

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 21**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A 5-MILE-WIDE EMINENT DOMAIN TRANSMISSION LINE**

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Department of Energy has determined that there is a need to transport green energy to areas outside of Kansas without any benefit to the County of Decatur or to the State of Kansas;

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Department of Energy mapped out a 5-mile-wide swath of land across the entire state of Kansas, bypassing Kansas law requiring that these projects are to be approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy failed to notify any of the officials of the state of Kansas, County of Decatur, nor the private property owners whose land would be taken;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy failed to send a notification to publish information on the project and the fact that there was a public comment period to newspapers in all counties affected by this project;

**WHEREAS**, there are studies that have been conducted concluding that high energy transmission lines and sub stations can emit toxins that are hazardous to human health;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy must take a 5-mile-wide swath of land to remove all living beings and agricultural activity due to the toxins;

**WHEREAS**, it is unknown what effect the toxins will have on numerous rivers, waterways, lakes and groundwater sources included in this 5-mile-wide swath of land;

**WHEREAS**, the loss of tax revenue would make it impossible to continue maintain our roads, to keep rural hospitals and health departments funded, school districts supplied with teachers, school busses, buildings maintained and other such needs of our public funded community necessities;

**WHEREAS**, removing a 5-mile-wide swath of land will destroy citizens ability to produce food, fiber and natural resources such as gas and oil and transmission of those natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, no plans have been disclosed or discussed for the roads that will be affected by not allowing any living habitation of the 5-mile-wide swath of private property and it is common sense that if no one is able to live there, they should not be traversing through the area every day for work, shopping, school or other necessary travel; and


**WHEREAS**, removing a 5-mile-wide swath of land from agricultural production, where such production is the basic commodity of our community, would devastate other businesses dependent upon the production of agricultural commodities, thus driving more residents to leave, further destroying businesses and communities; now, therefore, be it


**RESOLVED**, that

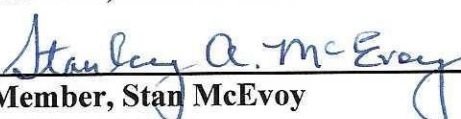
- 1) The U.S. Department of Energy notify officials of the State of Kansas and the County of Decatur of their intent to take by eminent domain if necessary private land;
- 2) The U.S. Department of Energy, as required by Kansas law notify the Kansas Corporation Commission of their intent to build a high-power transmission line from state line to state line, cutting the state in half;
- 3) Decatur County places a moratorium on this project until such a period of time as the U.S. Department of Energy provides county officials with three studies, one selected by the county, one selected by the Department of Energy and one that both parties agree on proving that no health hazards exist to numerous rivers, waterways, lakes and groundwater sources in the county;
- 4) Decatur County places a moratorium on this project until such a period of time as the U.S. Department of Energy assumes all liability for all hazards associated with this project;
- 5) Decatur County places a moratorium on this project until such a period of time that the Department of Energy resolves how they will permanently on a yearly basis, compensate the county for the loss of tax revenue;

Passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**BOARD OF DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSION:**

  
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Chairman, Brad Marcuson

  
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Member, Karen Larson

  
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Member, Stan McEvoy



ATTEST: Nora Urban  
Nora Urban, Decatur County Clerk