

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-01-16-01

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A LOCAL
EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE ICE
STORMS OF JANUARY 12 – 17, 2024

WHEREAS; Lane County has experienced a severe ice storm that has caused widespread power outages and road closures from downed trees and power lines; and

WHEREAS, temperatures have remained below freezing for an extended period of time, which poses a health risk to residents and creates challenging terrain and travel conditions for residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, early assessments of infrastructure show that damage is widespread and the County needs flexibility in managing resources under the existing emergency conditions, which may include waiving current contract workforce bid requirements; and

WHEREAS, early assessments of private property damage shows extensive losses across Lane County, which will further increase demands for assistance; and

WHEREAS, local utility, municipal and county resources have been fully deployed to address storm impacts, Lane County concludes that the resulting hazardous conditions are of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a Local Emergency Declaration. Contracting services for hazard tree removals, vegetation management and debris processing will be needed on emergency basis, as well as clean-up when the initial emergency work is completed; and

WHEREAS, the extent of damage observed to infrastructure spans multiple jurisdictions and public providers of special district services across Lane County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm damage caused, the County Administrator will need to authorize immediate spending to bring critical services to Lane County residents and ORS 279B.060 authorizes the head of a contracting agency to make or authorize others to make emergency procurements of goods or services during an emergency without strict compliance with procurement regulations or procedures; and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates it will request the Governor to Declare a Disaster in order to supplement limited local resources.

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

1. That a local emergency is hereby declared throughout Lane County, as defined in Lane Code Chapter 20; and
2. Local resources are being expended and are insufficient to respond to the situation; and
3. The County Administrator is hereby granted authority to take such actions as are necessary for the prompt and efficient expenditure of up to \$500,000 for purposes related to this emergency in compliance with the Oregon Public

Contracting Code, suspending contracting regulations or procedure that may limit execution of such contracts or spending; and

4. This Declaration of Local Emergency shall remain in effect for 14 days.

ADOPTED this 16TH day of January 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 1/16/2024
/s/ Erin M. Pettigrew
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL