

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 22-02-01-02

IN THE MATTER OF ALLOCATING \$13.7 MILLION IN ESTIMATED ROAD FUND PAYMENTS AWARDED UNDER THE 3-YEAR SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS ACT EXTENSION TO IMPROVED RURAL PATROL SERVICES (UP TO \$7.2 MILLION OVER 5 YEARS) AND TO REPLENISH ROAD FUND RESERVES AND FUND FUTURE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS (ESTIMATE OF \$6.5 MILLION) AND ADDING 5.0 FTE DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS, 2.0 FTE DEPUTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE POSITIONS, AND 1.0 FTE DEPUTY SHERIFF SERGEANT POSITION TO THE GENERAL FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 3684, the Federal infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) includes the renewal of Secure Rural Schools payments for three years at the federal fiscal year 2017 funding levels which will result in an estimated additional \$14.1 million in SRS Fund to the Lane County Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, the current level of detectives and Emergency Response Deputies is insufficient for the population base and geographic area of Lane County and additional FTE are required to achieve Phase II of the County's Ten Year Public Safety Plan for Rural Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the cost to increase Rural Patrol is estimated at \$7.2 million over five years for the addition of 5.0 Deputy Sheriff Positions, 2.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Detective positions and 1.0 Deputy Sheriff Sergeant position.

WHEREAS, ORS 368.706 provides that payments from timber or Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments "received by a county...and deposited into that county's road fund may be expended for patrolling within the county by county's law enforcement officials;" and

WHEREAS, Lane County's Road Fund reserve was reduced by \$2,569,479 during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic when State Highway Fund Revenues plummeted due to decreased driving miles and corresponding gas tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the County accepted a jurisdictional transfer of Territorial Highway from the State of Oregon and that Highway is in need of repairs estimated at \$59.6 million;

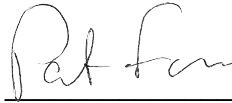
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Allocate up to \$7.2 million over five years from the anticipated Road Fund SRS payments to achieve Phase II of the 10 Year Public Safety Plan; and
2. Allocate the balance of anticipated SRS Road Fund payments estimated at \$6.5 million to replenish Road Fund Reserves, fund Territorial Highway Improvements and pay for expenditures related to the SRS Funds; and

3. Increase appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, as follows:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Public Safety	8.0

ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2022.



Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners