

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving the Sale of
Certain Timber from the Carcus Creek
Forest under the Section H(3)(d) of the
Columbia County Public Contracting
Ordinance

Order No. 54-2025

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Public Contracting Ordinance designates the Board of County Commissioners as the Local Contract Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously authorized the harvest of timber from the County's Carcus Creek Forest; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025 the County held an auction for timber to be harvested from the Carcus Creek Forest, which auction was conducted in full compliance with the requirements of ORS 275.340.

WHEREAS, the auction resulted in no acceptable bids being received for sort #3 which was for Douglas Fir logs, scaling 19" and above; and

WHEREAS, Harvesting the timber successfully sold at auction will require the cutting of the unsold timber, making the unsold timber surplus property; and

WHEREAS, Section H(3)(d) of the Columbia County Public Contracting Ordinance permits the disposal of surplus property through direct negotiation where the Board finds that contract will promote the economic development of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been able to negotiate contract with Stimson Timber for the purchase of the sort #3 timber for delivery to its mill in Clatskanie, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price under that contract is approximately 94% of the minimum acceptable bid for that sort at auction; and

WHEREAS, the Clatskanie mill is an important source of family wage jobs for the citizens of Columbia County.

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

1. The Board finds that the proposed contract with Stimson Timber will promote the economic development of the County.

2. The above recitals are adopted in support of the Board's decision.
3. The Timber contract with Stimson Timber is approved and the Chair of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign that contract.

Dated this ____ day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Approved as to form

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Office of County Counsel

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner