

Iron County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION
OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING
LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR & 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 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 records 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 by 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 Iron County opposed the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner JACOB CONERY and supported by Commissioner MIKE STAFFORD.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: PERETTO, STAFFORD, STAUBER, CONERY, BRUETTE
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution offered and duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Iron at a regular meeting held this 12th day of September 2023.

Resolution Declared Adopted on 8/12/2023:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

By: Mark Stauber
Mark Stauber
It's Chair

By: Julie Kezerle
Julie Kezerle
It's Clerk

