

REVISED AGENDA
COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Owen Building Large Conference Room
August 2, 2016
8:30 A.M.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION under the authority of ORS 192.660**
 - A. (2)(b) Consider Dismissal or Discipline of Public Officer or Employee
 - B. (2)(e) Real Property Transactions
 - C. (2)(h) Consultation with Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS (agenda items or general comments) – limited to 3 minutes per person- scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Amending the Code to Add Division Five- County Measure in State Voters' Pamphlet under Article Eight- Elections and Districts

4. **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- A. Request Approval of Loan from General Fund for Public Health- Coos Health & Wellness (CHW)
- B. Request Approval to Reclassify Employee- Solid Waste (SW)
- C. Request Approval of Pay Grade Adjustment- Forestry
- D. Request Approval to Post/Advertise & Fill Crime Victims Assistance Director Position- District Attorney
- E. Request Approval to Purchase Equipment Trailer- Sheriff
- F. Request Award of Contract for Security Locks & Adopt Sole Source Findings- Maintenance
- G. Request Approval of Application to National Joint Powers Alliance- Maintenance
- H. Request Award of Contract for Security Lock Upgrade & Adopt Sole Source Findings- Information Technology
- I. Request Approval to Post & Fill Planning II Position- Planning
- J. Request Approval to Reclassify Crime Victim Assistance Director Position- Human Resources (HR)
- K. Request Approval of Director of Legal Counsel/Human Resources Job Description & Pay Scale; Post/Advertise & Fill Position- HR/County Counsel
- L. Request Approval of Contract Amendment with ConMed- County Counsel
- M. Comments/Questions re: Community Development Block Grant Application for Dora-Sitkum RFPD Vehicle Garage- County Counsel
- N. Request Approval of Explanatory Statements for Historical Fund & Tax on Sale of Marijuana- County Counsel
- O. Request Decision on Waiver of Bond for ORCCA- BOC

This agenda does not limit the ability of the Commissioners to consider additional subjects. The Board reserves the right to place a time limit on public testimony on any matter. The meeting place is handicapped accessible; if special accommodation is needed, please contact the office at least 24 prior to the meeting.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR- administrative matters not up for discussion**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes- July 5, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes- July 16, 2016

B. **Ratification of All Routine Expenditures, Tax Overpayments and Adjustments and Transfer of Funds Within the Budget**

Transfer of Appropriations Within a Department- DA- for Barrett's Business

C. **Items Previously Approved (authorize Chair to sign where necessary)**

Contract with Cascade Metal to Remove/Haul Incinerator Canopy- SW
Contract with Agri-Tech to Spray/Mow Ash Trenches at Beaver Hill- SW
Contract with Stemmerman Construction to Repair/Replace Rotted Siding- SW
Work Agreement with Pacific Power to Remove/Relocate Power Pole & Transformer- SW
Limited Liability Agreement with Ticor Title for Foreclosure Reports- Tax/Treasurer
Special Event Liquor Licenses for Arch Rock Brewing Co., Naked Winery, River's Edge Winery, Backside Brewing Co.

6. **LIBRARY SERVICE DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY**

A. Request Approval of Coastline Services Access Agreement

7. **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Request Approval of Commitment Letter for Blue Zone Grant Application- CHW

B. Request Approval of Task Order #6.1 with David Evans & Associates- Road

C. Request Approval of Task Order #5.1 with David Evans & Associates- Road

D. Request Approval of Lease with ODOT & Authorize Chair to Sign- Sheriff

E. Request Approval of Addendum to Jordan Cove Contract- Sheriff

F. Editorial re: National Flood Insurance Program- BOC

8. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

BOC only: Consent Agenda _____ Regular Agenda _____

AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Commitment Letter for Blue Zone Grant Application

Department: CHW

Requested Agenda Date: 8/2/16

Contact Person: Florence Pourtal-Stevens

Phone/Ext.: 2425

Background and description of need or problem:

Funding Source:

Requested Action: Approval of Commitment Letter

Date:

Signature of Dept. Head: _____

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County Counsel _____

Treasurer _____

Human Resources _____

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Commitment Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

By signing below, we agree to be an actively engaged organization in Community Transformation. We are committed to transforming the community into a place where some of the healthiest, happiest, and most productive people live. We believe that becoming a Demonstration Community will positively engage and impact our community.

