

January 29, 2018

Dear Kim, Butch and Mr. Yanos:

I have attended so many meetings for the Commissioners, the Planning Commission in addition to the WECS Meeting at the Smith Building before Christmas. I have listened to all 48 speakers last year who showed up at the meetings to voice pro and con arguments for the wind companies bringing industrial wind turbines into Henry County. I have observed and watched the attorneys for the different wind companies, whether they spoke or not. I have listened to Mr. Chambers who represents the lease signers and farmers. I have read Letters to the Editor in the Courier-Times. I have followed the actions of Rush County in the matter of allowing or not allowing the wind companies into their county.

I have also done research of my own concerning wind energy in Indiana, the United States and other countries, including Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Europe. I have read article after article, both pro and con, for wind energy and wind turbines. I have listened to people who live near wind turbines and how these have affected their lives.

Instead of writing a long letter to you and outlining the points I think you should consider before allowing the wind companies and wind turbines, or not, into Henry County, I just want to say I personally could not present facts and information to you any better than the following people: Gary Rodgers, Melissa Elmore, Rosalind Richey, Jim McShurley, Judy Walker, Susie Eichhorn, Peggy Stefandel, Amber Dawn, Ron Romine, Patsy Conyers, Ted Hartke from Illinois, and many, many, more. They have spent countless hours researching the wind energy subject and have presented you with intelligent and thought provoking facts. They have been tireless in talking to you, when allowed, at the meetings.

Someone said to me there are 100-125 people who are lease signers and not nearly that many who attend the meetings in opposition to the wind companies. To be honest, a lot of people in Henry County are not even aware of the wind energy issue and/or don't care because they don't think it will personally affect them, so they are not vocal one way or the other. There have only been two farmers who came and spoke at meetings. There have been many people who not only came to the meetings, but spoke. When have so many Henry County citizens come forth consistently for so long to voice their concerns over an issue? This should be a wake-up call to all of you and I ask you to seriously listen to what has been presented to you for months.

I'm giving all of you the benefit of the doubt when I presume you are impartially listening to both sides on this issue. If so, how could you possibly consider allowing

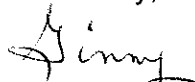
wind companies to come into Henry County with all you have heard about the destruction of land, the serious health concerns, the decrease in property values, the number of people who will move out of Henry County, the lack of people wanting to move in to Henry County, and the destruction of our countryside? You may not consider our rural countryside important to this county, but that, in addition to new jobs, is what pulls people to Henry County. I shudder to think of all the skilled, talented, highly educated and professional people this county will lose because people do not want to live where wind turbines are.

In my research of wind turbines in other locations, it seems elected officials who approved them to be built are now remorseful, but can't undo their actions. I found people who thought they were green energy to now find they are not. Many people have now suffered from heart and other health related issues. Many countries are now forbidding any more to be build and are trying to dismantle the ones they have. Even Taylor University in Indiana has dismantled the few they had and now report the students feel better and don't have the health complaints they did prior to the dismantling.

If you are seriously interested in the health and welfare of the citizens of Henry County, you will not allow wind turbines into Henry County, However, it seems as if that isn't even being considered, so let's talk about the WECS Ordinance. Do you not think having a wind turbine even a half mile away isn't going to affect people? The setbacks now proposed are ridiculous. Yes, the wind companies want to put as many turbines in to an area as they can. Please remember, the attorneys for and the people representing the wind companies are NOT the ones who are going to live anywhere near a wind turbine. They are just paid to do their job, with no feeling or respect for the citizens of Henry County. However, you three are elected to represent **us** and protect **us**! You know in your hearts, I hope, that these turbines are not green energy and you know they are not going to bring people into Henry County and you know the roads are not going to be improved everywhere in this county and you know this county is not going to receive a lot of money from the wind turbines in the long run. What happens when the tax abatements are gone? At least enforce strict setbacks.

I believe Kenon Gray, in his Letter to the Editor last week said it best. He presented an irrefutable argument, with facts, as to why IWT's should not be allowed into Henry County. You wanted input into this matter. Now, please listen to what has been put in front of you and don't be swayed or pressured by the wind companies.

Sincerely,



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