

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 Provide)	ORDER No. 31-2014
Columbia County Jail Food 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 by 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 desires to contract for food service in the Columbia County Jail 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 17 County employees on staff to manage and administer the Columbia County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has insufficient staff to currently operate the jail at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, jail food service requires the purchase, cooking and serving of food to up to 255 inmates daily; including special diet meals; and

WHEREAS, jail food service requires special expertise in the areas of diet and nutrition to ensure constitutionally adequate meals are served to inmates; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that existing County Staff are fully occupied with jail operations and other jail oversight requirements and have neither the time nor expertise to also manage the day-to-day food service;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the procurement for Jail Food Services shall be procured without conducting a cost analysis.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2014.

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

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By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner