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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 08-035) Adopting the U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration in Partnership with Clackamas County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. There is a consensus among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today;
- b. Documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to global food and water supplies - all of which have an economic and health impact on communities and their local governments;
- c. Leading scientists have projected that stabilization of climate change in time to minimize such impacts will require a reduction of global warming emissions to 80 percent below current levels by the year 2050;
- d. Currently the United States is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants;
- e. State, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emissions reduction targets and programs and that this effort is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic leadership;
- f. The State of Oregon has mandated statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050;
- g. Counties have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their regional jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management;
- h. Many counties throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reducing energy bills, preserving green space, implementing better land use policies, improving air quality, promoting waste-to-energy programs, expanding transportation and work choices to reduce traffic congestion, and fostering more economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new technologies;

- i. More than 100 county leaders signed a letter written by Dane County, Wisconsin, that was sent to the President in March 2006 calling for increased energy investment and development of jobs focused on clean energy technologies;
- j. The U.S. Conference of Mayors has endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits cities to reduction of global warming emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, and calls for a federal limit on emissions;
- k. The economic arguments for implementing climate solutions are compelling, from the near-term economic gains of energy efficiency to the long-term climate stabilization that can prevent irreparable harm from catastrophic climate change impacts;
- l. Many leading U.S. companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate and operational responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the federal government to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to provide a uniform and predictable regulatory environment to encourage and enable necessary and long-term business investments;
- m. In April 2001, by Resolution No. 01-052, Multnomah County adopted a joint Global Warming Action Plan with the City of Portland to establish a goal of reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions 10% below 1990 levels;
- n. Currently, community-wide greenhouse gas emissions levels are approximately 1 percent above 1990 levels, and on a per capita basis, Portland and Multnomah County emissions have fallen 12.5% since 1993;
- o. In November 2007, by Resolution No. 07-173, Multnomah County authorized an update of the joint 2001 Global Warming Action Plan;
- p. The American Public Health Association, of which the Multnomah County Health Department is a member, states that there is a direct connection between climate change and public health, and has chosen climate change as the 2008 National Public Health Week focus issue.
- q. This declaration is consistent with Resolutions No. 01-052 and No. 07-173, and affirms Multnomah County's commitment to protecting the public's health from the affects of climate change.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. As a Cool County, to join Clackamas County in adopting the 2050 climate stabilization goal, and to take immediate steps to help the federal, state, and the governments within our county to achieve the 2050 goal, by making the following commitments:
 - i. Continue to maintain an inventory of our county government (operational) greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and continue to implement policies, programs and operations to achieve significant, measurable and

sustainable reduction of those operational GHG emissions to help contribute to the regional reduction targets as identified in paragraph ii;

ii. Work closely with local, state, and federal governments and other leaders to reduce county geographical GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050, by developing a GHG emissions inventory and county/regional plan that establishes short-, mid-, and long-term GHG reduction targets.

iii. Urge Congress and the Administration to enact a multi-sector national program of requirements, market-based limits, and incentives for reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050. Urge Congress and the Administration to strengthen standards by enacting legislation such as the Renewable Energy standard that would require 20 percent of electricity purchased in the United States to be from renewable sources by 2020.

2. The Health Department and the Sustainability Program shall identify regional climate change impacts, create a county adaptation plan to prepare for and build resilience to those impacts, and present the plan for approval to the Board of Commissioners within one year of adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April 2008

REVIEWED:
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
~Ted Wheeler, Chair

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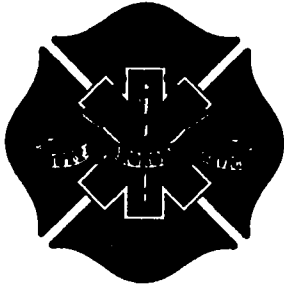
Ambulance Transport Service Summit

**Joint Elected Officials:
Lane County Board of Commissioners
Eugene City Council
Springfield City Council
Lane Rural Fire/Rescue Board of Directors**

January 27, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Classrooms 1 and 2
Eugene Emergency Services Center
1705 W. 2nd Ave.

5 p.m. – Dinner available for elected officials, CEOs, and panelists.

- I. 5:30 – Convene – Andre Le Duc, Director, University of Oregon Emergency Management Program
- II. Call to Order – Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy
Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken
County Commission Chair Pete Sorenson
Lane Rural President Larry vonMoos
- III. Introductory Comments – Springfield Fire Chief Dennis Murphy
- IV. PowerPoint Presentation – Eugene Deputy Chief of Administration Denise Giard
Springfield Deputy Chief of Operations Mark Walker
Lane Rural Fire/Rescue Chief Dale Borland
- V. Scheduled Speakers
Selected representatives of the fire service, the health care profession, and organized labor will present information.
- VI. Questions & Answers – All
- VII. Follow-Up/Next Steps
- VIII. Closing Remarks – Eugene Fire Chief Randy Groves
- IX. Adjourn – Mayor Piercy
Mayor Leiken
Chairman Sorenson
President vonMoos



MEMORANDUM

January 20, 2009

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
Eugene Mayor and City Council
Springfield Mayor and City Council
Lane Rural Fire/Rescue Board of Directors

FROM: Randall B. Groves, Chief, Eugene Fire & EMS Department
Dennis Murphy, Chief, Springfield Fire & Life Safety
Dale Borland, Chief, Lane Rural Fire/Rescue

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND FOR JANUARY 27 AMBULANCE SERVICE SUMMIT

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the January 27 Joint Elected Officials summit meeting regarding the future of ambulance transport service in our area. We look forward to providing information regarding issues and trends affecting the service, and to addressing your questions and concerns.

