

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring an)
Emergency and Awarding a Contract)
for Local Public Health Services to the)
Public Health Foundation of)
Columbia County)

ORDER NO. 42- 2011

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners entered into a Local Public Health Services Agreement the Columbia Health District on March 20, 2002 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Health District has notified the Board of County Commissioners of its intent to dissolve as an Oregon special district and will seek dissolution by the district voters on September 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Health District filed with the County Clerk on May 27, 2011, findings of fact and a plan for dissolution and liquidation of the Columbia Health District; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Health District has requested that the County agree to an early termination of the Local Public Health Services Agreement effective June 30, 2011, coinciding with the termination of the Oregon Health Authority 2009-2011 biennial financial assistance agreement; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertainty regarding the continuation of the Columbia Health District and to ensure the continuation of local public health services in the County, the Board of Commissioners determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to terminate the Agreement effective June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Columbia Health District approved Amendment No. 2 to the Columbia County Local Public Health Services Agreement effective May 26, 2011, in which the parties agreed to terminate the Agreement as of June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has discussed the possibility of contracting for local public health services with several public and private social service and health care providers, but only the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County is willing and able to provide such services on short notice; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is essential that the County enter into a contract with another willing and capable provider by the termination date of the existing Local Public Health Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Columbia County Personal Services Rule exempts contracts for the provision of public health services and environmental health services from the screening and selection requirements of the Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners conducted two public hearings and took all steps practicable to solicit interest from varied public and private social

service and health care service providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

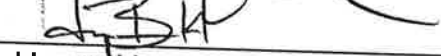
- 1) The Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the public interest to award the Contract for Local Public Health Services to the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County.
- 2) The Board of County Commissioners finds that due to the timing of the termination of the existing Local Public Health Services Agreement, an emergency exists.
- 3) The Board of County Commissioners finds that even if no emergency existed, a direct award of a Local Public Health Services Agreement to the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County complies with the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rule.
- 4) The Board of County Commissioners awards the Local Public Health Services Agreement to the Public Health Foundation of Columbia County and directs staff to negotiate a contract to be effective on or before June 30, 2011.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

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