



Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

5:00 PM

County Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Armour, Starr, Blank, Kilduff, Klausing, Payne (Remote), Rosentreter, Ibberson, Duncan, Garrison, Jurusick

ABSENT:

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Solar Panel Ordinance

The committee and Garrison discussed the potential issues they could restrict under the state statute in a solar panel siting permit ordinance. The state had greatly limited what the county would be able to do, but if no ordinance was approved, then there would be some areas, such as fencing and vegetation, that there would be no requirements on. The committee felt that the best option would be to approve a resolution stating their opposition to the loss of local control on these issues and also direct the State's Attorney to create as strict as possible a building permit for solar projects instead of full siting permits. Garrison said his office would be able to handle the enforcement and administration of the building permit.

Motion by Rosentreter, seconded by Klausing to recommend a resolution stating the county's opposition to the way the state has constricted the county's hands on these issues and direct the State's Attorney to create the most stringent building permit as possible for solar panels in the county.

RESULT:	MOTION TO RECOMMEND [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Molly Rosentreter, Member
SECONDER:	Holly Klausing, Member
AYES:	Armour, Starr, Blank, Kilduff, Klausing, Payne, Rosentreter

2. Potential Sale of County Property South of Carlinville

Duncan said there had been some interest in trying to buy some land south of Carlinville that was in the county's name due to taxes having not been paid on it. Part of the property had some issues regarding EPA notices. He wanted to give the committee the chance to review some of that information before they considered any more to it. The committee wanted to know if the parcel as a whole would have to be offered as part of the sale or if only part of it could be.

3. Potential Annexation into Enterprise Zone in Staunton Area

There was a discussion about an upcoming meeting of the Enterprise Zone management committee about adding a piece of property to the enterprise zone in Staunton. Duncan said while they did not need to be present, he would send

out information on the meeting to the members for those who might want to attend.