

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-193

EXTENDING THE LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE
OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
VIRUS IN LEWIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in Washington in response to the continued and growing threat presented by COVID-19, a new strain of coronavirus that can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) declared a local state of emergency via Resolution 20-100 in response to the detection of COVID-19 in Lewis County. Resolution 20-100 activated the Lewis County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2), with the emergency authority set to expire 30 (thirty) days from the date of adoption; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the BOCC extended the declaration of a state of emergency in Lewis County via Resolution 20-122, with the emergency authority set to expire 30 (thirty) days from the date of adoption; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the BOCC extended the declaration of a state of emergency in Lewis County via Resolution 20-155, with the emergency authority set to expire 30 (thirty) days from the date of adoption; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial likelihood of continued risk to the citizens of Lewis County and the cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threats associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the present emergency necessitates the continued use of the Lewis County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the continued utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) that, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 36.40.180, there is an emergency due to the above-stated conditions in Lewis County; therefore, Lewis County offices and departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster.

SECTION 2. Each Lewis County office and department is authorized, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 38.52.070(2), to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this resolution in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including but not limited to:

- Budget law limitations
- Requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices
- Provisions pertaining to the performance of public work
- Entering into contracts
- The incurring of obligations
- The employment of temporary workers
- The rental of equipment
- The purchase of supplies and materials
- The appropriation and expenditures of public funds

SECTION 3. Each Lewis County office and department may undertake contracting authority subject to the terms and conditions and provisions of Lewis County Resolution 11-084.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the authorizations set forth in Section 1 of this resolution, each Lewis County office and department shall endeavor to secure the most competitive price available for goods and services, subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of Lewis County Resolution 11-084.

SECTION 5. Such authorization shall include unannounced entry and access onto and about private property, where such entry and access shall not violate those constitutional privacy and property rights under an emergency declaration.

SECTION 6. The emergency authority granted under this resolution shall expire 30 (thirty) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution unless specifically authorized by the BOCC.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 8th day of June, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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