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APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN COLUMBIA
COUNTY

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REPORT: On September 19, 2019 through Board Resolution 20-046 the Board of Directors authorized the College to begin proceedings to acquire property at 3290 West Lane Road, Scappoose, OR 97056 including using the power of eminent domain if required. This property is to be used to establish the new Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Training Center (OMIC).

P&CC entered a contract in September 2019 with Saalfeld Griggs, PC, a firm of attorneys who specialize in cases involving eminent domain. At the time of entering into this contract it was not anticipated that the contract value would exceed \$150,000.

As the case has proceeded it has become evident that the total fees will exceed that amount. Based on expenditures to date and the anticipated future expenditures approval is being requested for a total fee of \$400,000. The work is billed on an actual cost incurred basis so that if the case is settled out-of-court the College will only be billed for actual costs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve the contract for Columbia County Land Acquisition Legal Services with Saalfeld Griggs for a total amount of \$400,000. Funding is from the 2017 Bond Program.