

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of establishing) RESOLUTION
an Inmate Welfare Fund) #88-176

WHEREAS, Multnomah County provides the opportunity for prisoners in County facilities to purchase a variety of sundry items by operating commissaries available to inmates; and

WHEREAS, commissaries may provide amenities to inmates who cannot themselves afford to purchase them, and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Multnomah County to recover the costs of providing these items so that taxpayers shall not subsidize the commissaries; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Multnomah County not to reap any financial benefit from profits that might accrue from providing commissaries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an Inmate Welfare Fund be established to account for all expenditures for jail commissary items, proceeds from sales of jail commissary items, and expenditures of profits from the operation of jail commissaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that costs of commissary operations charged against this fund shall include the costs of purchasing and delivering all commissary items and the costs of providing such items to inmates unable to purchase them with their own money, but shall exclude the costs of any staff needed to distribute the items or account for the financial condition of the fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prices charged to prisoners for commissary items shall reflect current retail prices in Portland to the extent possible, but shall be computed so as to eliminate any subsidy by County taxpayers of the commissary operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prices charged to prisoners may be set as to vendors suggested retail listing and fair market value.

ADOPTED the 22nd day of September, 1988.



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