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## **Douglas County Commissioners Vote on Pitchford Boys Ranch**

ROSEBURG, Ore – Douglas County Commissioners voted yesterday, during the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, to award a design bid to Hayden Engineering. This contract is for the design and bid package preparation, for construction to start later this year at the Pitchford Boys Ranch.

Commissioner Gary Leif, who is liaison to Juvenile Services said, “This is yet another way we’re working to see that departments become self-sufficient, and not need funds from county reserves. We’re also proud of the fact that Darron Hayden is a Douglas County native.”

Douglas County Juvenile Services Director Aric Fromdahl said, “The Pitchford Boys Ranch will actually serve boys and girls ages 6-12 years old – some of Douglas County’s most vulnerable population. Helping siblings stay together longer helps them better cope with not being at home. When it opens, it will vastly change the lives of the kids it serves.”

Land and Building Facilities Director Janet Coleman said, “We are excited to get this project off the ground. The first contract for the design is a great start, and we will be posting RFPs when the design phase is done.”

### **About Douglas County**

Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county’s governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

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