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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION No. 2023-14

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.

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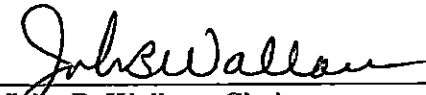
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **CHEBOYGAN COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Kimberlee Pappas to approve Resolution 2023-14 as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Seven (7) NAYS: Zero (0) ABSENT: Zero (0)

Adopted this 10th day of October, 2023

Dated: October 10, 2023

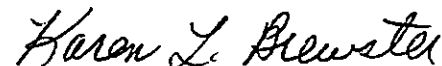


John B. Wallace, Chairman
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

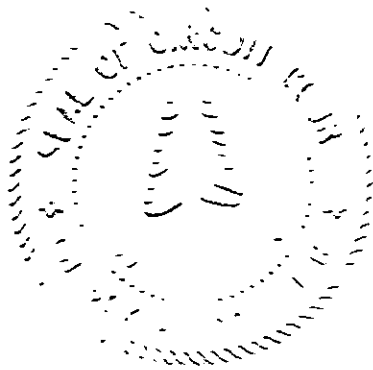
State of Michigan)
) ss.
County of Cheboygan)

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, Cheboygan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Cheboygan County Board of commissioners at its regular or reconvened meeting held on October 10, 2023, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, at Cheboygan this 10th day of October, 2023.



Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk Register



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RES#2023-16

Support of Local Control of Land Used

A Resolution expressing Support to Maintain Local Control Over Local Land Uses Including, But Not Limited to Short-term Rentals, Industrial Solar Installations, Industrial Wind Turbine Installations, Carbon Dioxide Capture and Sequestration, and Sand and Gravel Mining

WHEREAS, local units of government are best able to determine which uses should and should not be in their local communities and what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than having these decisions forced onto townships by the state government; and

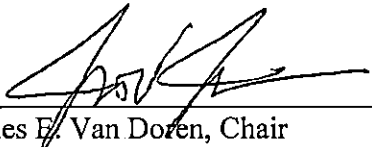
WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan may propose and attempt to pass into law bills that strip away local community control over local land uses including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and sand and gravel mining; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners resolves as follows:

- Section 1.** The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan proposing and passing bills that take away or otherwise limit local control over local land uses, including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and sand and gravel mining.
- Section 2.** The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports local control of construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and decommissioning of industrial wind facilities, industrial solar facilities, sand and gravel mines, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and similar uses in our community.
- Section 3.** The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the longstanding right of local community self-determination as provided by the laws and constitution of the State of Michigan.
- Section 4.** As members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, we resolve to maintain the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon us as elected representatives by our constituents to execute their will to the best of our abilities in these matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the County's elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress; to the Governor of Michigan and all 83 counties, along with the Michigan House and Senate Energy Committee Chairpersons; and to Michigan Association of Counties.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in Adrian, Michigan.


James E. Van Doren, Chair


Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

NO: 2023-10-177

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: October 10, 2023

Resolution Establishing the Livingston County Health Advisory Committee – Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) desires a wider array of perspectives with respect to health policy, especially regarding pandemic and epidemic policy.

WHEREAS, additional perspectives will enhance the ability of the Livingston County Department of Public Health (Health Department), Livingston County Board of Health (BOH), and the BOC to design and implement policies that balance public health needs with individual constitutional liberties.

WHEREAS, an advisory committee of local experts focused on scientific literature review and fact-finding would help the BOC, BOH and Health Department by advising on assigned public health policy matters and making recommendations to the BOC, BOH and Health Department as necessary on such matters assigned by the BOC or BOH.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the BOC approves the formation of the Livingston County Health Advisory Committee (HC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HC shall be governed by the attached by-laws titled “Livingston County Health Advisory Committee By-Laws, initial release dated 9/25/23, as such bylaws may be amended from time to time in the discretion and authority of the BOC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Livingston County Health Department and the Livingston County Administrator are directed to assist the HC to perform functions assigned by the BOC or BOH by fulfilling requests for relevant documents that are statutorily allowed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Administrator is allowed to spend up to \$10,000 per year to acquire documents as prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). These FOIA requests shall be presented to Livingston County Administrator via a resolution passed by a majority vote of the HC. Such requests shall be limited to supporting the fact-finding mission as described in the HC by-laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOC directs the HC to include a review of pandemic/epidemic health policies and a review of informed consent policies as part of their initial focus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator shall provide the HC with a webpage on the Livingston County website for the posting of meeting minutes and reports approved by the HC.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall send all 83 Michigan County Boards of Commissioners a copy of this resolution and a copy of HC by-laws.

