

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 22-08-30-05

In the Matter of Engaging the Law Firms of
Baron & Budd, Tom D'Amore and Dixon
Diab & Chambers and Initiate Regarding the
Holiday Farm Fire

WHEREAS, In September 2020 the McKenzie River Valley was engulfed by a wildfire which has subsequently come to be known as the Holiday Farm Fire; and,

WHEREAS, Lane County, the residents and business owners in the McKenzie River Valley suffered tremendous personal and financial losses as a result of the Holiday Farm Fire; and,

WHEREAS, Lane County has attempted every means possible to secure financial resources to respond to the losses caused by the Holiday Farm Fire, including, but not limited to, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds and state emergency wildfire recovery funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Holiday Farm Fire funds accessed to this point have been insufficient to fully compensate the individual victims, businesses and Lane County for damages caused by the Holiday Farm Fire; and,

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners held an executive session on August 23, 2022 on this matter and believes it is fully informed of its legal options in this matter; and,

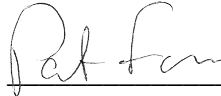
WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has a both a fiduciary duty to their taxpayers as well as a separate legal obligation to use every means possible to hold all of those individuals and or entities responsible for causing the Holiday Farm Fire and the ensuing damages responsible for their conduct;

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

1. The Lane County Counsel is authorized to sign the attached Engagement Agreement, or such an agreement in substantially the same form, with the law firms of Baron & Budd, Tom D'Amore and Dixon Diab & Chambers to initiate litigation regarding the Holiday Farm Fire, which is marked as Exhibit A and attached and by this reference incorporated herein.

2. The Lane County Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the Lane County Counsel authority to sign any other documents and agreements necessary to pursue the litigation and the goals outlined in this Board Order.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Farr", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners