Resolution disapproving an application to apply oil-well brine to unpaved roads and lots and affirming that the Board does not intend to approve future applications for the use of oil-well brine for this purpose within Franklin County due to environmental and public health concerns.

(COMMISSIONERS)

WHEREAS, Suburban Steel Supply Company has applied to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners via the Sanitary Engineer to apply oil-well brine to the unpaved roads and lots owned and controlled by them and situated at 1900 Deffenbaugh Court in the City of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1509.226(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve or disapprove a written plan for the application of brine for any person other than a political subdivision who owns or has the legal right or obligation to maintain a road, street, highway, or other similar land surface; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of county administration, the Department of Sanitary Engineering conducted a policy review of the environmental and public health impacts of the use of oil-well brine; and

WHEREAS, the policy review considered discussions with and research provided by several agencies, including the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA); and

WHEREAS, as a result of that policy review, and due to environmental and public health concerns, county administration recommends that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners no longer approves permits for the application of brine from oil and gas wells for dust control or deicing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1509.226(D) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Franklin County Commissioners shall disapprove a plan by the adoption of a resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:
Resolution disapproving an application to apply oil-well brine to unpaved roads and lots and affirming that the Board does not intend to approve future applications for the use of oil-well brine for this purpose within Franklin County due to environmental and public health concerns.

(COMMISSIONERS)

1. That the application by Suburban Steel Supply Company to apply oil-well brine to the unpaved roads and lots owned and controlled by them and situated at 1900 Deffenaugh Court in the City of Gahanna is hereby disapproved.

2. That although an application may be submitted in future years, this resolution affirms the policy position that, due to environmental and public health concerns, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does not intend to approve any future applications for the use of brine for this purpose within Franklin County, pursuant to the authority of Section 1509.226 of the Ohio Revised Code.

3. A notice to the applicant of the disapproval shall be provided.

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