

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation
of County Funds for Public Purposes- Themis
Corporation

ORDER NO. 69 -2025

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-6, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose is any activity encouraged by the County which has the objective of enhancing the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County is the recipient of marijuana sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of marijuana sales tax revenue in the amount of \$25,000 to support an impairing substance testing program in the District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Themis Corporation is an Oregon non-profit corporation and was created with the mission of coordinating payments related to the acquisition and testing of biological substances for criminal investigatory purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to Themis Corporation enhances the public health, safety, general welfare, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by assisting with the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving intoxicating substance impairment;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS that the Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment to Themis Corporation out of the County's marijuana sales tax revenue in the amount of \$25,000. A donation agreement shall be required.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2025.

Approved as to form

By: _____

Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____

Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____

Margaret Magruder, Commissioner