



Tribe. Contracts issued under this special procurement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2021 and shall continue through June 30, 2023. The Board directs that the applicable public contracting processes pursuant to ORS 279B.055 to 279B.070 be initiated no later than December, 2022, to secure contracts for the FY 2023-2025 biennium.

DATED this 10 day of November, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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*****MEMORANDUM*****

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Jeff Auxier, District Attorney
Cc: Sarah Hanson, County Counsel
Date: November 1, 2021
Re: Specialty Court Services- Special Procurement

I am requesting an order approving a special procurement process for the Specialty Court program, specifically, authorization to enter into direct contracts for services with Options, Columbia Community Mental Health, and Iron Tribe.

As you recall, the County was asked to be program managing agency for the Specialty Court Program for fiscal years 2019 to 2021. The County managed the program by contracting for administration to Columbia River Partnerships for Change. Columbia River Partnerships for Change then entered into contracts with service providers, including Options, Columbia Community Mental Health, and Iron Tribe. The County was therefore not required to contract directly for those services. However, the County was asked to contract directly with service providers for FY2021-2023. You will also recall that the timing for the grant funding for these programs lags several months behind the beginning of the biennium. Because the new grant agreements were not in place, the OJD Specialty Court Director authorized the existing service providers to continue their work. This was done without contracts or following Oregon's public contract procurement statutes. At this point we cannot realistically stop the program services because of the detriment that would have on the participants. Given the value of the service contracts at least one, possibly two, formal procurements would need to be conducted; each taking a minimum of 4 months to complete.

Request and Process

I am requesting that the County enter into direct contracts with Iron Tribe, CCMH/Averhealth, and Options through June 30, 2022.

The use of a special procurement process for these services is unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts because the contracts will only be effective through June 30, 2022, and the applicable procurement processes will be followed for any future biennium. Furthermore, direct contracts for these services otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not practically be realized by complying with the requirements for competitive procurements because otherwise the drug court, family court and veteran court programs will have to stop for the duration of the procurements, detrimentally impacting program progress.

This is scheduled on your November 10, 2021, work session agenda for discussion.