

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring a Local Emergency  
as a Result of the Winter Storms of  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to January 17, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024

WHEREAS, a failing legacy culvert on Apiary Road near Mile Post 11.8 was isolated for emergency repairs due to heavy rains eroding the culvert under the road; and

WHEREAS, during the time of the culvert repairs, Columbia County experienced additional severe weather causing downed trees, flooding, and erosion which exacerbated the damage to the culvert; and

WHEREAS, the additional damage has significantly increased the complexity and expense of the roadway repair; and

WHEREAS, the failure to immediately repair and remediate this damage will result in further damage to, and possible destruction of the roadway.

WHEREAS, local municipalities within Columbia County are conducting damage assessments to determine the extent of additional damage caused during the January 12-17, 2024 severe weather; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2024, Oregon Governor Kotek declared a statewide emergency due to the severe ice storm of January 12-17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, state and federal assistance is desired to help quickly restore the failed infrastructure within Columbia County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY  
RESOLVES AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a local emergency is hereby declared throughout Columbia County retroactively covering the severe weather beginning on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and continuing to and including the severe weather of January 12-17, 2024; and
2. That local resources are being expended and may be insufficient to adequately respond to, and remedy the situation; and
3. That the Director of Emergency Management and the Director of Public Works will complete any necessary county wide Initial Damage Assessments and use such information to seek emergency State and/or Federal funding for that period; and
4. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized the sign State and/or

Federal funding grants towards the resolution of this emergency.

DATED this 31 day of January, 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA  
COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Casey Garrett, Chair

Approved as to form

By:   
Office of County Counsel