

Plumas County Resolution No. 21- 8607

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS DELEGATING EMERGENCY CONTRACTING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 25502.7 AND RELATING TO THE DIXIE FIRE

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of the persons and property arose within the County caused by the existence of a large fire referred to as the Dixie Fire, commencing on the July 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, the Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the Plumas County Operational Area on the 19th day of July 2021, and the Plumas County Board of Supervisors ratified said Proclamation on the 20th day of July 2021; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, a request was made to the Governor of the State of California to proclaim a state of emergency in Plumas County due the Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Fire has caused widespread destruction, burning over 85,479 acres and destroying an unknown amount of structures, including possibly homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, due to the Dixie Fire and its aftermath, there exists in the County of Plumas conditions of clear and imminent danger that require immediate action to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential public services. From need to repair and stabilize County facilities and properties, to ensuring provision of necessary health and human services, County departments and affiliated agencies are identifying urgent service contract needs due to the Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 25502.7 allows the Board of Supervisors, whenever it has proclaimed a local emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, to direct the Purchasing Agent to engage independent contractors to perform services related to the local emergency for the county and officers thereof, with or without the furnishing of materials, within the amounts the Board of Supervisors may establish; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 25502.7 further allows the Board of Supervisors to establish rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of the section, which must include provisions for informal bidding procedures to the extent that such procedures are feasible under emergency circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct and incorporated herein.

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 25502.7, the Board of Supervisors directs the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, to engage independent contractors to perform urgent services related to the Dixie Fire for the County or County officers, with or without the furnishing of material, so long as the annual aggregate cost does not exceed \$100,000.
3. That, to the extent that immediate, emergency need is shown due to imminent threat to life, health, property, or essential public service for a services contract due to the Dixie Fire, the basis for said contract is justified under the circumstances and no further sole or single source waiver is warranted nor shall be required for such contract.
4. The Purchasing Agent shall use procurement procedures and methods that best ensure reimbursement for all emergency expenditures authorized hereby. To the extent feasible under the emergency circumstances created by the Dixie Fire, the Purchasing Agent shall comply with the applicable purchasing procedures provided in Plumas County Purchasing Policy, and with the applicable procurement policies of the Purchasing Agent. Otherwise, the Purchasing Agent shall use informal bidding procedures to the furthest extent possible, so long as such are feasible under the circumstances to meet emergency needs. To the extent informal bidding procedures are not feasible, the Purchasing Agent shall use such methods and informal procedures, which, in the judgment of the Purchasing Agent, will secure the best value consistent with emergency needs.
5. This authorization shall be operative for the entire period of the declared emergency related to the Dixie Fire.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said board held on the 21 day of July, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor(s) Ceresola, Goss, Thrall, Hagwood, Engel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


Heidi Putnam
Clerk of the Board


Jeff Engel
Chair, Board of Supervisors