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MOVED: D. Helzerman

SECONDED: F. Sample

CARRIED: Roll Call Vote: Yes (6): D. Helzerman, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, R. Deaton, and N. Fiani; No (3): D. Domas, M. Smith, and J. Gross; Absent (0): None

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 10th 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 12th day of October 2023, A.D.



Elizabeth Hundley

ELIZABETH HUNDLEY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this body is the Livingston County Health Advisory Committee.

**ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY**

The Livingston County Health Advisory Committee was established by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of October, 2023 in Resolution 2023-10-177.

The Health Advisory Committee (HC) was created under the discretion of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for specific and limited purposes set forth in the Resolution and these By-Laws. The HC is strictly a fact-finding and advisory committee. The HC shall operate under the County's operating and fiscal policies.

**ARTICLE III
POWERS AND DUTIES: ANNUAL REPORT**

1. The HC is a fact-finding and advisory committee which may occasionally render advice to the BOC and the Livingston County Board of Health (BOH), around health policy. As such, the HC may only make recommendations to the BOC and/or BOH concerning the exercise of government authority.
2. The HC serves the BOC and BOH in the evaluation of health policy options on those BOC or BOH assigned public health policy matters.
3. The HC shall balance public health needs with individual constitutional liberties. Thus, the HC shall provide the BOC and BOH with balanced recommendations based on review of scientific literature that shall include one or more of the following: conventional medicine, alternative medicine, herbal medicine, and nutritional medicine.
4. HC's review of scientific literature shall not be limited to government research or government funded research.
5. The HC is not legally authorized to render a "final decision" on health policy but, rather, is tasked with making recommendations to the BOC and/or BOH as necessary on matters assigned to the HC by the BOC or BOH.
6. The HC shall provide an annual report to BOC outlining the activities, findings, recommendations, and accomplishments of the HC, and additional reports as may be requested by the BOC.

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Committee Membership: HC shall be under the general control of the Livingston County BOC and shall consist of five (5) or seven (7) voting members. The BOC shall appoint all members (voting and non-voting). Each member shall be a citizen of Livingston County and have education/experience in at least one of the following areas: conventional medicine, alternative medicine, herbal medicine, nutritional medicine, internal medicine, general practice, OBGYN, geriatrics, pediatrics, nursing, infectious disease, cancer, palliative care, public health field, and health care law. The BOC may appoint up to two Commissioners to serve as non-voting members. The Director of the Livingston County Health Department may recommend a representative of the Health Department to the BOC for appointment as a non-voting representative, provided that the nominee meets the above qualifications.

Section 2. Term of Members: The term of office of an HC member shall be 2 years from the date of appointment. A member may be reappointed. All members upon appointment shall take an oath to uphold the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Michigan. The oath shall be the same oath as required for Commissioners elected to the BOC. (Constitution of Michigan, 1963, Article XI, Section 1, MCL 15.151, Section 1).

Section 3. Vacancies in Office: When a vacancy occurs on the HC, either by death, resignation, or removal, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by the BOC. This appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. Neglect of Duties: HC members shall attend meetings and functions of the HC. Members shall be required to attend a minimum of 75% of the regular meetings per year. In cases where such does not occur, the HC shall request a member's resignation and/or request the BOC to remove the HC member.

Section 5. Officers: The HC shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary at the first meeting following the appointment of members by the BOC, for a term of one year. Thereafter, officers shall be elected by the HC at their first meeting in subsequent years.

Section 6. General Conduct: HC shall function as a unit; therefore, individual members shall not speak for the HC unless authorized by the HC to do so. The HC shall not speak for the BOC or BOH, nor shall any member use his or her appointment to lobby legislators as a representative of the BOC, BOH, or the HC.

