

Dewitt County Board Meeting

April 19, 2018

6:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Newberg.

Roll was answered by: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman.

To Dana Smith

You are hereby directed to call a meeting of the Dewitt County Board. The purpose of said meeting is to conduct the business of the County.

Motion by Perring second by Tilley to approve County board Minutes from March 2018. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Jamie Prestegaard : read a Prepared statement from the Township of Waynesville asking for a Moratorium on Wind Farms.

Tom Swierczewski: spoke to the board on the Amendment changes before them tonight. If the board changes the ordinance that was set last year is changed on the height or set back could end the possibility of the project going forward.

Fritz Robinson: read a Prepared statement from the Township of Tunbridge asking for a Moratorium on Wind Farms.

Betsy Shifflet: Spoke to the board on the wind energy issue hoping the board will listen to all concerns of constituents.

Chris Shaffer: spoke to the board asking the board to vote for the text amendment changes.

Joe Witte: spoke to the board on wind energy. Joe questions some of Toms actions being in the best interest of everyone.

Andrea Rhoades: Spoke to the board on wind energy. Andrea submitted a petition with 1069 names asking for no wind farm in DeWitt County.

Melinda Heinlen: Spoke to the board on wind energy, Melinda asked the board members to put the feelings aside and vote for the amendment changes.

Lindsey Donovan: read a prepared statement from the Wapella Township in favor of a Moratorium on Wind farms.

John Heinlen spoke to the board on the set back ordinance with shadow flicker and blade issues. Vote yes to support the ordinance changes.

Megan Myers: spoke to the board on the 2 ordinance changes for set back and tower height. Please approve the two ordinances.

Diane Morin: spoke to the board on wind energy Please vote for the set back and height ordinance changes.

David McClurg; spoke to the board on wind energy. The power plant is a more reliable source of energy.

Jamie Holland spoke to the board in wind energy. Asking the board to vote for the ordinance changes as presented .Please keep in mind also concerns of non participating land owners.

Angela Witte Spoke to the board on issues with wind energy in DeWitt County. The villages get 7000 ft of setback. Angela also have major concern of her children with one child. Angela feels the County Board are the ones that can help the rural residents of DeWitt County.

Rusty Davenport spoke to the board with concerns of the ordinance changes as presented as this could affect the project going forward.

Randy Harris spoke to the board on Wind energy. Harris works with the Laborers assoc and the emotion needs to be taken out of the decisions made here tonight. The setback and height requirement together if passed could kill this project.

Chairman Newberg read a Proclamation recognizing volunteers in Dewitt County for the month of April. Paula Jiles of DeWitt County Friendship Center was on hand to accept.

Motion by Newberg second by Perring to re-appoint Mike Gardner to the Regional Planning Commission with term set to expire April 30, 2021. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Ferguson to re- appoint Dan Ferguson to the Weldon Community Fire Protection Dist. with term set to expire May, 2021. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Whitted to re-appoint Richard Meadows to the Kenney Fire Protection Dist. with term set to expire April 30, 2021. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Newberg second by Ritter to appoint John Griffin to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill Michelle Monaghan's unexpired term September 30, 2022. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Whitted second by Tilley to amend DeWitt County Code of Ordinances to incorporate a new ordinance in Chapter 153 that shall read as follows: Any Wind tower or electric-generating wind device proposed to be erected within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits of an incorporated village or municipality shall be subject to the approval of said incorporated village or municipality before a special use permit shall be granted for said proposed wind tower or electric- generating device. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion Carried. Due to Conflict Ritter had recused himself and stepped out of the room.

Motion by Whitted second by Pruser to amend the DeWitt County Code of Ordinance 153.27 (B)(2) to read as follows: (B)(2) WECS tower shall be set back a distance of 2,000 feet from any residence, nonparticipating residence, school, hospital, day care, church or commercial building. This setback distance shall be measured from the edge of the foundation closest to the WECS tower to the center of the WECS tower. The owner may waive these setback requirements in writing, But in no case shall the WECS tower be set back no less than 1.1 times the tower height of the WECS. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion Carried. Due to Conflict Ritter had recused himself and stepped out of the room.

Motion by Whitted second by Wickenhauser to amend Dewitt County Code of (Ordinances 153.30(B)(6)(a) to read as follows: (B) The decommissioning plan shall include: (6) An agreement between the applicant and the county that: (a) The financial resources for decommissioning shall be in the form of a reclamation bond, an irrevocable letter of credit or shall be deposited in an escrow account with an escrow agent acceptable to the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Final approval on the form of the financial resource shall rest solely with the County Board or its designee. The financial resource shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly every three years based on the engineering's estimated cost. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion Carried. Due to Conflict Ritter had recused himself and stepped out of the room.

Motion by Whitted second by Ferguson to amend Dewitt County Code of Ordinances 153.27(A) to read as follows: (A) Height. The total height of WECS towers shall not be in excess of 499 feet. Aye: Tilley, Ferguson, Newberg, Pruser, Redman. Nay: Reece, Rogers, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Nimmo, Perring. Motion failed. Due to Conflict Ritter had recused himself and stepped out of the room.

Motion by Ferguson second by Ritter to award the bid on County Court House parking lot to CH Rhodes. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Perring to approve the resolution to award the low bids as circled on aggregate bid tabs for County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance, Section 18-00000-00-GM. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried

Motion by Tilley second by Nimmo to approve the resolution to award the low bids as circled on the aggregate bid tabs for Township Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance, Section 18-__ 000-00-GM, from the letting on April 10, 2018. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. With Ferguson voting Present. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Pruser to approve the resolution to award the low bids as circled on the bituminous materials bid tabs for Township Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance, Section 18-00 000-00-GM, from the letting on April 10, 2018. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. With Ferguson voting Present. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Perring to approve the resolution to award the low bids as circled on the bituminous materials bid tabs for Township Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance, Section 18-__ 000-00-GM, from the letting on April 10, 2018. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. With Ferguson voting Present. Motion carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Pruser to accept quote from Dunn Company for aggregate/earth shoulder removal not to exceed \$22,500.00. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Whitted to pay all bills. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion by Redman second by Rogers to approve resolution supporting Stericycle's proposal for pharmaceutical waste disposal. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution to adopt supplement to the Code of Ordinances. Aye: Reece, Rogers, Ritter, Tilley, Whitted, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo, Perring, Pruser, Redman. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Tilley second by Reece with all in favor.7:50pm.

