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Resolution No. 256-22

The Logan County Board of Commissioners met in regular open session on this date of November 3, 2022 with the full board present.

Mr. Joe Antram moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RE: A RESOLUTION STATING THE OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, TO THE APPLICATION OF FOUNTAIN POINT SOLAR ENERGY LLC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY IN LOGAN COUNTY, PENDING BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Logan County Board of Commissioners has received notice of a completed application for a proposed solar-powered electric generation facility to be located in Logan County, filed by Fountain Point Solar Energy LLC ("Fountain Point") before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB); and,

WHEREAS, the Logan County Board of Commissioners has intervened in the OPSB proceeding relative to the Fountain Point project; and,

WHEREAS, among the criteria for approval of such facilities OPSB considers is whether the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; and,

WHEREAS, the Logan County Board of Commissioners has responsibility for preserving the general health, safety, and welfare within the territory of Logan County; and,

WHEREAS, the Logan County Board of Commissioners respects private property and contractual rights, while recognizing that uses of private property have external effects on others' private property and the public generally, and so comprehensive planning and land-use planning and policy are necessary to balance competing private interests and the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, the Logan County Comprehensive Plan set goals for zoning and land use within the county, which include but are not limited to: managing growth that preserves the rural character of Logan County, preserving farmland and open space while promoting a stable local agricultural economy, and protecting agricultural lands; and,

WHEREAS, the project proposed in the Fountain Point application would be located in a populated area near West Mansfield, with many residences located in close proximity of the project area boundary according to Fountain Point's filings; and,

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WHEREAS, the project proposed in the Fountain Point application would occupy 2,140 acres of farmland in Logan County, rendering those acres unusable for agriculture and food production generally for the duration of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the project proposed in the Fountain Point application is incompatible with the adopted Comprehensive Plan and policies for land use development and farmland preservation within Logan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Logan County, Ohio, with a majority of its members concurring:

Section 1. The Logan County Board of Commissioners finds that the application of Fountain Point Solar Energy LLC, pending in Case Number 21-1231-EL-BGN before the Ohio Power Siting Board is incompatible with the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Logan County, and therefore will not serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity of the residents of the County or the State of Ohio.

Section 2. The Logan County Board of Commissioners hereby states its opposition to the application of Fountain Point Solar Energy LLC, pending in Case Number 21-1231-EL-BGN before the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal action of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution

Mr. Paul Benedetti seconded the motion.

Roll call resulted as follows:

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Mr. Paul Benedetti, Member

I, De De Doss, Clerk/Administrator, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the proceedings as taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Logan County Commissioners on this date of November 3, 2022.

De De Doss, Administrative Clerk