



## AGENDA

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Agenda Category:** Action – Health & Human Services

**Agenda Title:** **DECLARE AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19**

**Presented by:** Marni Kuyl, Director of Health and Human Services;  
Steve Rhodes, County Administrator;  
Alan Rappleyea, County Counsel

#### **SUMMARY:**

Washington County Health and Human Services, the County Administrative Office and County Counsel are bringing forward a request for consideration of a declaration of emergency related to COVID-19.

Two individuals in Washington County have presumptively tested positive for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Our Public Health Division is working on many fronts to support activities that keep our community safe. Approving a declaration of emergency will allow for additional resources to assist in the response to COVID-19. The declaration will also provide the Board with more tools to use to address COVID-19.

A declaration of emergency is authorized under Chapter 8.36 of the Washington County Code. A declaration lasts 14 days.

Before requesting that the Board take action on the declaration, Public Health staff will provide a COVID-19 update and County Counsel will discuss emergency powers under Chapter 8.36.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Community Feedback** (Known Support/Opposition): n/a

**Legal History/Prior Board Action:** Board work session on 2/11/2020, Board presentation on 2/25/2020.

**Budget Impacts:** Unknown

Attachment: Resolution and Order

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Declare an Emergency for 14 days under Washington County Code Chapter 8.36 to support response activities to COVID-19.

Agenda Item No.	<b>3.a.</b>
Date:	03/04/20

1 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

3 In the Matter of Declaring a State of ) RESOLUTION AND ORDER  
4 Emergency )  
5 ) No. \_\_\_\_\_

6 This matter having come before the Washington County Board on March 4, 2020, and

7 It appearing to the Board that:

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

11 WHEREAS, Washington County has enacted a local ordinance (County Code Chapter  
12 8.36) pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 and the Washington County  
13 Charter, that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically  
14 delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the Board of Commissioners, or if a  
15 quorum of the Board of Commissioners is unavailable, to the County Chair, Vice Chair,  
16 Commissioners, County Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Sheriff (if preceding official is  
17 unavailable); and

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

19 The first two presumptive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected in  
20 Washington County; and

21 WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to  
property can be expected from the above conditions:

1 COVID-19 is expanding world-wide and now has occurred in Washington  
2 County. County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public as  
3 safe as possible. Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and  
4 prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be  
5 exhausted; and

6 WHEREAS, the foregoing affects the entire County and;  
7 now, therefore, it is

8 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Commissioners for Washington County  
9 formally declares a state of emergency for Washington County, effective on this 4th day of  
10 March, at 2:00 p.m. for Washington County; and it is further

11 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, upon declaration of a state of emergency the Board of  
12 Commissioners shall be authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined  
13 to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that  
14 minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as described in WCC 8.36.050., and further that  
15 the County Office of Emergency Management is empowered to carry out the appropriate  
16 function and duties identified in County Code Chapter 8.36 during times of emergency and shall  
17 implement the Washington County Emergency Operations Plan; and it is further

18 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Emergency Program Manager shall take all necessary  
19 steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but  
20 not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and  
21 the appropriate federal agencies; and it is further

1 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that emergency procurements of goods and services are  
2 authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and Rules of  
3 Procurement, Section 20-020; and it is further

4 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall expire on March 18,  
5 2020.

6 DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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8 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

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CHAIR KATHRYN HARRINGTON

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RECORDING SECRETARY