clients served by July 28, 2000.

The Chair called the vote.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Passed.

The consideration of additional budget notes was approved unanimously.

Attachment C - Budget Notes, was unanimously approved.

TSCC RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Kieta said there are no objections raised or objections from the TSCC to respond to this year.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mark Jackson, Director, Reap, gave public testimony about the youth they serve in our community. The Board thanked him for his testimony.

BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Smith thanked the Chair and her fellow Commissioners for their hard work on this budget. She emphasized they have the best interests of the County at heart, she has learned much in the process, and appreciates all the efforts of the staff and departments.

Commissioner McKeel reflected on the large projects tackled this past year including the downtown Courthouse, Sellwood Bridge, East County Courthouse, and innovative strategies that have been implemented. She referenced the significance of establishing the Mission, Vision and Values for the Board that makes serving the most vulnerable their first priority. She thanked her colleagues and their commitment to work together. She thanked the employees who work for the County and dedicate themselves to helping others.

Commissioner Shiprack discussed the time they spent developing the Mission, Vision and Values for the Board and how the Commissioners represent the community that is evolving, learning how to work together in more efficient and collaborative way. She talked of the economic difficulties everything is struggling with and the impact on the community. She said she's proud of the work done by the Commissioners in making a positive impact every day on everyone they serve.

Vice-Chair Kafoury said that the budget process is never an easy task and given the economy and unknowns from the State, the pressure is on the people in our community with the least resources to take care of themselves. She gave accolades to the Commissioners and staff and thanked everyone for their commitment to a good budget. She felt that this year the budget is more transparent and the information is easier to access. She thanked her colleagues for a collaborative spirit and the respect with which they treat each other.

Chair Cogen said these are challenging times to put a budget together and he is proud of the Board and staff in this whole process. He thanked his colleagues, staff and employees for their terrific work every day. He felt the Board worked together collaboratively and that the community was engaged in the process. He thanked Ms. Kieta and her team in the budget office, his staff and expressed his appreciation for their work in this challenging process.

The Chair called the vote. Resolution No. 2011-076, adopting the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for Multnomah County and making appropriations thereunder, pursuant to ORS 294.435 was unanimously adopted.

R.2 RESOLUTION Levying Ad Valorem Property Taxes for Multnomah County, Oregon, for Fiscal Year 2012. Presenter: Karyne Kieta

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Commissioner McKeel seconded, approval of R-2.

Ms. Kieta provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2011-072 was unanimously adopted.

R.3 RESOLUTION Adopting and Defining the Various Funds to be Used in Fiscal Year 2012 and Repealing Resolution 2010-076. Presenters: Mindy Harris, Director, County Management & Karyne Kieta.

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

Ms. Harris provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2011-073 was unanimously adopted.

R.4 RESOLUTION Adopting the Financial and Budget Policies to be Used in Fiscal Year 2012 and Repealing Resolution 2010-075. Presenters: Mindy Harris & Karyne Kieta.

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

Ms. Harris provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2010-074 was unanimously adopted.

R.5 RESOLUTION Authorizing Salary Adjustments for Employees Not Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Presenter: Travis Graves, HR Director.

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

Mr. Grave provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

Resolution No. 2011-075 was unanimously adopted.

R.6 NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) to Submit an Application of up to \$225,000 per Year for Five Years to the Center for Disease Control & Prevention's *Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere* (STRYVE) through Local Public Health Leadership Grant Program. Presenters: Noelle Wiggins, Manager, Community Capacitation Center; and, Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator

Commissioner Shiprack moved and Vice-Chair Kafoury seconded, approval of R-6.

Ms. Wiggins provided the explanation and responded to Board questions and comments.

The NOI was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENT

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

None were given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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