

BE IT REMEMBERED, that at a regular term of the Board of Commissioners of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, sitting for the transaction of County business, begun and held at the Joseph Building Annex in the City of La Grande, in said County and State, on Wednesday of said month and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said Commission, when were present:

The Honorable	<u>Paul Anderes</u>	<u>Chair</u>
	<u>Donna Beverage</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
	<u>R. Matthew Scarfo</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>

WHEN, on Wednesday the 18th day of March, 2020, among others the following proceedings were had to wit:

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING)	RESOLUTION
A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN UNION)	2020-05
COUNTY AS A LOCAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19)	

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

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 and the Union County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) authorizes the county governing body to declare a state of emergency within the county or within a designated portion of the county and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out activities which are necessary to prevent, minimize, respond to, or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the following condition has resulted in the need for a local state of emergency: (a) two cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected in the adjacent County of Umatilla; (b) the presence of COVID-19 constitutes a high potential threat to public health, to wit, infectious Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is known to spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing and close personal contact; (c) the emergency orders from the Governor restricting gatherings, closing schools, and encouraging social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 20-03, declaring a statewide emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in association with COVID-19: (a) COVID-19 is expanding world-wide including a declared global pandemic and a declared outbreak in Oregon; (b) County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public as safe as possible; (c) Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be exhausted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Union County Board of Commissioners, hereby ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309 and the Union County EOP, the Board of Commissioners for Union County formally declares a state of emergency for Union County, effective on this 18th day of March, 2020.

Section 2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by ORS and the Union County EOP.

Section 3. The Union County Administrative Officer, Local Public Health Administrator, and Emergency Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with the State of Oregon and the federal government in order to qualify Union County for all available state and federal emergency assistance, not limited to use of shared resources, assistance from state and federal agencies, and financial assistance and reimbursements.

Section 4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and Union County contracting rules.

Section 5. With regard to county employees, the Board of Commissioners may authorize modification(s) to relevant personnel leave, payroll processes, and workplace requirements/designations as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners to address impacts associated with COVID-19.

Section 6. The scope of this declaration is in support of the COVID-19 public health response being overseen and directed by the State of Oregon; the residents of Union County are encouraged to follow standard hygiene protocols and stay at home when ill, practice social distancing, avoid mass gatherings, and follow public health guidelines.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.



Paul Anderes, CHAIR



Donna Beverage, COMMISSIONER



R. Matthew Scarfo, COMMISSIONER