

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 20-09-29-07

IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING
DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO \$1
MILLION FOR RESPONDING TO THE
EFFECTS OF THE HOLIDAY FARM FIRE

WHEREAS; McKenzie River valley experienced significant wildfire events starting on September 7, 2020 at 8:17 pm starting at Holiday Farm and moving westward resulting in widespread evacuations, human life loss, structure loss, disrupted communications, and continued dangerous condition, and;

WHEREAS, the County declared a local emergency in Board Order 20-09-08-01 on the morning of September 8, 2020. That emergency expired on September 22, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Oregon Governor issued a major disaster declaration on September 14, 2020 and the United States President signed a Federal Emergency Declaration for Oregon on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, as of September 26, 2020, the fire had covered more than 173,094 acres, was 45% contained and had destroyed 768 structures. One fatality is reported from this fire, and;

WHEREAS, evacuation levels for residents were lifted on September 25, 2020;

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage caused by the fire, the County Administrator needs authority to authorize immediate spending for Emergency Protective Measures and the initial delegation of \$500,000 has been spent and is being requested to increase to \$1 million;

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

1. The County Administrator is delegated authority under Lane Code Chapter 20 to authorize spending up to \$1 million in responding to the effects of the Holiday Farm Fire.

ADOPTED this 29TH day of September, 2020.



Heather Buch, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners