

Minutes

May 14, 2024

Commissioners present: Timothy Bechtol, Michael Pepple and William Bateson present.

Also Present: Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam Witteman, Lou Wilin and Kenzi Tucker.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the May 09, 2024 meetings were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Michael Pepple made the motion for the Chair's signature on the Intelligence Liaison Officer Application for Lee Swisher, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved a travel requests for the Sheriff's office and the Recorder. The Commissioners signed letters addressed to Senator Rob McColley, Representative Jon Cross and Ty Matthews regarding the Allen Township resident's opposition of the wind turbines.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #307-24 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #308-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Severance Fund #2136 (Juvenile Court). Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #309-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - MV> Fund #2002. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #310-24 – Transfer of funds from MV> Fund #2002 to MV> Bond Retirement Fund #3156. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #311-24 – Additional appropriation - within the Auditor's certification - Commissioners to appropriate to Common Pleas Court General Special Project Fund #2163. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #312-24 – Transfer of funds from Tier Fee #5109 to Litter Landing Fund #5069. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #313-24 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - ADAMHS Fund #2013. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution #314-24 – Authorization by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners on behalf of the Joint Board of Commissioners of Allen, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Seneca and Wyandot Counties, Ohio, of Change Order No. 2 to an agreement with NWO Property Services LLC for maintenance of the Blanchard

River pursuant to the Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project. Cindy explained this change order will extend the project completion date to January 1, 2025, with no additional cost. Approval for Hancock County to execute this resolution on behalf of the Joint Board was given by email from each county included in the BRSEP. Michael Pepple made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg had nothing to report.

There were no public comments.

Meetings/Reports


William Bateson attended the Hancock County Ag meeting. He stated that crop planting is a little behind this year due to the rain.

Michael Pepple chaired the Hancock County Community Coalition on Addiction meeting.

Timothy Bechtol attended the Alliance Board meeting. A subcommittee has been formed to find a replacement for president, Don Bruce. Tim stated he is sad to see Don Bruce go. He has done a very fine job over the last few years.

The 11:33 a.m., Russell Anderson, FEMA representative stopped in to introduce himself to the Commissioners. Christine Carrigan and Steve Wilson were also present. Russell stated he just met with Lee Swisher to discuss the FEMA Disaster Response Center that will be open at the EMA office next week. Hancock County residents suffering damages due to the recent tornado will be able to go to the Disaster Response Center to apply for aid. He also stated there will be a Disaster Service Assistance going door to door in the affected area to make sure everyone who received damage is aware that there is aid they can apply for. Commissioner Bechtol and Steve Wilson inquired if Russell would be able to assist with the status of the City of Findlay's Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant application. Russell stated they have a FEMA mitigation department that will be able to assist with this. He will email Steve the contact information.


At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners invited Senator Rob McColley to today's public meeting to provide a platform for Allen Township residents to request changes to the current legislation regarding wind turbines. Christine Carrigan and Cindy Land were also present. See the attached sign in sheets for additional attendees. Several Allen Township residents expressed their concerns regarding the proposed installation of wind turbines near their residences. In addition, they expressed concern with the loopholes in Senate Bill 52. Senator McColley shared information on the original draft of Senate Bill 52. He stated the original version would not have had the votes necessary to pass. With the tidal wave of solar investment from the federal subsidies under the Biden administration, they had to get the provisions in place that they could get the votes for. This is the reason for the loopholes. Senator McColley stated he is willing to continue to work on the state-wide setback standards.


Christine Carrigan, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Timothy K. Bechtol



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson

SIGN IN

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	DEPARTMENT/ADDRESS
Tim Ward	12561 CR 216 Findlay
Bob Wisner	12999 CR 216 Findlay
Cindy Wisner	12999 CR 216 Findlay
C. Daniel Sertell	3640 Turnberry Dr Findlay
Sandy Sertell	3640 Turnberry Dr. Findlay
DOR BADERTSCHER	3805 S. Main St Findlay
MARY DEBOLT	12325 Co Rd 109 FINDLAY, OH
Reuben DeBolt	12325 Co Rd 109, FINDLAY, OH
Devisa Timmerman	4883 TR 230 Findlay OH
Cindy Pritt	11613 TR 108 Findlay, OH
Deborah Frederick	12939 CR 216 Findlay, OH
Miltord Smith	Allen Twp Trustee
Chris Goodwin	4819 Township Road 230, Findlay, OH
Bev Robb	5151 W. SR 12 Findlay, OH
Matt Robb	5151 W. SR 12 Findlay, OH
Chad Suddick	4612 T.R. 230 Findlay, OH



**HELP
PLEASE**

Senate Bill 52 has loopholes.

