



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution No. 2026-004, Rescinding Resolution No. 90-081
Regarding Issuance of Gate Permits

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution No. 2026-004.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

At the January 26, 2026 Board of County Commissioners meeting, Road Department staff engaged in a discussion with the Board concerning Resolution No. 90-081, which provides standards and procedures for the issuance of permits for persons or public agencies to construct gates on public roads under the jurisdiction of Deschutes County. Department staff provided a recommendation to the Board to rescind Resolution No. 90-081, as the 36-year-old resolution does not sufficiently address public interest concerns given by staff during the meeting, conflicts with current land use code, provides for minimal public process in the consideration of public road gate permits, and yields other administrative challenges for the Road Department and the Board. All three commissioners indicated support for rescinding Resolution No. 90-081.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-004 would rescind Resolution No. 90-081. As indicated by Department staff in the January 26 meeting, the Road Department intends to draft proposed code text to prescribe modernized procedures and standards for public road gate permits at a later date. Until new code text is adopted, the Road Department will only bring petitions for public road gate permits for extraordinary circumstances to the Board for a work session and consideration in a manner the Board deems fit.

Staff notes that the current gate permit application for Conquest Road that was discussed at the January 26 Board meeting is still being drafted by staff and will be presented to the Board for consideration in the near future.

BUDGET IMPACTS: None

ATTENDANCE: Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Road Department Director