

Where upon Board Member _____ moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MORATORIUM ON C-WEC CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.302(10)(a) requires a county to compile ordinances every 5 years, and the County's current commercial wind energy conversion (C-WEC) ordinance was last amended in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recently has learned that a wind energy company has obtained easement rights from over 100 land owners in a region of Hardin County predominately within drainage districts; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned drainage districts, several of which extend into Hamilton County, are governed by Trustees and contain millions of dollars of drainage infrastructure that could be jeopardized by the C-WEC project; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County 911 Board is erecting near Hubbard, Iowa, near the region of the proposed C-WEC area, a new emergency communications tower that transmits by microwave frequencies; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that C-WEC turbines can interfere with microwave communications signals; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in preventing and abating any resulting nuisance from decommissioned commercial wind turbines through more robust decommissioning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in protecting the County's infrastructure, natural resources and property rights through adequate setback provisions;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will require substantial time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies and procedures relative to C-WEC development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that Hardin County now imposes a moratorium, effective immediately and indefinitely, on C-WEC permit applications for the purpose of drafting and adopting any necessary and proper revisions to the C-WEC ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Board Member _____ and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: none

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of December, 2019.

Renee McClellan, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Jessica Lara
Hardin County Auditor