How have we gotten here?

One Energy

The on site wind company erects first turbine in Findlay Ohio.

Soil Testing

Soil testing by One Energy seen in fields approximately 1 mile away from current turbines near C.R. 215 and T.R 230 near homes. Trustees Contacted and response was "We are not zoned, there is nothing that can be done."

2015

Oct. 2021

Senate Bill 52

A bill to help govern wind and solar operations in Ohio. Hancock County Adopted Resolution April 19, 2023.

Nov 2023

Regular Trustee Meeting and Emergency Mtg.

Trustees had an overwhelming response from residents and resolution to start the zoning process was started. .

Dec 2023

How have we gotten here? CONTINUED

Renaming Road

A proposed renaming of CR 230 to "Electric Avenue" was DENIED by County Commissioners with the backing of a room full of supportive residents

Jan 2024

Dec 2023

Blade Failure

One Energy had a blade failure where a 150 foot blade came crashing to the ground. Low wind that day and turbine was thankfully not rotating.

Jan 22nd 2024

Jan 26th 2023

First zoning committee was named

Zoning Committee met once to elect rolls and create a schedule of when to meet. The room was packed.

Lawsuit #1

One Energy Sues Allen township trustees and also names all Zoning commission members in effort to stop the zoning process.



How have we gotten here? CONTINUED AGAIN

Petition Signing

We were able to circulate a petition for those of us wanting to start the zoning process and get it to ballot ASAP. Submitted to Township Trustees.



Feb 2024

March 2024



April 2024

April 2024

April 2024

Possible Litigation

One Energy legal team challenging petition.

Trustee Meeting

Trustees motioned in conjunction of the petition in question towards second zoning resolution.

Zoning Commission #2 Formed

Second Zoning Commission named and immediately had their first meeting.

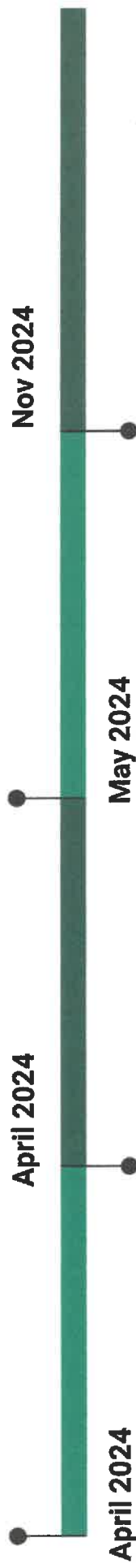
How have we gotten here? CONTINUED AGAIN and AGAIN

Petition stands

Hancock Board of elections deems the petition credible and it stands.

What next.

The zoning book will be completed and go for public review, trustee review, and to the Hancock Board of Election in August 2024. Another lawsuit to delay?



