BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 20-01-07-21

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXPEND AND COMMIT COUNTY RESOURCES DURING AN EMERGENCY UNTIL AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to work on a plan to deal with a variety of emergency situations that would require swift action on the part of staff and the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has adopted a Strategic Plan that identifies three priorities for Lane County for 2018-2021: (1) Safe, Healthy County, (2) Vibrant Communities; (3) Robust Infrastructure, and (4) Our People and Partnerships; and;

WHEREAS, the Lane County Strategic Plan states that, Priority 1, Objective 1, is to protect and enhance the safety and health of Lane County residents with a focus on enhancing and managing resources, improving access to, prevention programs and collaborative initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize that Lane County could face an emergency response to critical incidents, whether natural or manmade; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize that during an emergency ordinary and usual communication may be disrupted; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize that Lane County may need to make decisions related to the use of county resources in response to an emergency on very short notice; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize that the use of Lane County resources may exceed the amount authorized by the Lane Code for Department Directors and the Lane County Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to have a process in place for the authorization of the use of Lane County resources to respond to an emergency before an emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners could be held;

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

1. The Lane County Board of Commissioners delegates to the Lane County Administrator authority to expend county resources in response to an emergency, in excess of any limitations or procedures contained in the Lane Code, Lane Manual or Lane County Administrative Procedures.
Manual for a period of 72 hours, until a regular, special or emergency meeting of the Lane County Board of Commissioners can be convened.

2. The Lane County Administrator will arrange an emergency meeting of the Lane County Board of Commissioners as soon as reasonably possible under the circumstances following the procedures in Board Order 20-01-07-20. The County Administrator shall brief the Board of Commissioners on all resources expended under the authority of this Order at the emergency meeting, or other meeting of the Board, whichever occurs first.

3. This Order shall be reviewed annually by the Board. Failure to review this Order does not affect its continuing validity.

ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2020.

Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

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