## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring a Local ) ORDER State of Emergency within Tillamook ) #24-<u>064</u> County )

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on January 17, 2024 at the request of Randy Thorpe, Emergency Management Director. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised, finds as follows:

- 1. Tillamook County experienced a severe winter storm January 13, 2024 through January 16, 2024. Very cold temperatures for an extended period of time and up to an inch of accumulated ice impacted the health, safety, and welfare of Tillamook County residents.
- 2. During the storm the county suffered widespread damage, potential injuries, and loss of property resulting from the extreme weather conditions. Impacts included widespread power outages, road closures, and extensive damage to infrastructure. Warming shelters were opened within the county but experienced staff shortfalls.
- 3. Such conditions presented a clear and present danger to the health and safety of the citizens and property of Tillamook County.
- 4. ORS 279B.080(1) allows for the county to make emergency procurements of goods or services in an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT effective immediately:

- 5. The Board of Commissioners under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.309 declare a State of Emergency exists within Tillamook County and by this order directs the Office of Emergency Management for Tillamook County to take all necessary steps authorized by law to secure the persons and property of citizens of Tillamook County until 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2024, unless extended by order of this board.
- 6. The Board of Commissioners requests the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management to provide additional state and federal resources for any applicable disaster recovery program.
- 7. The Board further requests the Governor to exercise her emergency powers by setting aside any regulations or laws that are contrary to saving life and property during this emergency, by invoking ORS 401.168, (1), (2), (3) inclusive. This law shall go into effect if the Governor declares a State of Emergency for Tillamook County.

8. Pursuant to ORS 279B.080(2), department heads issuing emergency contracts shall ensure competition for such contracts in a manner that is reasonable and appropriate under the emergency circumstances.

DATED THIS May of The 2024.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Faith Bell, Chail Mar

Doug Olson, Vice-Chair

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Christy Biggs, ATTEST: County Clerk By: Special Deputy

Aye
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Abstain/Absent

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## APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William K. Sargent, County Counsel