April 2024

April 2024

May 2024

Nov 2024

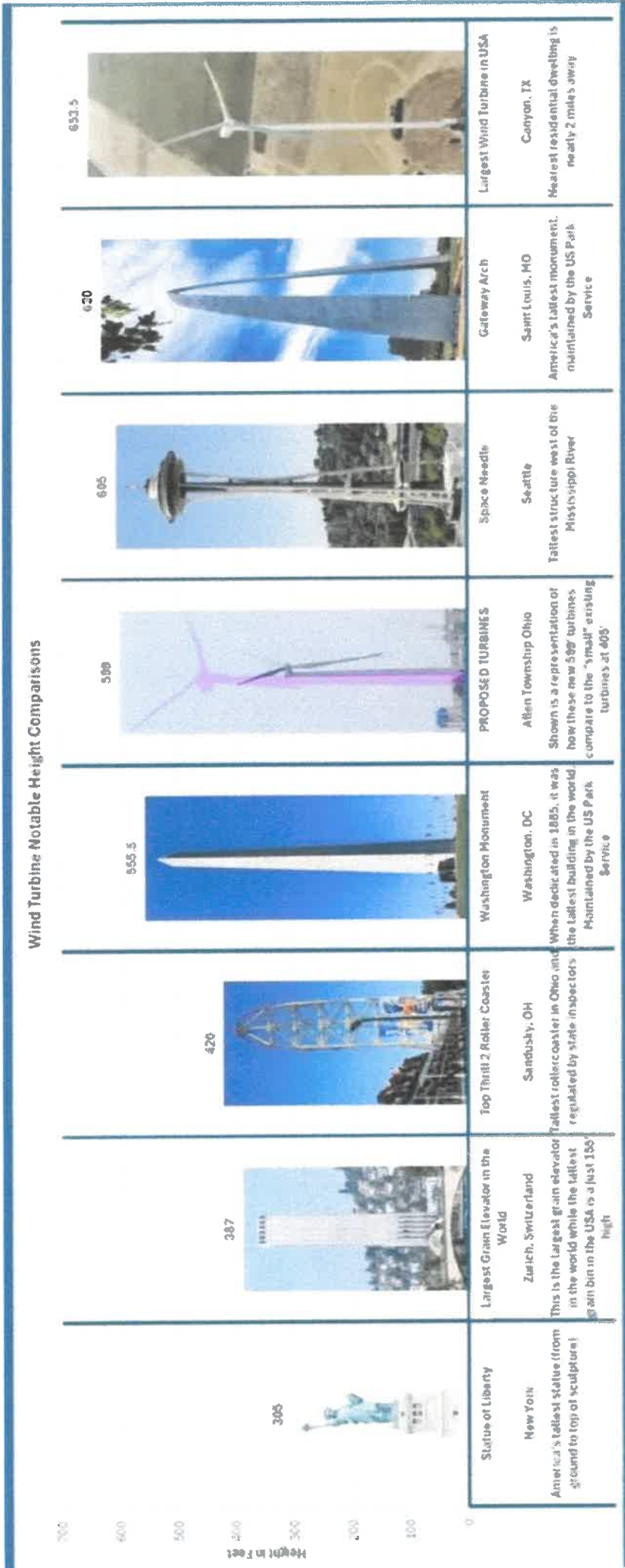
Lawsuit #2

Zoning to Ballot

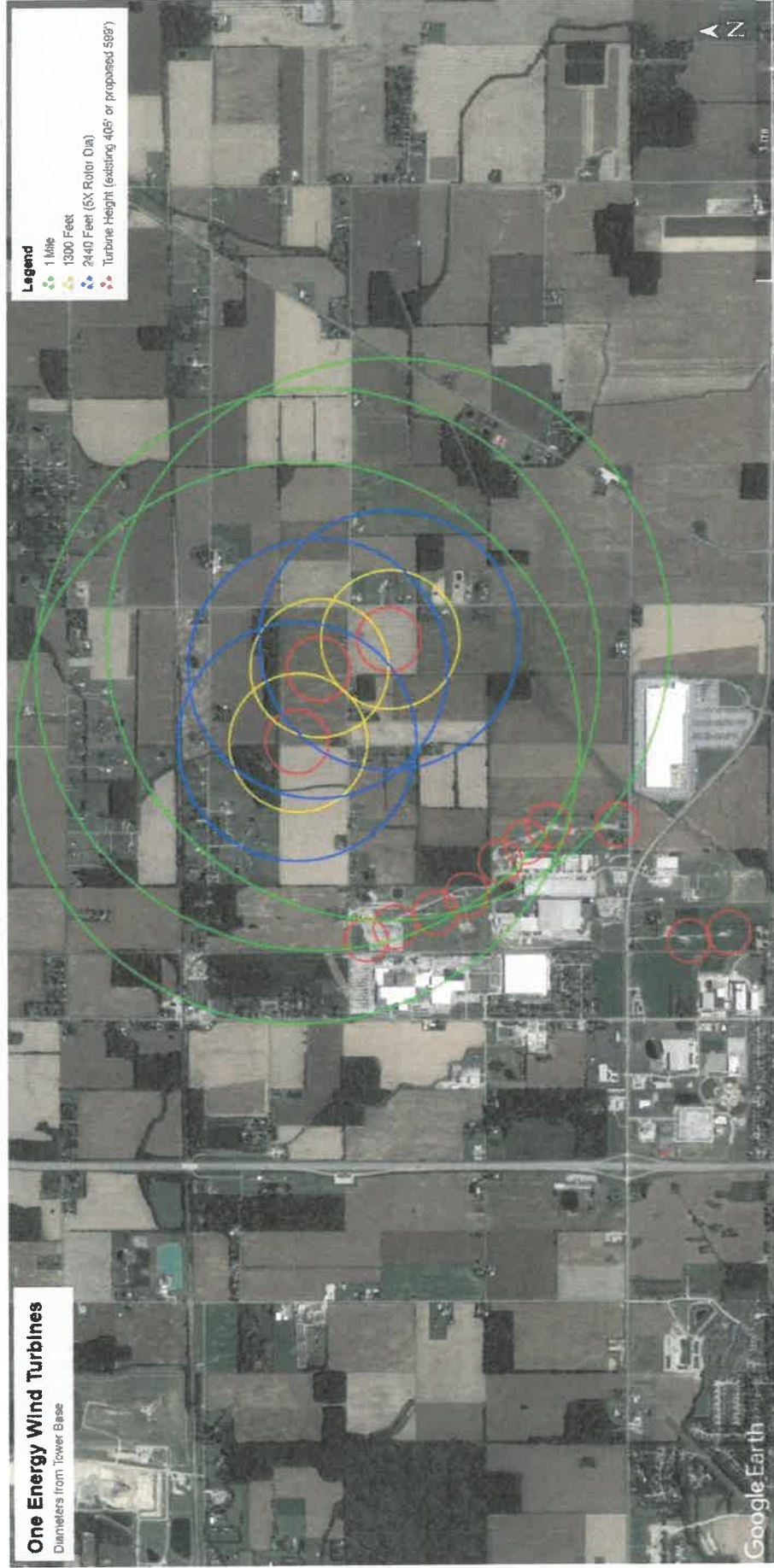
One Energy suing trustees and second appointed zoning commission.

Fingers crossed we will have done everything needed to have zoning Allen Township on the Ballot.

How Big is too Big and how Close is too Close?



The health and safety of Residents are at risk.





We are in serious need for help at the state level. We are trying our best to get zoning in action but we are not the only unzoned township open to wind and solar industrialization in the face of residents. These turbines are the same size in “Economically significant” vs. “Under 5 MW” Setback and density observations should be transcendent across the board.

Exhibit A



AUTHENTICATED.
OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE
COMMISSION
DOCUMENT #230802

Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.13 No local jurisdiction.

Effective: October 22, 2019

Legislation: House Bill 6 - 133rd General Assembly

(A) As used in this section and sections 4906.20 and 4906.98 of the Revised Code, "economically significant wind farm" means wind turbines and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid and designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of five or more megawatts but less than fifty megawatts. The term excludes any such wind farm in operation on June 24, 2008. The term also excludes one or more wind turbines and associated facilities that are primarily dedicated to providing electricity to a single customer at a single location and that are designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of less than twenty megawatts, as measured at the customer's point of interconnection to the electrical grid.

(B) No public agency or political subdivision of this state may require any approval, consent, permit, certificate, or other condition for the construction or operation of a major utility facility or economically significant wind farm authorized by a certificate issued pursuant to Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code. Nothing herein shall prevent the application of state laws for the protection of employees engaged in the construction of such facility or wind farm nor of municipal regulations that do not pertain to the location or design of, or pollution control and abatement standards for, a major utility facility or economically significant wind farm for which a certificate has been granted under this chapter.

Exhibit D



**221 acres = 0.345313 square miles*

Exhibit F

