

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting a Change )  
Order to the Contract with Williams )  
Communications Solutions, LLC, from ) ORDER NO. 91 -00  
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. 16-96, authorizes the Department of General Services, with approval of County Counsel, to exempt certain personal services contracts from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule upon approval of the following findings: (a) It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal services contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts; and (b) the awarding of personal services contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County; in making such findings the Board may consider the type, cost, amount of the contract, number of persons available to bid and such other factors as the Department may deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County entered into a contract with Williams Communications Solutions, LLC ("Williams"), on June 18, 1999, for replacement of the existing telephone system at the Columbia County Courthouse Complex and its four OPX connected remote sites as Phase One; and extension of the telephone system from the Courthouse Complex to the new Jail facility as Phase Two; and

WHEREAS, at the time the contract was entered into, the Jail had not yet been designed and since design occurred and construction began, additional features and services have been requested; and

WHEREAS, the original contract with Williams had a price of \$97,998.70 for Phase One services, and a price of \$22,579.99 for Phase Two services; and

WHEREAS, to add the additional features and services requested would increase the price of Phase Two work to \$50,449.54, an increase of \$27,869.55, and would necessitate a change order to the contract with Williams; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that exempting the change order to the contract with Williams would encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal service contracts or substantially diminish competition

for personal service contracts since the original contract was awarded pursuant to the Formal Selection Procedure specified in Section 14 the Personal Services Contracting Rule; and

WHEREAS, the exemption of the change order to the contract with Williams will result in a substantial cost savings to the County since Williams is prepared to add the features and services requested without delay, whereas going through a new screening and selection procedure would delay the jail project increasing the cost to the County of its Construction Manager/ General Contractor, Drake Construction, and its Project Manager, Vanir Construction Management, Inc., and there is no reason to think that a new contractor could add the features and services requested to Williams' telephone system as cheaply as Williams can; and

WHEREAS, because of the amount of the original contract and amount of the change order, County Counsel has recommended that the change order be formally approved by the Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the change order to the contract with Williams in the amount of \$27, 869.55 be, and hereby is, exempted from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule, and the General Services Director is authorized to sign the change order subject to the approval of the Office of County Counsel.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Jack R. Peterson  
Chair

Approved as to form

By: not present  
Commissioner

By: John K. Light  
Office of County Counsel

By: [Signature]  
Commissioner