

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 21-03-09-03

IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO PAY COSTS RELATED TO THE HOLIDAY FARM FIRE TO \$2.5 MILLION AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO PROCESS REIMBURSEMENT OF RESPONDING AGENCY EXPENDITURES WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the McKenzie River valley experienced significant wildfire events starting on September 7, 2020, resulting in widespread evacuations, loss of life, destruction of property and habitat, and conditions presenting dangers to public health and safety, and;

**WHEREAS**, the County declared a local emergency in Board Order 20-09-08-01 on September 8, 2020, followed by a declaration of a major disaster by the Oregon Governor on September 14, 2020, and by the United States President on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board granted the County Administrator authority of \$1,000,000 for emergency protective measures in Board Orders 20-09-08-01 and 20-09-29-07; and

**WHEREAS**, additional authority is required to permit the County Administrator to pay costs and allocate reimbursements for costs incurred by responding agencies in the amount of approximately \$1.4 million;

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

1. The County Administrator is delegated authority to authorize spending up to \$2,500,000 in responding to the effects of the Holiday Farm Fire and paying costs incurred by responding agencies under mutual-aid agreements, and
2. The County Administrator is delegated authority to sign agreements necessary to process reimbursement of responding agency expenditures with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Federal Disaster DR#4562.

**ADOPTED** this 9th day of March, 2021.

  
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Joe Berney  
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners