

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 13-01-08-24

IN THE MATTER OF RECREATING THE  
OFFICE OF LANE COUNTY LEGAL  
COUNSEL AS A SEPARATE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT AND APPOINTING SENIOR  
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL STEPHEN  
DINGLE AS COUNTY COUNSEL

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appointed District Attorney Alex Gardner as Acting County Counsel effective November 22, 2011, for a period of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, during that one year period significant improvements have been made in the Office of Legal Counsel in the areas of cost-control, liability, cross-training, and case management; and

**WHEREAS**, during that one year period the District Attorney's office has provided administrative support (including financial accounting and budgeting) and oversight; and,

**WHEREAS**, since his hire in January 2012, Stephen Dingle has been instrumental in the implementation of these improvements, and continues to provide experience and leadership necessary to transform the Office of Legal Counsel into an efficiently performing law office; and

**WHEREAS**, Acting County Counsel Alex Gardner recommends the appointment of Stephen Dingle as County Counsel; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Legal Counsel previously existed as a separate department, but by Board Order 12-1-11-4, the budget for the Office of Legal Counsel was transferred to the District Attorney's budget and the office consolidated as a division of the District Attorney's Office; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to reestablish the Office of Legal Counsel as a separate department, with administrative support provided by the District Attorney's Office.

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

1. That the Office of Legal Counsel is reestablished as a separate department within the county, with administrative support (including financial accounting and budgeting) being provided by the District Attorney's Office according to agreement between the District Attorney and the County Counsel.
2. That as soon as possible staff undertake to make appropriate budget appropriation transfers from the District Attorney's Office to the Office of Legal Counsel to reflect the reestablishment of the Office of Legal Counsel as a separate department.
3. That Senior Assistant County Counsel Stephen Dingle is appointed as County Counsel effective close of business January 9, 2013, and is delegated full authority to perform all acts of the County Counsel described in the Lane Code, Lane Manual, by Board Order, or as otherwise designated.

4. That Stephen Dingle's position as County Counsel be memorialized in a contract between the Board and Mr. Dingle that is substantively consistent with his current employment position, and that the County Administrator is delegated the authority to execute the contract.

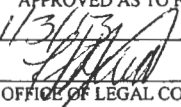
ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

  
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Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

I concur with the transfer of the Office of Legal Counsel from the District Attorney's Office upon the terms and conditions set forth above.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013.

  
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District Attorney Alex Gardner

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 1/31/13 Lane County  
  
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL