

REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS REQUIRED BY STATUTES

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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on the County's
Compliance and Certain Items Based on an Audit of Basic
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Federal and Oregon Auditing Standards

The Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon

We have audited the basic financial statements of Multnomah County, Oregon, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated December 9, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, prescribed by the Secretary of State, and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to Multnomah County, Oregon is the responsibility of the County's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, our objective was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Certain areas covered, as required by Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-230 through 162-10-320 included, but were not limited to the following:

Accounting and Internal Control Structure - Our report on the accounting and internal control structure is presented separately under this cover.

Programs Funded from Outside Sources – Our report related to such programs is presented separately under this cover.

Financial Reporting Requirements - Whether financial reports and related data filed with other governmental agencies in conjunction with programs funded wholly or partially by such agencies were in agreement with or supported by the accounting records.

Compliance with Legal or Other Requirements

Accounting Records – Pertaining to the condition and adequacy of accounting records.

Collateral - Pertaining to the amount and adequacy of collateral pledged by depositories to secure the deposit of public funds (see requirements for public fund deposits as specified in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 295).

Indebtedness - Relating to debt and the limitation on the debt amount, liquidation of debt within the prescribed period of time, and compliance with provisions of indentures or agreements, including restrictions on the use of monies available to retire indebtedness.

Insurance - Relating to insurance and fidelity bond coverage.

Investments - Pertaining to the investment of public funds (see ORS Chapter 294.035 to 294.046).

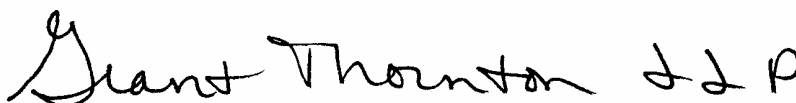
Budget - Relating to the preparation, adoption and execution of the annual budget for the current fiscal year and the preparation and adoption of the budget for the next succeeding fiscal year (see ORS 294.305 to 294.565).

Public Contracts and Purchasing - Pertaining to (as contained in ORS Chapter 279) the awarding of public contracts and the construction of public improvements.

Taxes on Motor Vehicle Use and Fuel and use of a Road Fund - Pertaining to (as contained in Article IX, section 3a of the Oregon Constitution) the use of revenue from taxes on motor vehicle use and fuel and use of a road fund (as contained in ORS 294 and 373).

The results of our tests indicate that, with respect to the items tested, Multnomah County, Oregon complied, in all material respects, with the provisions referred to above except the County had overexpenditures as listed in Note 2B of Notes to the Basic Financial Statements and one bank account exceeded its collateralization amount for three days. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the County had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Board of County Commissioners and the Secretary of State, Division of Audits, of the State of Oregon and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Portland, Oregon
December 9, 2003

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on
Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
Based on an Audit of the Basic Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

The Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon

We have audited the basic financial statements of Multnomah County, Oregon as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated December 9, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

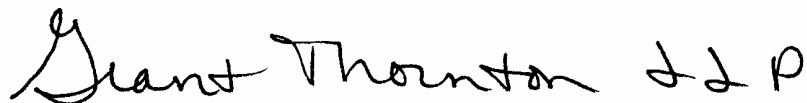
Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Multnomah County, Oregon's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of basic financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Multnomah County, Oregon's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Portland, Oregon
December 9, 2003