

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-01-30-05

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 2024
WINTER STORM.

WHEREAS; Lane County experienced a severe winter storm over multiple days that caused wide spread power outages, road closures from downed trees and power lines, and other related damages to infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the extended period of below freezing temperatures posed health risks to residents and created challenging terrain and travel conditions for residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners declared an emergency on January 16, 2024 for 14 days with Board Order 24-01-16-01; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kotek subsequently declared a state of emergency at the request of the Lane County Board of Commissioners at 7:32 P.M., on January 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, initial damage assessment estimate submitted by Lane County to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management associated with the event total over \$45,000,000; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm damage caused, and the extensive recovery operations currently underway, the County Administrator may need to continue to authorize immediate spending to bring critical services to Lane County citizens.

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

1. That a local emergency declared by the Board of County Commissioners on January 16, 2024 in Board Order 24-01-16-01 will continue to exist as defined in Lane Code Chapter 20 throughout all of Lane County; and
2. The County Administrator is authorized under Lane Code Chapter 20 to spend up to \$500,000 in responding to the effects of the severe snow storm; and
3. This extension of the Declaration of Local Emergency shall remain in effect for until March 1st, 2024, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board.

ADOPTED this 30TH day of January, 2024.

Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners