## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

## Resolution #2024-06

## PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION REGARDING SOLAR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("BOC") of Huntington County, Indiana ("County") has received, and in some instances, approved one or more solar projects within the unincorporated area of the County and has been made aware of other proposed large scale solar projects that could result in the potential loss of thousands of acres of existing farmland and the inability to use the farmland for more desirable uses for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the BOC desires to further review the impact of large scale solar projects and provide the citizens of the County with an opportunity to provide input into the future of large scale solar projects in the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

- Section 1. Pursuant to IC 36-7-4-602(b), the BOC initiates a proposal to amend the text of the Huntington County Zoning Ordinance to more tightly regulate the use of property in the jurisdiction of the Huntington County Plan Commission ("Plan Commissions") for large scale solar projects ("Proposal"), including, but not limited to, possible limits on or amendments to: (i) the acreage of farmland that may be converted to large scale solar projects; (ii) the districts in which large scale solar projects are permitted; and (iii) the development standards applicable to large scale solar projects.
- Section 2. Pursuant to IC 36-7-4-607(b), the BOC hereby refers the Proposal to the Plan Commission and directs the Plan Commission to prepare a text amendment pursuant to the Proposal as provided in IC 36-7-4-602(b), to consider and recommend the text amendment prepared by it pursuant to the Proposal, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the 600 Series of the Indiana Code with respect to the Proposal.
- Section 3. The County Auditor is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Plan Commission and the Executive Director of the Huntington County Department of Community Development at 201 N Jefferson St., Room 204, Huntington, IN 46750.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Auditor