County Commissioners Office
Auglaize County, Ohio
April 26, 2022

NO.	#22-208	
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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A RESOLUTION DECLARING PORTIONS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF AUGALIZE COUNTY, OHIO TO BE RESTRICTED AREAS PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION OF ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT WIND FARMS, LARGE WIND FARMS, AND LARGE SOLAR FACILITIES.

The Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio met in regular session on the 26th day of April, 2022.

Commissioner	Sponcer	moved the adoption of the following:
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021 the Ohio General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 52 ("SB 52") which amends the process for siting certain wind-powered and solar-powered electric generation facilities in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, SB 52 took effect October 11, 2021, and became ORC 303.57, et. seq.; and,

WHEREAS, SB 52, now ORC 303.57 - 303.62, gives Boards of County Commissioners the power to adopt a resolution designating all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county as restricted, prohibiting the construction of certain wind farms and solar facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, Auglaize County, Ohio ("Board") has responsibility for preserving the general health, safety, and welfare within the territory of Auglaize County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the development of "economically significant wind farms" as defined in ORC 4906.13, "large wind farms" and "large solar facilities" as both are defined in ORC 4906.13 (collectively referred to as "large utility facilities") and subject to restriction pursuant to ORC 303.57, et. seq., has numerous potential impacts on users and property owners in the vicinity of such developments; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the potential impacts of development as well as the interests of property owners in making their land available for development; and,

WHEREAS, utilizing the above considerations, and considerations from all fourteen townships within the unincorporated areas of the County, the Board has prepared a map containing the proposed restricted areas within the unincorporated areas of Auglaize County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 303.58, said map has been posted at all public libraries within Auglaize County, Ohio for a period of least thirty (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 303.58, public notice of this meeting has been given to all school districts, municipal corporations, and boards of township trustees located in whole, or in part, within the boundaries of the proposed restricted areas; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby designates all unincorporated areas of Auglaize County, Ohio as a restricted area for construction of "economically significant wind farms" as defined in ORC 4906.13, "large wind farms" and "large solar facilities" as both are defined in ORC 4906.13, otherwise known as "Large Utility Facilities".
- 2. That a map documenting the restricted areas of the unincorporated areas of Auglaize County, Ohio be attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, pursuant to ORC 303.59, unless it is timely petitioned for a referendum by the requisite number of registered electors in the county.
- 4. The Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and that all deliberations by this Board, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.

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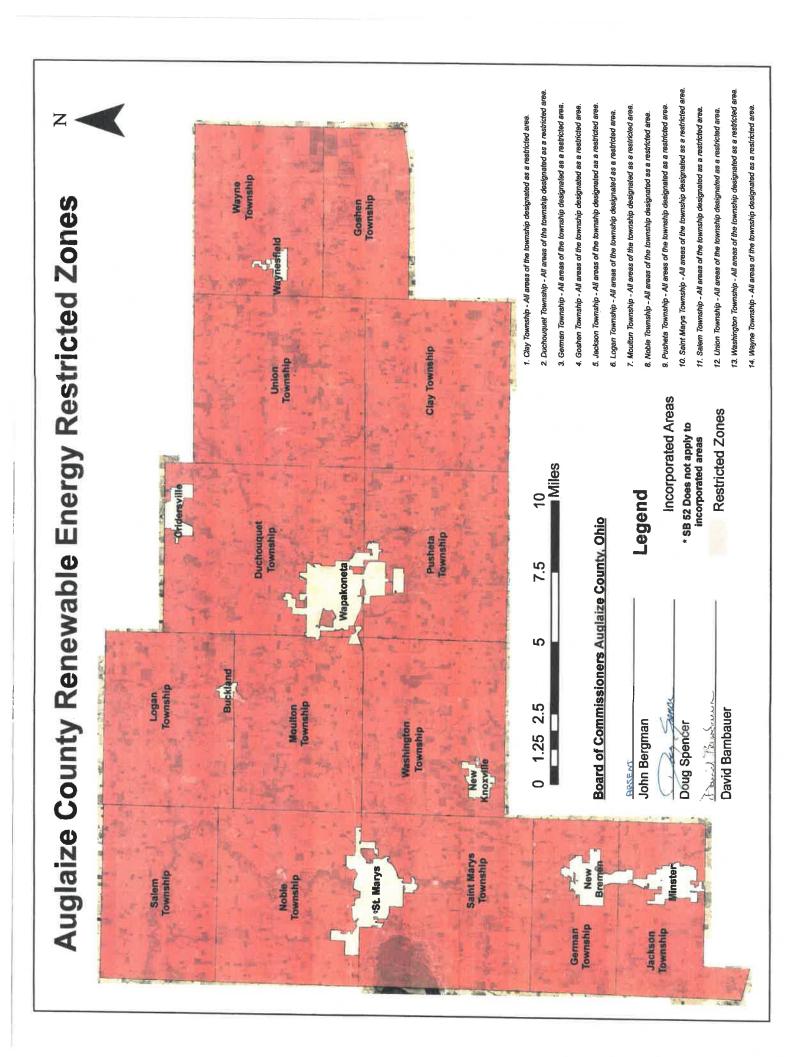
Commissioner seconded the resolution and upon the roll being called, the vote resulted as follows: Commissioner Spencer, ; Commissioner Bergman, ; Commissioner Bambauer <u>ves</u>

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2022

> **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

John N. Bergman

cc: County Prosecutor



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