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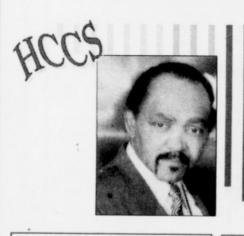
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afloat and expand its mission, according to Mary Beth Henry, the deputy director of the office.

A look at PCM's most recent set of tax documents from 2008 paint a fairly healthy picture of the non-profit.

It racked in over \$2 million in revenue (\$1,894,040 came from direct government support), and was running a budget surplus of \$292,347.

However, the same year, PCM lost nearly \$195,000 in lost investments, when it decided to pull its money out of the stock market when the economy got shaky.

Despite the relative fiscal health of PCM, Bowman said that she wants to proceed cautiously and is reluctant to tap into the grants it gets.

"My fear about [spending the grants] is, once it's gone, it's gone," she said.

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and the state. My background is working with people and having the ability to talk to everyone.

Howcancounty government prop up small businesses?

Small and medium sized businesses are what pay for the services, so if we don't have business here we can't pay for those services that we desperately need. A couple of years ago there was a double taxation put on venture capital, and as a result every single venture capitalist moved out of Multnomah County to Washington County. Today, they've since rescinded that and they are slowly coming back, but we need those kinds of resources. The other issue is the lack of capital for small businesses. I've been thinking about ways to infuse capital into small businesses, maybe some sort of business incubator that would give small loans to small businesses so they can get over the hump of this current economic situation.

Do you have any thoughts on the Wapato Jail?

There may be an opportunity for the state to purchase Wapato. And I think as a county commissioner we're going to have to think long and hard about whether or not we want to sell it and what price we want to sell it for. It could also be used as a venue for drug and alcohol rehab.

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