We agree to commit to the following Roles and Responsibilities:

- Be an actively engaged partner who is willing to learn new strategies for supporting healthy behaviors and be open to implementing them.
- Champion the effort to become a Demonstration Community and to make it a top priority of the community and our organization.
- Support the community leadership team with stakeholders from across the community who will create and implement plans that will deliver sustainable environmental changes designed to support healthy behaviors.
- Participate in community programs to deliver sustainable environmental changes that support healthy behaviors.
- Review work from the community leadership team and take action on recommended policies designed to support healthy behaviors.

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Commissioner – Melissa Cribbins

Commissioner - Robert "Bob" Main

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LATE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: David Evans & Associates, Task order #6.1; Contract Amendment to Charleston Safe Bikeway and future projects for Cunningham Creek: Fairview Road Crossing Culvert Failure.

Department: Road **Requested Agenda Date:** 8-2-16

Contact Person: John Rowe **Phone/Ext.:** 7665

Background and description of need or problem: The current task order #6 with DEA has a term date of August 2016; we need to extend this to December 2016. No additional funds needed.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Approve Task order 6.1, term date extension, with DEA-Cunningham Creek: Fairview Road Crossing

Date: 7-26-16 **Signature of Dept. Head:** *Jessica Johnson for John Rowe*

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Departments Affected:

COUNSEL: *for* _____

TREASURER: *no, B* _____

HUMAN RESOURCES: *na* _____

BOC forwards signed Contract/Grant to *Road*

Commissioners Initials to Place on Agenda ONLY: _____

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CONTRACT / GRANT SUMMARY FORM

Clerk's File C&A No.: _____ (complete after filed with Clerk) Internal Contract/Agreement or Grant No.: CJ2016-000245

Name/Agency Name and Address: David Evans & Associates, Inc., 530 Center St, NE, Suite 505, Salem, OR 97301

Contact Person: Shon Heern Phone No. 503-302-8132

Amount of Contract/Grant Award: \$ 0

Payment Terms: Upon completion & Invoice (state lump sum or amount and time of payments)

Start Date: Upon signing End Date: December 2016

County Department and Employee Responsible for Performance: Road Department, John Rowe, Roadmaster

Description: Task order #6.1, Term date extension, Cunningham Creek: Fairview Road Crossing - Amendment to Charleston Safe Bikeway & Future projects contract.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATE %	OTHER %	FEDERAL % (CFDA # Required)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Asst. *(CFDA) Number

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New Renewal Modification

Previous Amount: \$ \$

Original Amount: \$ up to \$85,257

Previous Date:

Original Date: 5-19-15

Automatic Renewal? Yes No

Staff Requirements: New Existing Subcontract

Will unemployment cost be incurred? Yes No

PUBLIC CONTRACTING INFORMATION

Method of Selection:

- Bid None
- Quote Other _____
- Proposal

Type of Contract:

- New (complete sections below)
- Renewal (no need to complete sections below)
- Modification (no need to complete sections below)

Type of Contract:

Goods and Services - If Not Using Bid or Proposal, Mark Exemption:

- Under \$5000
- Under \$50,000 for Quotes
- Under \$150,000 & Approval from Board for Quotes
- Sole Source
- Contract with Public Agency
- Equipment Maintenance
- Office Supplies
- Used Vehicles
- State Purchasing
- Other _____

Public Improvement - If Not Using Bid, Mark Exemption:

- Under \$5000
- Under \$50,000 for Quotes
- Under \$100,000 & Not a Transportation Project for Quotes
- Alternative Contracting Method Approved by Board
- Other _____

