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RESOLUTION 2020-07 ROAD MAINTENANCE PRIORITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Commission has statutory discretion to make decisions regarding county road maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Road maintenance Districts shall be established as follows:
Carbon County is divided into three relatively equal road maintenance DISTRICTS. When the need arises, operators will assist in other areas of the district, and Carbon County depending on need for blading, graveling, or snow plowing, and other road maintenance needs, and

WHEREAS, Road PRIORITIES shall be established as follows:

1st Priority: For consideration as a priority one road, a road must have school bus routes and U.S. Post Office mail routes.

2nd Priority: For consideration as a second priority road, a road must be used for residential or commercial purposes.

3rd Priority: All other roads, specifically seasonal roads, farm to market roads, state and federal lands access roads, and roads, for other reasons, determined to be ineligible for 1st or 2nd priority road designation, and

WHEREAS, the criteria for 1st priority and 2nd priority road designation are not determinative, the commission shall also consider the following criteria in the determination of road priority designation:

1. Feasibility or impossibility of maintenance.
2. Potential damage or destruction of county equipment.
3. The safety of county road crew employees.
4. The maximization of finite resources for the benefit of the most county residents.
5. Weather and environmental conditions, and

WHEREAS, regardless of road priority designation, the Commission may, in its discretion, alter or suspend road maintenance based on the aforementioned criteria, and

WHEREAS, Individuals, and real estate agents, that promote development on roads not on Carbon Counties 1st Priority list, should not expect to change the priority, and

WHEREAS, NORMAL OPERATION PROCEDURE is established as follows:

During storms, road crews may begin when necessary in order to get ahead of school buses. After hour road maintenance and weekend maintenance will be performed on an emergency or as needed basis, and

WHEREAS, SEVERE WEATHER may impact Carbon County's ability to follow its normal operation procedure as follows:

Except in case of emergency, the "Department" may not plow snow if temperatures are below 0 degrees F, and/or high winds cause severe drifting snow or limited visibility, and

WHEREAS, SANDING procedures are established as follows:

The "Department" will sand paved roads when necessary, and as time and conditions allow, and personnel are available.

The "Department" does not normally sand gravel roads, but may do so when conditions warrant and time allows.

The "Department" may not sand during storms and severe weather conditions, and

WHEREAS, an EMERGENCY is defined as follows:

An emergency is considered a life-threatening event, including medical emergencies, home heating problems, or food shortage.

Individuals claiming an emergency will be asked to state nature of emergency and must be able to verify the emergency.

WHEREAS, EXCEPTIONS to the above policy are established as follows:

Should any County road be encroached upon by impediments (gates, rocks, tires, posts, or any item that could be an obstruction for maintenance), the impediment may be moved by the Road Department, at the cost of the owner of the object needing to be moved, or the road can be skipped for maintenance until the impediment is moved by the owner, and

WHEREAS, MAILBOXES will be placed as prescribed by U.S. postal regulations and road approaches will be designed to accommodate doing so.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above procedures for County road maintenance priorities are hereby adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution 2019-17 is hereby rescinded.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2020.

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