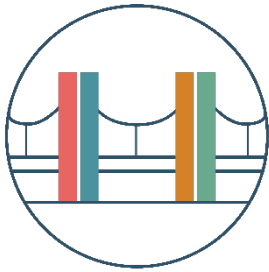


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Date: April 16, 2025

To: Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County Chair
Christopher Neal, Chief Operating Officer
Tracey Massey, Director, Department of County Assets

From: Jennifer McGuirk, Multnomah County Auditor 

RE: Land and building purchases audit

Dear Chair Vega Pederson, COO Neal, and Director Massey,

I'm writing to provide official notice that my office is starting an audit of county land and building purchases, as included in my fiscal year 2025 audit schedule. I have assigned Auditors Sura Sumareh and Mical Yohannes to the audit, and Audit Director Nicole Dewees will guide the audit under my direction.

My audit schedule included the following about the initial framing for this audit:

The county has made numerous land or building purchases in the last 10 years, and may be preparing to fund provider purchases of land/buildings with SHS funds. We have received complaints to the Good Government Hotline that the county is paying over market costs and does not have properties appraised when making the purchases. In some cases, costs for improvements have ballooned over what the county forecasted, such as in the case of the

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Behavioral Health Resource Center, which was found to have serious deficiencies after purchase. This audit would review the due diligence the county has done when making purchases.

During the initial phase of the audit, we may adapt this framing as we learn about issue areas.

My office will be in touch soon to schedule our audit entrance meeting. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

CC:

Meghan Moyer, County Commissioner, District 1

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