Personal Services Contract - If Not Using Proposal, Mark Exemption:

- Under \$50,000
- Under \$150,000 & Approval from Board

Will project be reported to Bureau of Labor for Prevailing Wages under ORS 279C.800? Yes No

Certificate of insurance required? Yes No

Form of contract: Oral Written (attach the written contract)

Date Approved by BOC: _____

Reviewed by Counselor len

BOC only:
Consent Agenda
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LATE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Task order #5.1; David Evans & Associates, Contract Amendment to Charleston Safe Bikeway and future projects to extend the term date for Sitkum Ln MP 21 Slide Mitigation Project.

Department: Road

Requested Agenda Date: 8-2-16

Contact Person: John Rowe

Phone/Ext.: 7665

Background and description of need or problem: Our current Task Order #5 with David Evans expired in September 2015; we need to extend the term date until September 2017. No additional funds are needed with the extension.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Approve Task order 5.1 with DEA to extend the term date on Task Order #5.

Date: 7-26-16

Signature of Dept. Head:

Jessica Johnson For John Rowe

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Departments Affected:

COUNSEL: MR

TREASURER: DC, B

HUMAN RESOURCES: n/a

BOC forwards signed Contract/Grant to: Road

Commissioners Initials to Place on Agenda ONLY: _____

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CONTRACT / GRANT SUMMARY FORM

Clerk's File C&A No.: _____ (complete after filed with Clerk) Internal Contract/Agreement or Grant No.: 11-20-12CA#300

Name/Agency Name and Address: David Evans & Associates, Inc., 530 Center St, NE, Suite 505, Salem, OR 97301

Contact Person: Shon Heern Phone No. 503-302-8132

Amount of Contract/Grant Award: \$ 0

Payment Terms: Upon completion & Invoice (state lump sum or amount and time of payments)

Start Date: Upon signing End Date: September 2017

County Department and Employee Responsible for Performance: Road Department, John Rowe, Roadmaster

Description: Task order #5.1 Term Date Extension, Sitkum Lane MP 21 Slide Mitigation - Amendment to Charleston Safe Bikeway & Future projects contract.

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New Renewal Modification

Previous Amount: \$ \$

Original Amount: \$ 71,000

Previous Date:

Original Date: 11-2012

Automatic Renewal? Yes No

Staff Requirements: New Existing Subcontract

Will unemployment cost be incurred? Yes No

PUBLIC CONTRACTING INFORMATION

Method of Selection:

- Bid None
- Quote Other _____
- Proposal

Type of Contract:

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- Modification (no need to complete sections below)

Type of Contract:

Goods and Services - If Not Using Bid or Proposal, Mark Exemption:

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- Sole Source
- Contract with Public Agency

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- State Purchasing
- Other _____

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- Under \$100,000 & Not a Transportation Project for Quotes

- Alternative Contracting Method Approved by Board
- Other _____

Personal Services Contract - If Not Using Proposal, Mark Exemption:

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- Under \$150,000 & Approval from Board

Will project be reported to Bureau of Labor for Prevailing Wages under ORS 279C.800? Yes No

Certificate of insurance required? Yes No

Form of contract: Oral Written (attach the written contract)

Date Approved by BOC: _____ Reviewed by Counsel: KAL

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LATE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Contract with Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) for the lease of radio equipment space in their radio structure at Fourmile, south of Bandon, Oregon

Department: Sheriff's Office

Requested Agenda Date: August 2, 2016

Contact Person: Sgt. Pat Downing

Phone/Ext.: Ext. 7811

Background and description of need or problem:

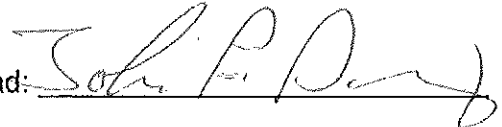
The Coos County Sheriff's Office is looking to lease space for radio equipment in a radio structure owned by ODOT at the Fourmile radio tower site south of Bandon, Oregon. The cost of this lease will be \$3,322.00 annually.

