RESOLUTION NO. 15-485 RE: RULES OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REGULAR, SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A motion was moved by Steve Stolte and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code requires all Public Bodies in Ohio, to establish a method whereby any person may determine the date, time, and location of all regular sessions of the Public Body; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Public Body to establish a method whereby any person may determine the date, time, location, and purpose of all special sessions of the Public Body; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Public Body to establish a method whereby the news media may be notified of the date, time, location, and purpose of all special and emergency sessions of the Public Body; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Public Body to establish a method whereby any person, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at which a specific type of public business is to be discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of County Commissioners is a Public Body as that term is defined in Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, now

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that the date, time, place and purpose or purposes of regular, special and emergency sessions of the Board, and, whereby any person, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at which a specific type of public business is to be discussed will be as follows:

RULES OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REGULAR, SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY SESSIONS OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SECTION 1. NOTICES AND AGENDAS.
All notices to be posted under the following rules shall be posted and announced in the same fashion. Agendas, special session and emergency session notices shall be posted online on the Union County Board of County Commissioners’ website. Agendas, special session and emergency session notices shall be posted in paper form at or near the entrance of the Union County Board of County Commissioners’ Hearing Room.

SECTION 2. REGULAR SESSIONS.
The Union County Board of County Commissioners shall meet for regular meeting sessions every Tuesday and Thursday. Regular sessions of the Board will be held in the Union County Commissioners’ Hearing Room unless otherwise specified on the meeting agenda. If a holiday falls on the date of a regular session, the session will be re-scheduled or cancelled.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY SESSIONS.
Special sessions of the Union County Board of County Commissioners will be held at the call of the Board. The call for a special session shall specify the date, time, location and purpose or purposes of the session. Unless otherwise provided, special sessions will be held at the same location as regular sessions.

The Clerk shall give notice of the date, time, location and purpose or purposes of a special session, other than an emergency session, by following the notice procedures set forth in Section 1 as early as practicable, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours before the time the meeting is to start.

If there is sufficient time to post twenty-four hour (24) notice, the Clerk shall give notice of an emergency session in the same manner as notice of a non-emergency special session. Otherwise, notice of the emergency session shall consist of notifying all news media who have requested notice in writing of special or emergency sessions as soon as an emergency session has been called or if communications are not possible due to acts of God or similar conditions, as soon thereafter as is practicable.
SECTION 4. NOTICE OF SESSIONS TO DISCUSS PARTICULAR BUSINESS
The Clerk shall give reasonable advance notice of any regular or special session at which a particular type of public business is to be discussed to any person who has requested such notice. If time permits, such notice shall be by mail, e-mail or as the Board determines. Otherwise, telephone notice of such shall be given or, if so requested, by e-mail. A request for notice shall be in writing, shall state the requester's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, if any, an indication of the type of notice preferred (regular mail or e-mail) and the nature of the public business of which the requester has a particular interest and desires notice. The request shall be accompanied by a payment on an annual fee of twenty dollars ($20.00). Any request shall remain in force for one year and may be renewed by submitting a new request in writing with a new annual fee at the rate in effect at the time of the new request.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL NOTICE REQUIRED BY LAW
When a particular form or method of notice is required by statute for a public hearing or session of the Board, notice of the hearing or session shall be given in the form and manner prescribed by the statute, in addition to the notice otherwise required by these rules.

SECTION 6. OTHER MEANS BY WHICH PERSONS MAY OBTAIN INFORMATION AS TO THE TIME, DATE, LOCATION, AND PURPOSE OF SESSIONS OF THE BOARD
Persons may determine the time, date, location and purpose of the sessions of the Board by viewing the notices posted pursuant to Section 1 or by telephoning the Office of Union County Board of County Commissioners.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

Charles Hall, Yea
Steve Stolte, Yea
Gary Lee, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-486 RE: ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE UNION COUNTY ENGINEER/ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IN EXPENDITURES LESS THAN $50,000: ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY: FORCE ACCOUNT; OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES: PERMITS

A motion was moved by Charles Hall and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the following:

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, in consultation with the Union County Engineer/Environmental Engineer has determined that the interests of the citizens of Union County are best and most efficiently served by proceeding by force account in the matters of maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of Union County roads, bridges, culverts, petitioned ditches, sanitary sewers and wastewater plants, storm sewers, and township roads and culverts, except when the Board determines by specific resolution to proceed by contract, and

Whereas, the Union County Engineer/Environmental Engineer routinely makes expenditures of $50,000 or less for various purposes, and

Whereas, the Union County Engineer, or his employees, must occasionally enter onto lands adjacent to road rights-of-way or rivers, streams, creeks, ponds, ditches, etc., and

Whereas, Ohio counties are authorized to issue permits for oversize and overweight vehicles using Union County roads and the Union County Engineer has managed that permit program for many years, and

Whereas, Ohio counties are granted the authority to regulate utility installations, digging and excavating, and installations of private driveways along and within county and/or township roads; and since December 16, 1985, the Union County Engineer has administered such regulations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that:

Section 1. The Union County Engineer/Environmental Engineer is hereby authorized to proceed by force account in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 315.14 and 5543.19 and ORC Chapter 6117 during calendar year 2016 for maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of Union County roads, bridges, culverts, petitioned ditches, sanitary sewers and wastewater plants, storm sewers, and township roads and culverts when authorized by Township Trustees, unless the Board determines by specific resolution to proceed by contract.