BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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In the Matter of Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Personal Services Contract Utilizing the Direct Appointment Procedure with Jensen Partners

Order No. 19-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 279A.055, Columbia County is authorized to enter into personal services contracts and to designate certain service contracts or classes of service contracts as personal services contracts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 279A.065(5) and 279A.070, Columbia County is authorized to adopt rules of procedure that it will use for personal services contracts, including procedures for the screening and selection of persons to perform personal services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rules, Section X.B, the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the approval and execution of a personal services contract utilizing the Direct Appointment Procedure, even though a more formal process would normally be required when "only a single personal services contractor is known to the County to be qualified to do the particular job or perform the particular services required, or only the single personal services contractor has reasonable access to factual, technical or statistical information necessary to perform the services required" and

WHEREAS, the County contract with Jensen Partners in 2022 to provide a hospital feasibility study, resulting in a 2023 report establishing the need for continued study of a freestanding emergency department within the County, and Jensen Partners therefore has access to data and partner relationships needed to conduct the additional freestanding emergency department exploration work; and continuation of this work by Jensen Partners will result in fiscal savings and will reduce the time needed to complete this project;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the County is authorized to utilize its Direct Appointment Procedure to select Jensen Partners to consult with the County related to a free-standing emergency department.

DATED this <u>5</u> day of June 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:

Casey Garrett, Chair

By: Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner By: Complessioner aret Magruder

Approved as to form By: Office of County Counsel

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