Section 7. Powers and Duties: The HC shall have such other powers and duties as shall from time to time be provided by law or be assigned by the Livingston County BOC.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND STAFF

Section 1. Chairperson: The Chairperson's duties and powers shall include the following:

- A. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the HC.
- B. He/she shall be the ceremonial representative of the HC and shall perform such other duties as specified by law or the Livingston County BOC.

Section 2. Vice Chairperson: The Vice Chairperson shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the HC and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned. The Secretary shall:

- A. Record the minutes for all proceedings of the HC.
- B. Make regular entries of all resolutions and decisions upon all questions.
- C. Record the vote of each member on any questions submitted to the HC if requested by any member present.
- D. Prepare copies of the minutes of proceedings of the HC for distribution to members of the HC pursuant to Article VI Section 6.
- E. Distribute copies of all minutes, resolutions, and formal reports of the HC to the BOC, the Livingston County Administrator, and the Livingston County Health Department Director.
- F. Perform such other and further duties as the HC may require.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. All meetings of the HC shall be held in accessible public facilities and shall be conducted according to the Open Meetings Act. (Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976, MCL 15.261 et seq., as amended)

Section 2. Regular Meetings: Except as otherwise required by law, or provided by the HC, regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:

- A. The HC shall meet at least bi-monthly on a schedule determined by the HC at its first meeting of the year. Additional meetings of the Board may be convened by the Chairperson, or as requested by any two members of the HC, or by the BOC.

B. All meetings of the HC shall be held at the County Administration Building.

Section 3. Special Meetings: The Chairperson or any two (2) members of the Committee upon written notice being served to each member or left at his/her place or residence or via email at least eighteen (18) hours prior to such meeting may call a special meeting. Members may waive notice of any special meeting either before or after the holding thereof.

Section 4. Adjourned Meetings: Any legal meeting of the HC may be adjourned from time to time as the Board may deem necessary.

Section 5. Quorum: A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the HC.

Section 6. Voting: Except as otherwise provided by statute or parliamentary rules, all questions shall be determined by the votes of a majority of the members present.

Section 7. Distribution of Minutes: Proposed minutes shall be available for public inspection not more than eight (8) business days after each meeting. A copy of the proposed minutes shall be distributed to each member not less than six (6) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Approved minutes shall be available for public inspection not later than five (5) business days after the meeting in which the HC approves the minutes. Corrections to the minutes shall be made not later than the next meeting after the meeting to which the minutes refer. Correction minutes shall be available no later than the next subsequent meeting after corrections. The corrected minutes shall show both the original entry and the correction.

ARTICLE VII **OTHER PROVISIONS**

Section 1. HC members are subject to statutory provisions governing Conflicts of Interest, Act 317 of the Public Acts of 1968, MCL 15.321 et seq., as amended.

Section 2. HC members may be subject to other statutory provisions governing public officers and employees in Chapter 15 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended.

Section 3. The HC shall comply with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (Act 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, MCL 15.231 et seq., as amended).

Section 4. Public participation: Any member of the public may address the HC during the "call to the public." Individuals addressing the HC shall provide their name and address and shall ordinarily limit their comments to 3 minutes unless the time is otherwise extended by the Chairperson or by a majority vote of the HC. Although members of the public may give oral testimony, they shall be encouraged to provide written testimony to assist the HC in its fact-finding function.

Section 5. Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of order, newly revised, shall govern the HC in all the deliberations except as modified by these bylaws. The Rules of Order of business may be suspended at any meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present.

ARTICLE VIII **AMENDMENTS**

The BOC shall have the right to amend, alter, change, add to, or repeal these bylaws at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire BOC at any regular or special meeting and with or without action by the HC.

ARTICLE IX **DISSOLUTION**

The HC shall automatically dissolve four (4) years after the date of its creation unless renewed for another term of four (4) years by adoption of a new resolution of the BOC.

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners approved these bylaws at a regular meeting held October, 10, 2023.



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OSCEOLA COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2023-0016

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE BILLS SB299, SB300, HB 4479 & HB 4480

WHEREAS, there are currently pending in the Michigan Legislature certain bills. SB299, SB300, HB 4479 & HB 4480, which would impose statewide regulations for the implementation of and maintenance of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, these bills as presently drafted, would require inspection of all systems every five years and would impose much greater expenses and work hours on local public health departments; and

WHEREAS, the bills would dramatically increase the requirements for septic inspectors and make it much more difficult to find, hire and retain qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation does not provide a permanent, secure funding mechanism to cover these increased costs, which will invariably be shifted to our local health departments, and

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting the Michigan's water resources, including groundwater, lakes and streams, and other surface waters, but concludes that the bills do not provide a sustainable or financially feasible solution in areas that do not have the benefit of municipal sanitary systems; and

WHEREAS, soil types vary considerably throughout Michigan making it difficult to establish generalized "one size fits all" rules for septic systems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Osceola County Board of Commissioners opposes SB299, SB300, HB 4479 and HB4480 as introduced and urges the Michigan Legislature to consider the costs to local health departments before adopting changes to the septic provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Michigan Association of Counties, members of the Michigan Legislature and to other stakeholders.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF OSCEOLA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Osceola, 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 4th day of October, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 4th day of October 2023.



Tracey Cochran, Osceola County Clerk

COUNTY OF OTTAWA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 22nd day of August, 2023 at 6:30 PM local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kyle Terpstra, Gretchen Cosby, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Bergman, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

It was moved by Commissioner Allison Miedema and supported by Commissioner Rebekah Curran that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners ("Board") swore an oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan, which protect the natural, God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These Constitutions not only guarantee these freedoms, they also protect and guard against government infringing on these rights; and

WHEREAS, the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the rights of parents to make decisions concerning the care of their children and the right to make medical decisions on behalf of their children; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Revised School Code, MCL 380.10, affirms, "It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children;" and

WHEREAS, constitutional freedoms are not suspended in times of crisis or everyday life, at the whim of elected officials, unelected health officials, or for the benefit of government bureaucracy or private institutions; and

WHEREAS, Michigan law provides exemptions to childhood vaccine requirements for school and licensed childcare programs for medical, religious, or other reasons, as follows:

MCL 333.9215 Exemptions.

(1) A child is exempt from the requirements of this part as to a specific immunization for any period of time as to which a physician certifies that a specific immunization is or may be detrimental to the child's health or is not appropriate.

(2) A child is exempt from this part if a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child presents a written statement to the administrator of the child's school or operator of the group program to the effect that the requirements of this part cannot be met because of religious convictions or other objection to immunization; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) enacted Administrative Rule 325.176 (12) on January 1, 2015, requiring parents or guardians who want a religious or philosophical exemption from one or more vaccines for their child(ren), to attend a vaccine education session at their local health department and obtain a state-issued certified waiver; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Department of Public Health provides waiver appointments as established by MDHHS Administrative Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Board respects the right of parents to choose to vaccinate or to exempt their child from one or more vaccines, and acknowledges differing conclusions and practices exist within the medical community regarding the risk-benefit assessment of vaccines and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges individual genetic risks and contraindications exist regarding vaccines and medical interventions, and respects the right of parents and individuals to make personal medical decisions free of pressure and coercion; and

WHEREAS, the Board values the ethical standard of fully informed consent regarding both the risks and benefits of vaccines, to include full disclosure of ingredients, as well as the adverse effects of vaccines as reported to VAERS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, established as the national safety surveillance program; and

WHEREAS, the Board respects the religious, moral, and ethical considerations of vaccines developed or manufactured using fetal cells from aborted infants, such as vaccines for chickenpox, rubella, hepatitis A, measles, mumps, rubella, and certain Covid-19 vaccines.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners respects the individual freedoms and parental rights of the people of Ottawa County to make choices regarding childhood vaccines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board recommends that Ottawa County promotion of vaccines for school and licensed childcare programs include full and accurate information regarding available exemptions and waivers from vaccine requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board recommends that vaccine waiver sessions include information on both the risks and the benefits of vaccines, a copy of vaccine package inserts, vaccine ingredients, and a link to VAERS data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Senators Mark Huizenga, Roger Victory, and Rick Outman, Representatives Nancy DeBoer, Luke Meerman, Brad Slagh, Rachelle Smit, and Greg VanWoerkom, and the Clerk of each county in the State of Michigan.

YEAS: Commissioners: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kyle Terpstra, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss.

NAYS: Commissioners: Douglas Zylstra and Roger Bergman.

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:



Joe Moss, Chairperson, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners



Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk/Register