The majority of the meeting will be facilitated by Andre Le Duc, Director of the Emergency Management Program at the University of Oregon. The meeting will include a PowerPoint presentation, a panel of speakers, and ample time for questions and answers and discussion. Dinner for elected officials, CEOs, and presenters will be available prior to the meeting, beginning at 5 p.m.

As we present information to you at the summit meeting, we will explain in detail how recent reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement levels are seriously threatening the continued financial self-sufficiency of ambulance transport service in our area, even in the relatively short term. This is a matter of serious concern not just locally, but across the United States; it is being addressed in various ways in many jurisdictions.

As you know, our three fire service agencies are responsible for providing ambulance service in their respective Ambulance Service Areas (ASAs) within Lane County, as delineated by the Board of County Commissioners under ORS 682.062. In Eugene and Springfield, by policy of

our elected leadership, we are required to make that service available to the public on a self-sustaining basis, without General Fund subsidy. In the Lane Rural Fire/Rescue District, there is a modest General Fund subsidy for the program, but an ever-increasing subsidy cannot be sustained.

Although direct fee collection is often viewed as the ambulance service's principal means of support, that is not the case. Instead, more than half of ambulance transport revenues are derived from federal reimbursement through the Medicare program. (In Eugene, for example, 57 percent of fees are charged to Medicare, and in FY08, 51 percent of revenue came from Medicare reimbursements.)

In Oregon, to a lesser extent, transport revenues also depend on reimbursement from Medicaid, the state's counterpart to Medicare. Additional sources of revenue for the service include private insurance, direct payment by patients, and the FireMed ambulance membership program.

Because of the reductions in Medicare and Medicare reimbursements, as well as other conditions affecting the industry, financial shortfalls have been projected for some time. To date these have been forestalled by stopgap measures such as deployment changes and transport fee increases. Unfortunately, these types of measures have only bought time, and do not have the potential to address the major underlying issue. (Fee increases, for example, have an effect only on the small percentage of transports paid for directly by patients.)

During the summit we hope to introduce you to an array of possible options – some of which will be familiar to you – that can lead to long-term financial stability for ambulance service in central and eastern Lane County. It is possible that some of the concepts could be applied countywide.

Some of the options that will be brought forward are:

- full or partial privatization of the service
- realignment of ASA boundaries
- formation of an ambulance service district
- General Fund subsidy of the service

There are additional strategies that may be available, and we hope to explore the full range of options with you on a preliminary basis at the summit, in addition to providing complete information regarding the history and nature of the circumstances that the ambulance transport service finds itself in today.

While the January 27 summit meeting is preliminary only, your questions and comments will guide any approaches or proposals that may be developed in the future to ensure that high-quality, efficient, cost-effective ambulance transport service continues to be available in Lane County. We look forward to working with you on this vital public service issue. Thank you.

List of Participants

Ambulance Transport Summit
January 27, 2009

City of Eugene

Kitty Piercy, Mayor
Andrea Ortiz, City Councilor
George Poling, City Councilor
Betty Taylor, City Councilor
Alan Zelenka, City Councilor
Chris Pryor, City Councilor
George Brown, City Councilor
Jennifer Solomon, City Councilor
Mike Clark, City Councilor
Jon Ruiz, City Manager
Sarah Medary, Asst. City Manager
Glenn Klein, City Attorney
Randy Groves, Fire Chief
Denise Giard, Deputy Fire Chief/Admin.

City of Springfield

Sid Leiken, Mayor
Christine Lundberg, City Councilor
Hillary Wylie, City Councilor
Terri Leezer, City Councilor
Dave Ralston, City Councilor
John Woodrow, City Councilor
Joe Pishioneri, City Councilor
Gino Grimaldi, City Manager
Dennis Murphy, Fire Chief
Mark Walker, Deputy Chief/Ops.

Lane County

Pete Sorenson, County Commission
Chair
Faye Stewart, Commissioner
Rob Handy, Commissioner
Bill Dwyer, Commissioner
Bill Fleenor, Commissioner
Jeff Spartz, County Administrator

Lane Rural Fire/Rescue

Larry vonMoos, Board President
Pete Holmes, Board Member
Ray Brown, Board Member
Kevin King, Board Member
Marvin King, Board Member
Dale Borland, Fire Chief
Bill Bass, EMS Chief

Presenters

Robert Leopold, EMS Director, Oregon
Department of Human Services
Suzie Robinson, Oregon State
Ambulance Assn.
Jill Hoggard Green, RN, PhD, Chief
Operations Officer, PeaceHealth
Oregon Region
Others TBA

Facilitator

Andre Le Duc, Director, University of
Oregon Emergency Management
Program (facilitator)