



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Mike Russell, Public Works Director
Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director
Date: 07/10/2025
Subject: A proposed contract C93-2025 for rock crushing services in Ross Pit

This memo outlines a proposed contract with Braxling, Inc., for rock crushing services in Ross Pit.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department, in maintaining the County road system, uses crushed rock materials from the County's Ross Pit. As using material crushed in Ross Pit is about one-third the cost of purchasing the same material commercially, this represents a substantial savings to the County generally and the Road Fund specifically.

The Public Works Department crushes material on a roughly biennial basis, requesting enough material to sustain maintenance activity for the approximately 24 months.

PROPOSED CONTRACT:

Pursuant to the County's policy for Public Service Contracts governed under ORS 279B, the Department reached out to four (4) contractors for this service. Braxling, Inc., of Tillamook, Oregon, was the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$180,950.00. A summary of the bids is presented below:

Braxling, Inc.	\$180,950.00
Allied Rock, LLC (Siegmund)	\$186,674.00
TFT Construction, Inc.	Non-responsive
Knife River	Non-responsive

The proposed contract would include mobilization, drilling, and blasting, and would generate the following approximate quantities of material:

- ¾" – 0 gravel 10,000 cu. yd.
- 1 ½" – 0 gravel 3,000 cu. yd.
- 3" – 0 gravel 1,500 cu. yd.

The cost associated with this contract for rock crushing services was included in the FY26 budget.

IMPACTS TO MINERAL LEASE WITH KNIFE RIVER

The Public Works Department will continue to coordinate with Knife River regarding the mineral lease for a portion of the Ross Pit. The proposed contract is not anticipated to impact Knife River's operations within Ross Pit. Knife River, as part of the mineral lease agreement, will stripe the overburden from the County's proposed blasting site prior to this contract, which will save the County and Road Fund approximately \$25,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends the Board approve this contract with Braxling, Inc., and sign the contract on a future consent agenda.

Proposed Motion: "I move that the Board approve contract 93-2025 with Braxling, Inc., for rock crushing services in Ross Pit and direct staff to submit the same for signature on a future consent agenda."