February 24, 2020

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors met in special session with Doug Horton, Charles Ambrose, Jerry Murphy, and Auditor Bethany Murphy present.

The Board held a special meeting at the United Christian Presbyterian Church on the Wind Turbine Ordinance # 37. Those in attendance were; Barb Russell, Helen Ambrose, Daryl Selders, Dennie Beemer, LuElla Nally, David Nally, Kay Lucas, Al Comer, Jesse Stimson, Steve Newby, Linda Newby, Rusty Poston, D’Ann Poston, Paul Poston, Dennis Cooney, Jackie Spencer, Roger Dukes, Joe McNees, Roger Gant, Pat Gant, David Rose, Linda Rose, Kenny Sleep, Joyce Sleep, Cavin Cox, Sue Cox, Julie Robinson, Robert Robinson, Jim Rowe, Tim Guilliat, Sara Guilliat, Marilyn King, Duane King, Ed Hakes, Allan Garey, Rick Davison, Mikel Stockwell, Miranda Welch, Patrick Welch, Mike Irvin, Ann Robinson, Ray Robinson, Belinda Ogle, Gayle Hopkins, Jeff Longfellow, Cindy Coleman, Kevin Coleman, Mark Zaccoone, Loren Tornholm, Joyce Tornholm, Tim King, Mike Webster, Sylvia Drobn, Randy Eide, Harold Park, Barb Hoepker, Brandon Sleep, Bob Cochran, Allen E Cox, Josh Weed, Jordan Jenkins, Chris Fulk, Rob Lundquist, Gregory Christensen, Pam Wilmarth, Trisha Wilmarth, Margery Jones, Paul Jones, Jess Weller, Jeff Lange, Diane Lange, Joan Mattes, Stan Mattes, Matt Churchill, Rick Cabbage, Jolene Cabbage, Andy Jackson, Paul Ackley, Colleen Larimore, Whitney Grossoehme, Tracy Grosshme, Ryan Uroski, Fred Jackson, Mary Jackson, Aleck Pafford, Trevor Calfee.

Charles Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:30

Murphy made a motion seconded by Horton to open the public Meeting on Wind Turbine Ordinance #37. Motion carried

Barb Russell would like the turbine to come it would create more jobs and help with the taxes. Al Comer believes they will be beneficial to the county. David Rose asked about the setbacks and the wildlife. Mark Zaccoone with Invenergy spoke about the wildlife studies that had to be done prior to construction. Robert Robinson is for the wind turbines for the benefit of the county and the school. Miranda Welch is against the turbines and gave her research on the health effects. Patrick Welch wanted people to know that the people that have signed their wind rights to the wind company is a matter of public record. Gayle Hopkins spoke in favor of the wind turbines and reducing our carbon footprint. Jeff Longfellow spoke about a property that has a turbine and the cows will not graze under it, and how much carbon we produce every day. Paul Jones would like to give support to the turbines. Diane Lange spoke about the drawback of owning an acreage when you live amongst the turbines. The Board members all spoke in support of wind projects. Diane Lange would like all residence to be considered when making that decision. Loren Tornholm was upset with a supervisors comment. Kay Lucas asked why the Lake of Three Fires was not in ordinance. It is protected under state law as it is a state park. Tracy Grossoehme who is from Page County, doesn’t want the turbines. She would like to see the funds put into solar panels. Steve Newby asked how much rock a turbine would pay for. Rick Cabbage made a comment on absentee landowners getting a turbine and not living amongst them. Barb Hoepker would have liked it put to a vote so everyone had a say. Marilyn King asked if you didn’t want a turbine can they put one on your land through emanate domain. Diane Lange spoke about living next to the camp. Ryan Uroski from Page County spoke about how the energy rate will not go down and how greed is the factor here. Davis Rose asked about the setback on the first 41 turbines that are coming to the county.

Horton made a motion seconded by Murphy to close the public meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

No further business came before the Board at this time, and the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Attest:

Charles Ambrose, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Bethany Murphy, Taylor County Auditor