

Union County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
March 18, 2010

Present: Commissioner Mark D. Davidson
Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner R. Nellie Hibbert

Call to Order

Chairman Davidson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with all three Commissioners present.

Consider Referral of Ballot Measure Concerning Antelope Ridge Farm Project

Commissioner Davidson explained that this meeting is being held to meet a deadline to pass a Resolution to place a question on the ballot asking for an advisory vote in regard to the Antelope Ridge Wind Farm. He stated that the initial assessment of it was that the deadline to do that was 5 p.m. today to get it on the May ballot.

Robin Church, Clerk, explained that she was talking to the Secretary of State's office Elections Division on another matter and found out that because of the requirement that there can be a challenge filed for any measure in circuit court the seven day period has passed and it is too late for anyone other than a District to file a measure today. They had to have published their notice more than seven days prior to today to be on the ballot.

Commissioner Davidson stated that the deadline has passed for the county to put anything on the May ballot. There will be no public testimony at this time and the matter will be placed on the normal Commission meeting some time in the near future. There will be public testimony taken over one or two meetings and a draft ballot title and question for consideration for the November ballot. He apologized for any inconvenience that was caused by this misunderstanding but the County has to follow the State Statute and it will not be able to be placed on the May ballot.

Commissioner McClure stated that the idea of placing a question on the ballot came when the public brought it to the Commissioner's attention. He thinks it is the history of the community to ask the questions to the Community. The important thing to remember is that a vote would be advisory and not binding. The County cannot make it binding. It doesn't mean that if the community says no that the process will not continue but it will also give the community an opportunity to express their feelings about it.

Commissioner Davidson stated that he appreciates the people coming to the meeting but unfortunately there will be no decision made today.

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Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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