

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION & ORDER NO: 23-12-05-07

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH BULK HANDLING SYSTEMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN INTEGRATED MATERIALS & ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY (IMERF) AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE APPROVED CONTRACT; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN GOSHEN FROM CECIL D. SAXON REVOCABLE TRUST FOR SITING THE IMERF (\$1,500,000); AND APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO FEES FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Lane County established a materials recovery goal to achieve a 63% recovery rate for 2025 as listed in ORS 459A.010; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2019, the Board adopted the updated Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) as a Special Purpose Plan of the County's Rural Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance No. PA 1377 & 19-04) outlining and actions to reduce waste entering the landfill and increase the recovery of recyclable materials; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, the Board approved the revised 2018-2021 Lane County Strategic Plan adding a Key Strategic Initiative and Key Activity Area under the *Vibrant Communities* priority: (2.b.) *Protect and enhance our natural and built environments* and (2.b.2) *Pursue programs to reach a 63% waste recovery rate by 2025*; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2020, the Board adopted Order and Resolution 20-02-04-04, establishing a Climate Change Strategy for Lane County that included goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from County operations; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2020, the Board approved the Climate Action Plan Phase 1: Operations Recommendations Report (B.O. 20-10-20-08) identifying the Short Mountain Landfill as the highest contributor (77%) of greenhouse gas emissions from County operations and recommending construction of an Anaerobic Digestion system at the Short Mountain Landfill as a key action for lowering emissions from the landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2022 Waste Management Division issued a Request for Proposals for Waste Recovery Facilities to help the Division meet or exceed its 63% recovery goal and selected Bulk Handling Systems (BHS) to enter into a contract to further explore building a Waste Processing Facility located near Short Mountain Landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2022, the Board added the objective (2.b.7) to *Fully vet the construction of a waste processing facility for the Short Mountain Landfill* to the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2023, the Division identified a potential property in Goshen for the IMERF and entered into a Purchase & Sale Agreement (PSA) pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, in September and November 2023, County staff provided updates to the Board of Commissioners completing the vetting status for constructing a waste processing facility; and

**WHEREAS**, per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 459.015 (1) (d): "It is in the best interests of the people of Oregon to extend the useful life of solid waste disposal sites by encouraging waste prevention and the recycling and reuse of materials, and by requiring solid waste to undergo volume reduction through recycling and reuse measures to the maximum extent feasible before disposal. Implementation of waste prevention and recycling and reuse measures will not only increase the useful life of solid waste disposal sites, but also decrease the potential public health and safety impacts associated with the operation of disposal sites."

**WHEREAS**, construction of an Integrated Materials & Energy Recovery Facility (IMERF) will enable Lane County to preserve the useful life of the Short Mountain Landfill, to promote economic development and the creation of well-paying jobs in the community, and will mitigate the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions from Lane County operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Approval of a contract with Bulk Handling Systems for construction and operation of an Integrated Materials & Energy Recovery Facility (IMERF) and delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute the approved contract.
2. Approval to purchase a property in Goshen from Cecil D. Saxon Revocable Trust for siting the IMERF and delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute the agreement.
3. Approval of adjustments to fees for solid waste services including an 8% increase for the IMERF plus a 3% inflationary adjustment in fiscal year 2024-25 and fiscal year 2025-26.

**ADOPTED** this 5th day of December, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Farr", is written over a horizontal line.

Pat Farr, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners