

**Union County Board of Commissioners**  
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room  
Emergency Commissioners Meeting  
Friday, January 10, 2020

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Present: Commissioner Paul Anderes, Chair  
Commissioner Donna Beverage

Teleconference: Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo

Commissioner Anderes opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

**Right of Way Permit Ordinance Amendment**

Commissioner Anderes stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider reinstatement of an ordinance governing work in the county right of ways.

There was a procedural error during the last Commission meeting that resulted in suspending the ordinance governing right of way work.

Commissioner Anderes provided two options for consideration. The prior Ordinance 2001-02 can be reinstated, or a motion to reconsider the suspension of Ordinance 2019-02 can be made.

Commissioner Beverage recommended adopting the Ordinance 2019-02 Section 7; Penalty for Failure to Obtain a Permit and Section 8; Performance Requirements.

**Commissioner Beverage made a motion to reconsider the suspension of Ordinance 2019-02 from the January 8 Commission meeting. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Anderes recommended as a part of the reconsideration to suspend only the fee section until after the next work session.

**Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to reinstate the Ordinance 2001-02 with the suspension of the fees section until after the next work session. Commissioner Beverage seconded.**

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, stated that part of the reason for the request for the new ordinance had to do with monitoring of the actual permits. The significant additions made to the 2019 ordinance, in addition to fees were penalties for failing to obtain a permit & performance requirements. Mrs. Burgess also stated that going back to the previous

ordinance will take those provisions away as well as the fees. The option of suspending the fees in the new ordinance will allow the Commissioners an opportunity to leave those in place while the ordinance is reconsidered.

**Commissioner Scarfo retracted his motion. Commissioner Beverage retracted her second.**

**Commissioner Beverage made a motion to reinstate Ordinance 2019-02 with the exception of the fees. Commissioner Scarfo seconded.**

Commissioner Beverage stated that the rest of the language needed to move forward and she is happy to discuss the fees further.

Doug Wright, Union County Public Works Director, asked if only the \$100 and \$500 fees are being suspended. The motion would result in no fees at this time but allow for a permitting process.

Mr. Wright stated that the Public Works department does track permit fees. During 2019, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative applied for seven work permits, Avista applied for 11 work permits, the general public applied for 10 work permits.

Commissioner Anderes restated the motion.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Scarfo – yes; Commissioner Scarfo – yes; Commissioner Anderes – no. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Anderes adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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