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AccuWeather.com Forecast **MONDAY** Mostly sunny Mostly sunny and Sunshine and very Partly sunny and Plenty of sun very warm hot very warm 99° **59°** 67° 61° 89° 58° 94° **59**° TEMPERATURE F 54° 67° 57° 102° 97° 63° 93° 53° 96° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 81/59 Wenatchee 90/65 84/60 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses 82/54 through 3 p.m. yesterday Pullman Aberdeen Olympia **TEMPERATURE** Yakima 91/58 82/51 75/55 84/51 HIGH Longview Yesterday Walla Walla 85/58 Kennewick 40° (1911) 93/56 89/62 Lewiston 119° (1898) Astoria Records 89/61 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Enterprise Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m 88/63 Pendleton 81/50 0.07' 93/53 The Dalles Month to date 0.12" Normal month to date 96/63 La Grande Salem 7.39' 5.00' Year to date 85/51 Last year to date 90/59 Normal year to date 8.11" Albany Corvallis 90/57 **HERMISTON** John Day 90/56 through 3 p.m. yesterday 88/58 Ontario • Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE** 89/56 90/55 87/51 HIGH Caldwell Yesterday Burns <u>Normals</u> 88/45 47° (1947) 106° (1971) Records Medford **PRECIPITATION** 100/63 24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.00' Klamath Falls Month to date 0.05' Normal month to date 0.06" 4.99" 3.25" Year to date Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Last year to date Normal year to date 6.01" REGIONAL FORECAST **SUN AND MOON** Eastern Washington: Sunshine and patchy Coastal Oregon: Clouds giving way to sun 5:51 a.m. Sunrise today today. Areas of low clouds and fog forming clouds today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny Sunset tonight 8:09 p.m.

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Consultant hired for ODOT audit wanted to be its director

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BEND — The consultant who landed a \$350,000 contract to audit the Oregon Department of Transportation before the state backed out over conflict of interest worries had something more elaborate in mind than an audit: He wanted to become director of the agency.

A four-page document John Craig sent to Oregon Transportation Commission Chairwoman Tammy Baney in January outlines Craig's short- and long-term plans for ODOT and himself. Among them, replacing ODOT Director Matthew Garrett as head of the agency should he step down.

Craig sent the document five months before the Department of Administrative Services picked him to conduct the audit lawmakers say is crucial to the effort to generate money from drivers and invest it in Oregon's roads, bridges and transit systems.

Government ethics experts say Craig stating his long-term personal goal before being picked to conduct what's been set up as an independent and transparent audit looks

'For him to be conducting the audit under circumstances of desiring to become the director would I think be disqualifying and would raise serious conflict of interest issues," said Andrew Stark, professor of management at the University of Toronto. "Generally when you conduct an audit you should have no interest at all, financial or otherwise, in the agency you're auditing.

Gov. Kate Brown called for a thorough review of ODOT in November ahead of the politically challenging work of writing and passing a bill that would likely send hundreds of millions of dollars through the agency for roads, bridges, transit and other infrastructure. She and the Oregon Transportation Commission set up a committee to oversee the work on the audit.

Craig's outline to Baney provides deeper insight into

what was viewed as a conflict of interest severe enough for transportation officials to pull Craig's contract on the day the state was set to unveil him as the auditor, the second time state pulled out of the ODOT auditing contract.

Craig is the former director of Nebraska's transportation department. He spent six years overseeing a bridge replacement project that was funded through an Oregon transportation investment in 2003. He finished that work in 2015.

He hasn't responded to The Bulletin's requests for comment. Richard Mudge, who was listed as the No. 2 worker on Craig's proposal, told *The Bulletin* on Friday the state asked the team not to talk with the media.

Craig outlined for Baney, who is also a Deschutes County commissioner, his past experience working in Oregon on a project with a \$1.3 billion budget. He also gave her what he called a "good practices outline" for transportation departments, including creating a longrange transportation plan, more outsourcing and annual reporting.

He finished with what Baney saw as a statement of Craig's interest in working in Oregon, offering a list "potential roles for John Craig," which included working on the management study as an adviser or member of the management team and becoming "Director of ODOT when (agency director) Matt Garrett steps down."

Garrett, head of the agency since December 2005, is the longest-serving director since the State Highway Department became ODOT in 1969. Baney released the docu-

ment late Monday after a request for records from The Bulletin. She said she met Craig through her work as chairwoman of the transportation commission and Craig sought to set up a meeting that never occurred.

She said she didn't read the full document until after the Department of Administrative Services picked Craig for the contract, and eventually asked that the state back

away from Craig over the potential appearance that the audit wouldn't be viewed as independent.

particular "For management review. neutrality and independence is one of the top priorities," Baney said. "I think for this particular body of work it absolutely does not meet the priority of an independent third-party review."

Legislators involved say the ability to act on the recommendations from the eventual audit is vital for bipartisan buy-in by Republicans and Democrats, some of whom say they lack confidence in the agency's current management.

"Yes it's a necessary thing. We've got to do it," said Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, the House Republicans' go-to legislator on transportation issues. Bentz also expressed optimism at the possibility of taking time to find a new, independent auditor and passing a major road funding bill during the legislative session next year.

"This (audit) is being done to make sure that what we have in the form of our transportation department is operating appropriately and efficiently and in a way that's good for the state of Oregon," Bentz added. Questions linger over the

process that led to Craig being selected as the ODOT auditor in late June.

The Bulletin reported this week one of three state employees who scored the applications for the contract noted concerns about Craig's past deep involvement with the agency before he was awarded the contract anyway.

Craig's \$350,000 bid was also more than \$100,000 more expensive than the second-place bidder, Public Works, a Pennsylvania-based firm that has reviewed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Public Works was selected in January to conduct the audit before the state backed out because the governor's office and legislators thought the pool of applicants wasn't large enough. Public Works was the only applicant at the time.

Ammon Bundy defends brother's actions in jail scuffle

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PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon standoff defendant Ryan Bundy's confrontation with sheriff's deputies at a Portland jail stemmed from his fear that a bullet lodged in his shoulder would be surgically removed without his consent, Ammon Bundy said in a recorded message posted to the Bundy Ranch Facebook page.

In the clip posted late Tuesday, the jailed standoff leader said he was awakened early Tuesday by pounding on his cell door. It was his brother, Ryan, saying U.S. marshals were taking him to the hospital for a surgical procedure.

'He was calm but firm that they do not have consent to take the bullet out of his arm," Bundy said.

Some sort of altercation Multnomah followed. County jail spokesman Capt. Steve Alexander said Tuesday that Ryan Bundy argued with a sergeant and was taken to the ground. Ammon Bundy said the jailers used unnecessary force.

Alexander said he didn't know where marshals took he was placed under higher security when he returned later in the day. Federal prosecutors declined comment on his travels or Bundy's claim about the

Ammon Bundy said

investigators want the bullet because it was fired during the Jan. 26 traffic stop that ended with the fatal shooting of Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, the Arizona rancher who emerged as a spokesman during the weeks-long occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in southeast Oregon. Oregon State Police

troopers fired the rounds that killed Finicum, a shooting deemed justified because he failed to heed their commands and reached for his weapon. As they looked into how

many shots were fired and by whom, the investigators found a round in the roof of Finicum's truck. Ryan Bundy was among those inside the vehicle.

investigators The discovered members of an FBI hostage rescue team

Bundy after the scuffle, but who were at the scene failed to disclose they fired two rounds that missed Finicum. Prosecutors revealed earlier this summer that the investigation of the FBI agents is now before a grand jury.

> "Ryan said he was shot in the arm before LaVoy left the vehicle," Ammon Bundy said in the clip. "Ryan believes that the FBI were going for his head and when it hit the glass, it deflected to his shoulder.' Ammon Bundy said his

brother is willing to have the bullet removed, but doesn't want the government in charge of handling the evidence.

"Ryan told them that if he consents, the bullet will remain in his custody and go through the forensic investigation by a private, neutral party," he said. "They did not like his terms."

Gerri Badden, spokes-woman for the U.S. attorney's office in Oregon, said prosecutors can't comment on any matter in the pending investigation.

The Bundy brothers and six others are scheduled to stand trial next month.

Corrections

The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