Funding Source: Dispatch 1605 421.22-15

Requested Action: Authorize Chair to sign lease agreement

Date: 07/26/2016

Signature of Dept. Head:



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Departments Affected:

COUNSEL: lkc

TREASURER: OK B

HUMAN RESOURCES:

BOC forwards signed Contract/Grant to:



CONTRACT / GRANT SUMMARY FORM

Clerk's File C&A No.: _____ (complete after filed with Clerk) Internal Contract/Agreement or Grant No.: _____

Name/Agency Name and Address: Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Contact Person: Martha Steen Phone No. 503-986-2790

Amount of Contract/Grant Award: \$ 3,322.00

Payment Terms: Lump sum (state lump sum or amount and time of payments)

Start Date: August 2, 2016 End Date: August 31, 2021

County Department and Employee Responsible for Performance: Coos county Sheriff's Office, SFC pat Downing

Description: Lease for space in radio structure for 2 racks of radio equipment

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- New Renewal Modification
 Previous Amount: \$ Original Amount: \$
 Previous Date: Original Date:
 Automatic Renewal? Yes No Staff Requirements: New Existing Subcontract
 Will unemployment cost be incurred? Yes No

PUBLIC CONTRACTING INFORMATION

- Method of Selection:** **Type of Contract:**
 Bid None New (complete sections below)
 Quote Other _____ Renewal (no need to complete sections below)
 Proposal Modification (no need to complete sections below)

- Type of Contract:**
 Goods and Services - If Not Using Bid or Proposal, Mark Exemption:
 Under \$5000 Equipment Maintenance
 Under \$50,000 for Quotes Office Supplies
 Under \$150,000 & Approval from Board for Quotes Used Vehicles
 Sole Source State Purchasing
 Contract with Public Agency Other _____
 Public Improvement - If Not Using Bid, Mark Exemption:
 Under \$5000 Alternative Contracting Method Approved by Board
 Under \$50,000 for Quotes Other _____
 Under \$100,000 & Not a Transportation Project for Quotes
 Personal Services Contract - If Not Using Proposal, Mark Exemption:
 Under \$50,000
 Under \$150,000 & Approval from Board

Will project be reported to Bureau of Labor for Prevailing Wages under ORS 279C.800? Yes No
 Certificate of insurance required? Yes No
 Form of contract: Oral Written (attach the written contract)

Date Approved by BOC: _____ Reviewed by Counsel: KAL

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LATE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Addendum to Jordan Cove contract.

Department: Sheriff

Requested Agenda Date: 08-02-2016

Contact Person: Deputy Strain

Phone/Ext.: 7809

Background and description of need or problem:

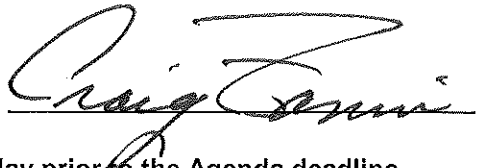
The Sheriff's Office is conducting a major Incident Command System exercise on September 21. This action is to exercise various emergency plans within the Sheriff's office. This exercise is at the request of and being funded by Jordan Cove energy. As such we are requesting the Board Of Commissioners sign the addendum attached to this agenda cover sheet. This addendum allows Jordan Cove to provide an additional \$52,815.00 to the Sheriff's Office LNG budget for the mentioned exercise.

