

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

(The entire meeting is available to watch on the Porter County website.)

The Special meeting of the Porter County Board of Commissioners convened at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Administration Center.

Those present were: Commissioners Laura Blaney, Barb Regnitz, Jim Biggs and County Attorney Scott McClure; Executive Administrative Asst. Melanie Massey and Recording Secretary Kathy Merle.

Call to Order/Pledge

COMMISSIONERS

Repeal/Revise Ordinance #20-11 – Solar Energy Systems – 2nd Reading.

Com. Regnitz, moved to approve the Resolution to Repeal and Revise Ordinance 20-11 Solar Energy Systems on 2nd Reading, Com. Blaney, second, motion carried.

Com. Blaney, I do have a quick question. Does the subcommittee on the Plan Commission have a time frame when they're planning to get the revisions done?

Com. Regnitz, Yes. Our initial thought was that we would have a draft for the public at the Plan Commission meeting in August. And should there be some revisions then we will present that to the Plan Commission in September. Hopefully then we will have a recommendation back to the Commissioner Board for the first reading at the first meeting in October.

Com. Biggs, Scott, any activities that are going on now that we voted to revised it.

Atty. McClure, We voted to repeal it today.

Com. Biggs, How does it affect any solar company at this point today if they would be thinking about developing a solar farm here?

Atty. McClure, Well that is a complicated question. I think maybe to narrow it down we have one solar company who has submitted their application. That application was submitted before this ordinance was repealed. So therefore my opinion the repealing of the ordinance today does not directly affect the NextEra application. The repealing and the eventual revision still will be a complicated questions depending on the set of facts that will be presented at that time, but the point of this is to go ahead and repeal today. Revise taking into account those things the Plan Commission Committee fared it out as the issues they wanted to dig into. Then come back with the new solar ordinance hopefully in July or August that would again show the path to what it would take to be able to accomplish this.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

Jim Biggs

Barb Regnitz

Laura M. Blaney

Attest: _____

Karen Martin, Auditor