

1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2 COUNTY OF COOS

3 STATE OF OREGON

4
5 In the Matter of Declaring a County State of Emergency and) ORDER
6 Declaring Emergency Measures) 20-03-049L

7 WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Coos County to act as an emergency
8 management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and
9 directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, Coos County has enacted a local ordinance (County Code Article 10)
11 pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401, that provides for executive responsibility
12 in times of emergency and provides that the Coos County Board of Commissioners has the
13 authority to declare a state of emergency; and

14 WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a state of emergency:

- 15 - Covid-19 is a contagious and novel Coronavirus and the public is at risk of contracting
16 the disease;
17 - Oregon announced its first presumptive case of COVID-19 on February 28, 2020, and the
18 Governor has since issued orders restricting gatherings, closing schools and encouraging
19 social distancing;

20 WHEREAS, the following damage to life and property can be expected from the above
21 conditions:

- 22 - COVID-19 is an emerging disease and requires significant resources at the local level for
23 response in order to keep the public informed and as safe as possible. Additionally,
24 significant resources are needed for contact tracing and disease investigation. Funding for
25 these functions is expected to be exhausted;

26 WHEREAS, the entire County is in a state of emergency; and

27 WHEREAS, County Code Chapter 10 and ORS 401.309 authorize certain actions to be
taken during a state of emergency when necessary to public safety or for the efficient conduct of
activities to minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary assessment of property damage or loss, injuries or death is set
forth above; and

WHEREAS, all local resources have, or will likely be, expended, and there is need of the
following additional resources from the State:

- Assistance with disease investigation, contact tracing, and assistance with implementation

1 of the most appropriate public health measures to prevent cases and control local
2 outbreaks;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

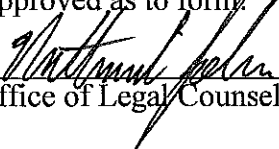
- 4 1. The Coos County Board of Commissioners formally declares a state of emergency for
5 Coos County, effective this 17th day of March, 2020 and continuing for sixty (60) days
6 from the date of this Order, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Board of
7 Commissioners.
- 8 2. Upon this declaration of emergency, the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to
9 take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to
10 protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or
11 mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by the Oregon Revised Statutes,
12 Chapter 10 of the Coos County Code, and the Coos County Emergency Operation Plan.
- 13 3. The Board of Commissioners, Local Public Health Administrator, and Emergency
14 Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and
15 recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with State of
16 Oregon and the federal government in order to qualify Coos County for all available state
17 and federal emergency assistance, including but not limited to use of shared resources,
18 assistance from state and federal agencies, and financial assistance and reimbursements.
- 19 4. The Board of Commissioners further suspends standard competitive bidding procedures
20 to obtain goods, services, and/or equipment necessary to respond to the emergency.
- 21 5. The Board further delegates authority to the director of Coos Health & Wellness to enter
22 into any contracts and conduct all procurements necessary to acquire the labor, services,
23 or equipment needed to conduct disease investigations, contract tracing, and any other
24 appropriate public health function necessary to track or prevent the spread of COVID-19
25 in the most expeditious manner possible, with subsequent written notice to the Board of
26 Commissioners, County Counsel, and the Finance Director. When possible, County
27 Counsel and Finance shall be consulted in accordance with the County Rules.
6. With regard to county employees, the Board of Commissioners may authorize
modifications to relevant personnel leave, payroll processes, and workplace
requirements/designations as deemed necessary to address impacts associated with
COVID-19.
7. This declaration of emergency is effective upon signing.

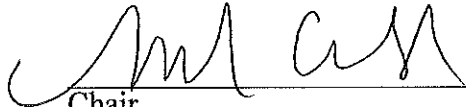
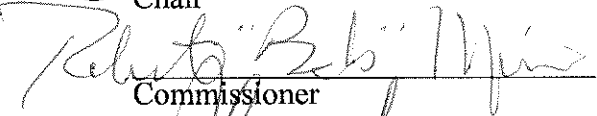
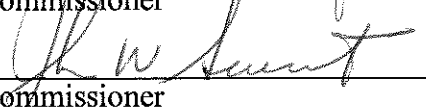
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Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved as to form:

Office of Legal Counsel


Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner