

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