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Board of County Commissioners

Public Notice Regarding Wind Turbines

For Informational Purposes Only

Concerned citizens reached out to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners ("Board") regarding several wind turbine complexes that are planned in our county. If built, it will transform our agricultural community and impact our lives. Since many Lincoln County residents are not active on social media and have not heard of these recent developments, it is the intent of this notice to bring awareness to Lincoln County citizens.

According to these concerned citizens, several wind energy companies began approaching landowners some time ago to acquire Lease Agreements for the construction of roughly 100 or more industrial wind turbines in their first phases. According to Apex Clean Energy representatives, each wind turbine can be over 600 feet tall with three 240 feet long blades and anything of that size will affect neighbors in every direction.

In Oklahoma, the minimal regulatory requirements of the Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Act, 17 O.S. § 160.20 (OSCN 2024), contains no minimum required distance that a wind turbine can be erected from a home.

Further, the Lease Agreements being offered by the wind energy company are private contracts with landowners which should be reviewed by an attorney and explained in detail about how much control over the land is being given to the wind energy company for as long as 50 years.

The Board heard these concerned citizens express their concern during several public meetings. They requested the Board to take action. The Board researched what action it was allowed to take at a county level, but the Board is not allowed to enact regulations in unincorporated areas. Thus, the concerned citizens requested that the Board send out this public notice. Therefore, the purpose of this notice is to encourage Lincoln County citizens to become informed about what is going on in their community in regard to wind turbine complexes.

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