BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 22-08-23-07

In the Matter of Reporting on the Proposed Lane Events Center Multi-Use Community Facility and Directing the County Administrator on Project Funding Options

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has directed staff to include a multi-use community facility in the Lane Events Center Master Plan process; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's strategic plan includes an objective to evaluate a multi-use community facility with the Eugene Emeralds baseball team as an anchor tenant that provides economic benefits and services to the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has directed staff to work with the Eugene Emeralds to continue planning and exploring the feasibility of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, significant community support has been received in favor of this effort; and

WHEREAS, additional funding support is needed to allow for enhancement of County tourism related facilities; and

WHEREAS, a review of the County's existing tourism related taxes indicates that the rates can be increased while still remaining comparable to similar tourism markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. The County Administrator shall prepare one or more ordinances for increasing tourism-related tax rates in order to enhance the tourism related facilities of Lane County.
- 2. The County Administrator is authorized to expend existing Transient Room Tax funding currently allocated to the Lane Events Center on due diligence, preplanning, community outreach, and consultant engagements in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to support the Lane County Multi-Use Community Facility project.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Pat Farr. Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners