

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Commissioner Ben Lutz,  
Commissioner Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Sam Young, Commissioner Jan Gardner

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Koch,  
seconded by Commissioner Lutz,

## RESOLUTION 2024-03

### A RESOLUTION FROM TUSCOLA COUNTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION ACT TO REPEAL PART 8 AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS

**WHEREAS**, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

**WHEREAS**, Tuscola County will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners of Tuscola County feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Tuscola County Board of Commissioner vehemently opposed to the State of Michigan Legislature's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that Tuscola County is opposed to corporation-prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that Tuscola County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

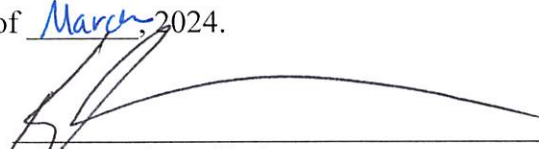
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vaughan, Juty, Koch

Nays: none

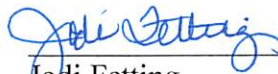
Resolution 2024-03 declared adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Date 3/14/2024

  
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Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, CCO, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on March 14, 2024.

Date 3/14/2024

  
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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO