

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)	ORDER No. 23-2013
Columbia County Rider Transit)	
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(1), the contracting agency may make the determination that using its own personnel or resources is not feasible without conducting a cost analysis required 279B.033 if the contracting agency finds that it 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 its 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 and administer the Columbia County Rider public transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the program requires management of a large vehicle fleet, including more than 20 transit vehicles of various sizes, and management of more than 15 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 repair; and

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


WHEREAS, the Board finds that existing County Staff are fully occupied with grant management and other program oversight requirements and have neither the time nor expertise to also manage the day-to-day operations of FTA-funded transit 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 24th day of June, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form,

By: 
Office of County Counsel