

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation
of County Funds for Public Purposes- United
Way, Oregonians for Floodplain Protection
and Columbia Pacific Food Bank

ORDER NO. 34 -2026

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 96-8, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-6, authorizes the Board of Commissioners to allocate County funds to private non-profit corporations upon the Board finding that such funds will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose is any activity encouraged by the County which has the objective of enhancing the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the Board of County Commissioner approved the FY 26-27 Economic Development budget, including amounts intended for donations to certain private non-profit corporations, which will be used to promote a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes a \$30,000 donation to United Way of Columbia County for its RSVP program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to United Way of Columbia County promotes positive educational, health and financial outcomes for the residents of Columbia County by providing senior volunteer services within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners proposes a \$10,000 donation to Oregonians for Floodplain Protection, a 501(C)(4) Coalition formed and committed to making sure FEMA understands and fully addresses the concerns of all Oregonians affected by FEMA's 2021 Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration, outlining FEMA's plans to modify the implementation of the NIFP in Oregon based on a NMFS 2016 Biological Opinion; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to Oregonians for Floodplain Protection enhances the safety, general welfare, prosperity, and contentment of the residents of Columbia County by protecting economic development and access to federal flood insurance and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners proposes a \$3,500 donation to the Columbia Pacific Bank to support the purchase of food supplies for distribution to Columbia County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a donation to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank promotes positive health and financial outcomes for the residents of Columbia County by providing food assistance to residents in need;

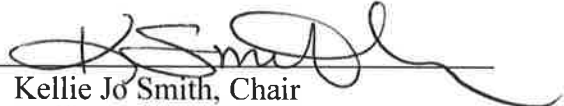
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS:

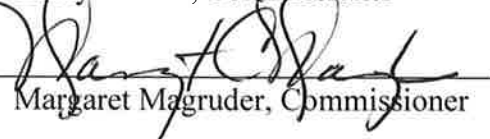
1. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment in the amount of \$30,000 to United Way of Columbia County out of the Economic Development Fund in the amount of for its RSVP program upon execution of a contract. United Way of Columbia County shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purposes described herein.
2. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment in the amount of \$10,000 to Van Ness Feldman, LLP, on behalf of Oregonians for Floodplain Protection out of the Economic Development Fund. No contract shall be required. Oregonians For Floodplain Protection shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purpose as described herein.
3. The Columbia County Finance Department shall issue payment in the amount of \$3,500 to the Columbia Food Bank out of the Economic Development Fund in the amount. No contract shall be required. The Columbia Pacific Food Bank shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners to establish that the donation was used for the intended purposes described herein.

DATED this 23 day of September 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel