

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting a Personal	)	
Services Contract for Medical and Mental	)	
Health Services in the Columbia County	)	Order No. 35 -2026
Jail from the Screening and Selection	)	
Procedures of the Personal Services	)	
Contracting Rule	)	

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rule, adopted by Order No. 38-2006, authorizes the County to authorize and approve a personal services contract utilizing the direct procurement procedure even though a more formal process would normally be required in an emergency, either due to time or because of unforeseen developments or circumstances which could not have been reasonably foreseen, create a substantial risk of loss, damage, interruption of services or threat to the public health or safety and require the prompt performance to remedy the situation; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a Personal Services Contract with MEDTRUST LLC dba MedHealth (MedTrust), effective November 20, 2023, for Jail medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the MedTrust contract expires November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, due to a large increase in the cost of providing medical and mental health services in Jails over the last several years, the Columbia County Sheriff has been analyzing the feasibility of bringing medical and mental health services in house to be provided by County employees; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of the feasibility of bringing medical and mental health services in house is on-going but is not complete; and

WHEREAS, MedTrust staff are well trained and familiar with the needs of adults in custody in the Columbia County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposal and contracting process for Jail Medical Services is time intensive and lengthy, and when properly done takes a minimum of six months under normal conditions; and

WHEREAS, expiration of the contract with MedTrust would cause an interruption of critical medical and mental health services in Jail at a time when these services are more important than ever; and

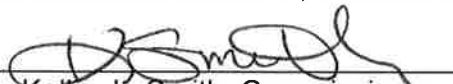
WHEREAS, the Columbia County Sheriff desires to extend its existing contract with MedTrust to provide medical and mental health care at the Jail for one year to allow proper time to finish the feasibility analysis and devote sufficient time to a request for proposals and contract negotiations, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, MedTrust has requested to be allowed to continue to provide medical and mental health services through November 30, 2027;

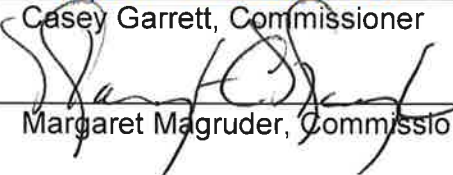
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the contract with MedTrust to provide medical and mental health services in the Columbia County Jail, is hereby exempted from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule.

Dated this 7 day of October, 2026.

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By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

By: Not Present
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner