



IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF THE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN WASCO COUNTY

RESOLUTION #20-009

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

WHEREAS, the Wasco County has authority governing the exercise of emergency powers pursuant to ORS Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wasco, having exhausted all their resources; and

WHEREAS, the emergency situation appears to be of such magnitude and severity and considering the ongoing efforts and longevity of the Mosier Creek, White River and surrounding fires doing damage beyond the County's response capacity; and

WHEREAS: The numerous fires in Wasco County and throughout the State of Oregon have had a tremendous impact on air quality in Wasco County creating many days of unhealthy to hazardous air; and

WHEREAS, the numerous fires have displaced people and livestock; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of County Commissioners, under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.305, 401.065 declare that a "State of Emergency" exists within Wasco County due to the fact that local resources are depleted and request the Governor declare Wasco County a disaster area. State assistance is requested immediately.
2. The undersigned officials are hereby authorized to take 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.
3. The County shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including, but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and the appropriate federal and county agencies.

4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and all other applicable rules.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Scott C. Hege, Commission Chair