

RESOLUTION

NO: 2023-10-185

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: October 23, 2023

Resolution Opposing any Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments – Board of Commissioners

- WHEREAS** Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and
- WHEREAS** industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and
- WHEREAS** efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and
- WHEREAS** the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and
- WHEREAS** by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and
- WHEREAS** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and
- WHEREAS** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and
- WHEREAS** if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and
- WHEREAS** all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and
- WHEREAS** this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and
- WHEREAS** the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners opposes the preemption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan Senators Lana Theis, Michigan House Representatives Ann Bollin, Robert Bezotte, Jennifer Conlin, Mike Mueller and the other 82 county board of commissions in the State of Michigan.

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MOVED: N. Fiani
SECONDED: D. Helzerman
CARRIED: Yes (7): D. Helzerman, D. Domas, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, M. Smith, N. Fiani, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (2): F. Sample and R. Deaton

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)

I, **ELIZABETH HUNDLEY**, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Livingston County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 23rd day of October 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 24th day of October 2023, A.D.



Elizabeth Hundley

ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 18, 2023

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen.

WHEREAS; Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

WHEREAS; industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS; efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

WHEREAS; the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

WHEREAS; by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

WHEREAS; should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS; should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS; if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

WHEREAS; all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

WHEREAS; this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

WHEREAS; the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

Roll call vote to approve Resolution Opposing Any Legislation Preemption Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments. Ayes: Commissioners Barnes, Mulder, Pearl-Wright, Youngquist, Droscha, Toomey, Hansen, Lautzenheiser, Holmes, Rogers and Mott. Nays: Commissioners Augustine, Haskell, Muñry, Bréhier. Motion Carries.

COUNTY OF EATON)
STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS.

I, Diana Bosworth, Clerk of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held on October 18, 2023 and is on file in the Eaton County Clerk's Office.

Diana Bosworth, County Clerk

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the eighteenth day of October 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Musta, Townsend, Adams, Bush, Theobald, Baughan, Potter & Taylor

ABSENT: Mitchell

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Theobald and supported by Commissioner Musta.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-16

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

WHEREAS, Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

WHEREAS, industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

WHEREAS, the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

WHEREAS, by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

WHEREAS, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

WHEREAS, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

WHEREAS, this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Wexford County opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

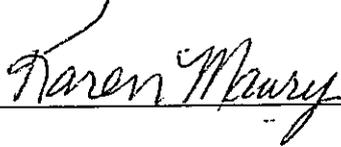
AYES: Musta, Townsend, Adams, Bush, Theobald, Baughan, Potter, Taylor

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



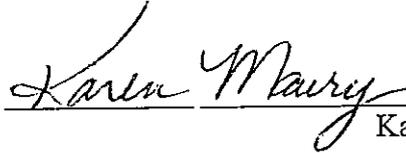
Gary Taylor, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners



Karen Maury, County Chief Deputy Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 23-16 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on October 18, 2023, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Karen Maury, County Chief Deputy Clerk