Funding Source: Jordan Cove Energy/LNG Planning Division

Requested Action: Approve Addendum

Date: July 25, 2016

Signature of Dept. Head:



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County Counsel KAC

Treasurer OK NBS

Human Resources N/A



CONTRACT / GRANT SUMMARY FORM

Clerk's CJ No.: _____ (complete after filed with Clerk) Contract/Agreement/Grant No.:

Name/Agency Name and Address: Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, 5615 Kirby Dr, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77005

Contact Person: Chris Haddon Phone No. 832-274-5120

Amount of Contract/Grant Award: \$ 57,815

Payment Terms: Advance payment (state lump sum or amount and time of payments)

Start Date: 7/21/2016 End Date: 12/31/2016

County Department and Employee Responsible for Performance: Sheriff Zanni, CCSO

Description: Increase Contract for Reimbursement (CCS-027) by \$57,815 for staging a full scale protest exercise involving all partnering State and Federal agencies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification |
| | Previous Amount: \$ | Original Amount: \$ |
| | Previous Date: | Original Date: |
| Automatic Renewal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Staff Requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontract | |
| Will unemployment cost be incurred? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

PUBLIC CONTRACTING INFORMATION

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| Method of Selection:
<input type="checkbox"/> Bid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
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 Certificate of insurance required? Yes No
 Form of contract: Oral Written (attach the written contract)

Date Approved by BOC: _____	Reviewed by Counsel: _____
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AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Editorial re: National Flood Insurance Program

Department: BOC

Requested Agenda Date: 8/2/16

Contact Person: Melissa Cribbins

Phone/Ext.: 7539

Background and description of need or problem:

Funding Source:

Requested Action:

Date: _____ **Signature of Dept. Head:** _____

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CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM THREATEN COOS COUNTY'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent letters to over two hundred communities around Oregon informing them about changes being made to the way the agency administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which was created to safeguard homeowners, renters, and business owners from the effects of floods. These changes are being driven by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which has concluded that implementation of the NFIP in Oregon jeopardizes the continued existence of numerous ESA-listed fish species in the State. Unfortunately, these changes will only usurp local authority and likely prevent economic development and job creation in Coos County.

Our economy is hurting. Although forestry remains one of the main economic drivers here in Southern Oregon, changes in Federal policy have significantly reduced timber profits, resulting in a loss of jobs and tax revenue. Even before the recession, Coos County lagged behind the rest of the state in economic growth and routinely posted unemployment figures higher than the state and national averages. If we can attract investment into our communities, we believe it will kick-start economic growth. Unfortunately, those areas that have the most potential for providing this economic boost are the same areas that are threatened by these new rules for the NFIP. Much of the prime commercial real estate in Coos Bay falls into this category

NMFS is concerned about Oregon's salmon populations. We share those concerns. In fact, many of our friends and neighbors, whether they are fishermen, restaurant or hotel operators, or owners of small businesses that cater to tourists, depend on the type of sustainable fisheries these changes to the NFIP purport to support. But these people also rely on the coastal infrastructure that supports their industries and provides them with jobs, whether it be the canneries that allow local fishermen to bring their product to the market, the ship repair yards that keep our fishing fleets in working shape, the hotels, restaurants and shops frequented by locals and visitors alike, or the research facilities that help us better understand what is beyond our shores. In our communities, all of these things are built on the edge of the water, and as a result, all of these things could be threatened by these new rules.

Thankfully, Congressman Peter DeFazio and the rest of our Congressional delegation recognize this. The Congressional delegation has argued that FEMA is going beyond its legal authority by using the NFIP for federal land-use regulation, which is the role of local government in Oregon. The delegation has written letters to FEMA, expressing concern over what the actions of NMFS and FEMA will mean for private development in the State, and about the potential impacts to the agriculture and timber industries in Oregon.

In response to these letters, representatives from Portland-based NGOs recently wrote in the Oregonian that non-governmental stakeholders must work together with federal, state and local governments. We agree with that, but not to implement the changes as written. Instead, we all need to work together to strike the right balance – one that protects one of Oregon's most important resources, but that does not take away our ability to determine the economic future of Coos County.

Congressman DeFazio is hosting a town hall forum this Saturday, August 6 at 9:00am at the Coos Historical Museum (Sprague Gallery), located at 1210 N. Front Street in Coos

Bay. We encourage you to attend this meeting to ask questions and to learn more about this important issue.