

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting a)
Personal Services Contract for the)
Provision of Medical and Mental Health)
Services in the Columbia County Jail) Order No. 64-2023
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 Wellpath LLC (formerly known as Correct Care Solutions, LLC), effective April 28, 2022, for Jail medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Wellpath provided the County with an unanticipated notice of intent to terminate the contract on November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the early termination of the Wellpath contract could not have been reasonably foreseen; and

WHEREAS, upon learning of Wellpath's intent to terminate, County Jail Staff reached out to other known providers of Jail medical and mental health services and, with the exception of MedTrust, LLC, none were able to provide services 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 **nine** months under normal conditions; and

WHEREAS, expiration of the contract with Wellpath without a new provider under contract 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, due to the risk associated with an interruption in Jail medical and mental health services, prompt performance is required to remedy the situation; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County desires to contract with MedTrust, LLC to perform medical and mental health care to allow proper time to devote to a request for proposals and contract negotiations;

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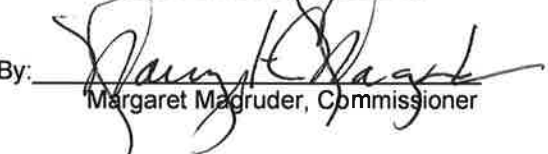
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the contract with MedTrust LLC to provide medical and mental health services in the Columbia County Jail, is hereby exempted from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule.

DATED this 8 day of ~~October~~ November, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Not Present
Casey Garrett, Chair

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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By: 
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