

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**ORDER NO:** 21-01-05-18

**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 and Healthy County, (2) Vibrant Communities, and (3) Robust Infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lane County Strategic Plan states that, Priority I, Objective I, is to ensure safety throughout Lane County; 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;

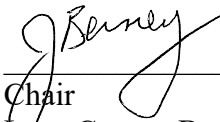
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

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.

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- 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 21-01-05-17. 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 5th day of January, 2021.

  
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Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date December 16, 2020 Lane County

  
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL