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beetle kill pine, also known as blue stain pine.

"They did a good job on the color," Miller said. "U of O inside, OSU on the outside," he said of the calm green interior paint and the bright pops of orange on the exterior trim.

Outside, the solar panels across the front of the building form an awning effect.

"We wanted things simplistic and industrial," he said.

In the crew space, two of the restrooms have showers, and the building has a mudroom to take care of soaked rain slickers and muddy boots.

In addition, each crew member has a locker and an individual workspace, a welcome upgrade.

"They can do paperwork, take phone calls, keep track of orders and store personal items," Miller said. "They're all really excited about their offices, and they have some nice things now. I wanted to make sure, instead of bringing old furniture that they had for years, they got all new furniture and chairs."

The maintenance building is an open space that has an exhaust system, water sprinklers and heating, and enough room to store and work on several full-sized rigs.

"We purposely made it double deep, based on the size of our biggest truck," Miller said. "Even though it's only four bays, you should be able to park like three pick-ups at each. There should be plenty of room. It has very high ceilings. ... Well, if you bring in the dump truck and you have to lift it, you need the height."

The facility is equipped to run

for 24 hours a day in the likelihood of a natural disaster.

During the Dec. 4 Florence City Council meeting, the council approved Resolution No. 23, Series 2017, a resolution authorizing staff to submit an application for a \$108,000 State Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of an emergency power generator and other emergency equipment for the Public Works Facility. This is a reimbursement grant with no match requirement.

"If we are successful in obtaining the grant from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for the emergency power generator, yard lights and equipment to outfit the emergency operation center and training room, this will go a long way to fully realizing the potential of the new facility," the staff report stated.

Even without the grant, Miller said there is a disaster plan in place for the building and the crews who would likely be on call.

The location on Kingwood Street factored into the operation facility's plan.

"We've been working on this for quite a while," Miller said. "We went through a selection process and looked at a number of different sites."

Public Works leases the lot from Florence Municipal Airport, which will use the approximately \$36,000 a year for airport operations.

"Everything on Kingwood Street, south of 27th down to the military museum, is lease-only lots," Miller said.

Money from those leases, and the sale of lots at the Pacific View Business Park, go to Florence's airport for its operations.

According to the City of

Florence Adopted Biennial Budget 2017-19, the city awarded the operations facility construction contract for \$3.13 million in December 2016.

"The City of Florence is financing this construction, and has taken out a loan to do this project at a great interest rate. The utilities facilities that operate out of this pay that back," Miller said. "We have plans over the next five years to fully build out. We have lots of space needs, and we'll be able to do it over time."

He said the current plan is to add a stormwater treatment facility to the lot.

"It will be a mirror image of the existing maintenance building, and another \$800,000 item.

"We've laid it out already, it's just a matter of executing it and getting it built," Miller said.

The old Public Works building, 989 Spruce St., had "issues," Miller said, including only one working furnace, a leaking roof and electrical problems.

The building has been around since the 1950s, and was originally a police station.

"Public Works has always been at that site. We were in one of the metal barns for years, which was essentially a two-office building with a restroom and crew area. When the police moved to the Justice Center, that's when Public Works took over the main building," Miller said.

Now that Public Works is mostly moved out, the old building will be "patched" and used for temporary storage during the planned Florence City Hall remodel, which

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