

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.

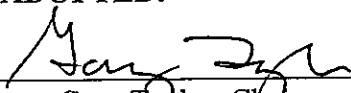
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Wexford County opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



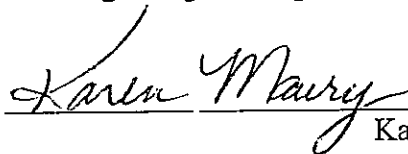
Gary Taylor, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners



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