

August 6, 2019

Members of the Hand County Commission,

This is a really sad day for me. A day when this Commission enacts a wind energy system ordinance to the detriment of the people of Hand County.

On many of the pieces of this code you have heard the evidence, testimony and research given by concerned citizens. On **THE MOST IMPORTANT** piece you have not. **SETBACKS**. The space between a tower and a person's home and also the number of towers allowed on a piece of land.

I contend that the wind towers at these close setbacks will erode our land, kill and drive out wildlife, ruin our beautiful scenery, harm our people's health, and devalue our property. Their construction will cause unwanted traffic and crumble our roads. They will eventually drive our electric rates through the roof.

I just want to go on record as saying wind energy is inefficient and costly to us in all the ways I just mentioned. These towers are built with our money, paid through tax credits to the companies. It is a well-thought out plan, supported by money paid to just the right people, to make wind companies millions of dollars while we at best get crumbs and our lives are harmed in many ways.

I can only hope that we can refine this code so that our quality of life in Hand County can be preserved for us and future generations.

Sincerely devoted to my family, friends and neighbors  
in Hand County,

Deb Bonebright