

****Special**Executive/Legislation Committee Meeting**
Monday May 10, 2021
5:00 P.M., Vermilion County Administration Building
2nd floor Chambers
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Meeting ID: 940 7019 0552
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2021
4. Audience Comments
5. Resolution: Calling for the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Local Control of Zoning and Land Use
6. Ordinance- Fireworks Sales- (supporting documentation to be distributed at meeting)
7. Executive Session:
 - A. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
 - B. Pursuant to Open Meetings act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
 - C. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
8. Items of Information and Committee Concerns
9. Adjournment

Executive/Legislation Committee

Monday, February 8, 2021

Vermilion County Administrative Building 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Jr., Kevin Green, Steve Fourez, and Robert Boyd. Absent and excused were, Chuck Mockbee, Joe Eakle (joined via Zoom at 5:05), and Becky Stark. Also attending the meeting were: Jerry Hawker- CB Member, Doug Toole- Vermilion County Public Health Administrator, Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant for Vermilion County, Cassy Carter- Finance Manager CB Office, and Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Fourez moved, seconded by Green, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2020

Green moved, seconded by Fourez, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Resolution- Local Businesses

Hawker explained to the committee that he wanted to update the resolution at hand by adding “houses of worship “within the resolution. He also explained that he feels that this shows support to our local businesses. Green moved to postpone the pending resolution indefinitely, seconded by Fourez. Green advised he felt as if the pending resolution was counter-productive to our fight against the Covid pandemic.

Motion to postpone the pending resolution indefinitely passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 6 – CAC (Child Advocacy Center) Lease

Baughn explained that Vermilion County State’s Attorney, Ms. Lacy and the CAC Board have been working very hard to get this up and running at the Health Dept. This lease is for \$500.00 a month. Motion by Green, seconded by Fourez to approve the CAC Lease. Upon the call of the roll for a vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Baughn, Green, Fourez, Eakle, and Boyd. 5- yes and 2- absent.

Agenda Item 7 – Executive Session- No action needed

Agenda Item 8 - Items of Information

None

Agenda Item 9- Adjournment

Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 5:16 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager

Resolution

COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY OF VERMILION, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROTECT LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE

WHEREAS, Counties are authorized by the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-1001 *et seq.*) to adopt and develop zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-12001 of the Counties Code provides “the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, of each county, shall have the power to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land” and “to regulate and restrict the intensity of such uses, to establish building or setback lines on or along any street, trafficway, drive, parkway or storm or floodwater runoff channel or basin outside the limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns which have in effect municipal zoning ordinances” (55 ILCS 5/5-12001); and

WHEREAS, consistent with their zoning authority, numerous Counties throughout the state of Illinois have adopted zoning and setback regulations related to wind energy facilities such as the model ordinance prepared by the Chicago Environmental Law Clinic and have made substantial revisions over time to suit the needs of their Counties and the residents of their Counties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 was filed in the Illinois Senate on February 26, 2021 and seeks to mandate very specific timelines and procedural requirements regarding siting approval or a special use permits for commercial wind energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 also mandates substantive changes including setback requirements, blade tip height limitations, and sound limitations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 requires that any currently-existing county zoning ordinances pertaining to wind farms be amended within 120 days to comply with the requirements of the bill and prohibits a county from adopting any future restrictions on the installation or use of a commercial wind energy facility that are inconsistent with the provisions of the bill; and

WHEREAS, the changes contained in Senate Bill 1602 ignore differences that occur locally from county to county across the State of Illinois and remove a county board's ability to regulate those local differences and address the concerns of their residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 further undermines local control in that it substitutes state level legislative determination for the local control exercised by county zoning commissions, zoning boards of appeals, and county boards; and

WHEREAS, the County Board is the best entity to support the needs, interests, and safety of its residents due to direct feedback and understanding of the County's needs, while State officials or industry leaders who do not reside in these Counties may not be aware of the most relevant and current information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Vermilion County, Illinois as follows:

1. The County Board opposes Senate Bill 1602 or any similar legislation that would undermine the County Board's local zoning authority.
2. The County Board urges the Illinois General Assembly to abandon any efforts to advance Senate Bill 1602.
3. The County Board urges Governor Pritzker to veto Senate Bill 1602 or any similar bill should the General Assembly pass such legislation.

4. The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Pritzker, the legislative leaders of both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly, and the representatives and senators representing this County.

Passed by the Board of Vermilion County this 11 day of May, 2021.

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
PRESENT: _____
ABSTAIN/ABSENT: _____

Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk