

The Madison County Plan Commission met on the above date at 9:00 A.M. with President Wes Likens, presiding.

Members Present: President - Wes Likens, Vice President Cory Bohlander, John Simmermon, Jerry Alexander, Tom Shepherd, Lindsay Brown, and Denise Spooner

Members Absent: Mark Gary and John Richwine

Also Present: Larry Strange - Director, Jeff Graham - Attorney, and Stacey Hinton - Board Secretary

Current Business

Prayer – John Simmermon

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call : 7 – Present, 2 – Absent (Mary Gary and John Richwine)

Old Business

Solar Moratorium Extension

Attorney Graham indicated that back in 2017 the board of commission passed a solar ordinance which ,at least in the few of many, that no longer services the needs of the county particular on the issue of large-scale solar farms and for the past 2 years we have had a moratorium that has put a pause on large-scale solar farms. The moratorium is set to expires on December 31, 2022. It was anticipated that we would have a solar ordinance in place by now, but we are on our 3rd planning director this calendar year. The interim director rightly did not want to work on the solar ordinance knowing that she would eventually be replaced. The board has an opportunity to extend it for one year or until the new one is adopted, whichever comes first. If nothing is done, they might be back here next year looking at this. The idea would be to have in front of you for a recommendation sometime in 2023, a new solar ordinance and then to the Commissioners later that year as well. The Board of Commissioners has moved their regular meeting to the 27th and are anticipated to consider your recommendation. This commission gives a recommendation on this type of ordinance. This ordinance also requires a public hearing so public comments must be entertained on this ordinance. Discussion was had among board members and Attorney Graham. Attorney Graham indicated that the extension would extend it to December 31, 2023. Remonstrators was present and spoke. After public comments and discussion was had, Member Spooner made a motion that we send a Favorable Recommendation to extend the solar moratorium the Commissioners. Seconded by Member Shepherd. Roll call vote taken and was unanimous. **Motion Passes for a Favorable Recommendation to the Commissioners.**

Miscellaneous

Member Spooner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Simmermon. **Motion approved.**

Meeting Adjourned 09:22:45 a.m.



Wes Likens, President



Stacey Hinton, Board Secretary