

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting Findings)
of Feasibility for Use of the County's)
Personnel and Resources to Operate)
Columbia County Rider Transit) ORDER No. 20-2010
Services - ORS 279B.036)

WHEREAS, ORS 279B.030 requires that except as provided in ORS 279B.036, before conducting a procurement for services with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$250,000, a contracting agency shall (a) demonstrate, by means of a written cost analysis in accordance with ORS 279B.033, that the contracting agency would incur less cost in conducting the procurement than in performing the services with the agency's own personnel and resources; or (b) demonstrate, in accordance with ORS 279B.036, that performing the services with the agency's own personnel and resources is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 279B.036, a contracting agency may proceed with a procurement if the contracting agency reasonably determines in writing that using the contracting agency's own personnel or resources to perform the services that the contracting agency intends to procure is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, the contracting agency may make the determination without conducting a cost analysis under 279B.033 if the contracting agency finds that the contracting agency lacks the specialized capabilities, experience or technical or other expertise necessary to perform the services; and

WHEREAS, in making the above described finding, the contracting agency shall compare the contracting agency's capability, experience or expertise in the field most closely involved in performing the services with a potential contractor's capability, experience or expertise in the same or a similar field; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained grant funds to operate the Columbia County Rider Transportation public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract for the operation of Columbia County Rider Transportation System because it is not currently feasible for the County to provide the services with its own personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that there are only two County employees on staff to manage the Columbia County Rider public transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the program requires management of a large vehicle fleet, including

26 transit vehicles of various sizes, and 30 personnel to provide existing levels of service; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that operation of a Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funded transit program requires specific expertise in the areas of driver education and driver programs, ADA rules and regulations and vehicle maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that operation of a FTA funded transit program also requires specific expertise in route scheduling; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that existing County Staff are fully occupied with grant management and other program oversight requirements and do not have the time or expertise to also manage the day to day operations of the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the procurement for the operations of the Columbia County Rider Transportation program shall be procured without conducting a cost analysis.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 2010.

Approved as to form

By: Sarah Hanson
Office of County Counsel

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