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#### Re- economic, tax, and decommissioning agreements

The County should NOT be liable for decommissioning **in ANY way**; the wind companies and/or participating landowners should be responsible. That would alleviate the need for a detailed, bond-backed Decommissioning Agreement. BUT.....There should just be an Agreement to restore the land to the condition it was in prior; concrete bases & cables should be completely removed, with a timeline once the turbines cease operation, **and penalties for non-compliance, with a detailed plan how that penalty would be carried out, who would monitor it, etc.**

The current Agreements outline no penalty process if wind companies fail to comply with the ordinance or any other detail in the agreement. (Of course they'll sign the agreement, because there is no pressure to comply; nothing happens if they don't!) There should be a stringent penalty process with a schedule for how it is administered.

For instance, let's say someone complains about the sound levels exceeding the ordinance requirements. What is the penalty if the issue is not resolved; what if it continues for days, weeks? longer? Daily penalty? Whose discretion to determine if the complaint is worthy of attention and resolution? It should NOT be left up to the Planning Administrator.

The (agreements) requirements should be in the WECS ordinance, so there is no negotiating, no investment of time energy and concern on the part of the county and no commitment from the county. This leaves the planning commission free to act for the people. Err on the side of SAFETY for your citizens. Do not risk non-participant's health, property values or safety for the benefit of a select few.

Change the wording in the Comp Plan to **WELCOME** families and rural community growth into Henry County. If someone wants to build a new home in the country, the comprehensive plan would dictate that a minimum of 20 acres be broken off from a parcel in order to build. Right now, there are many rural homes that are built on 3 acres or less. If approved, the comprehensive plan would not allow owners to break off 5 or 10 acre parcels to give to their children, or their grandchildren, or to sell to an outside party for new home construction.

***"WHEREAS, the Project will involve the installation of wind turbines, facilities, underground electrical systems, transmission lines, substations, ... which COULD LIMIT CERTAIN KINDS OF INVESTMENT IN AND DEVELOPMENT IN A PORTION OF THE COUNTY FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL PURPOSES THAT ALSO COULD CREATE SIGNIFICANT NEW JOBS IN THE COUNTY; and"***

How can this be a part of an ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT for Henry County that anyone in their right mind would sign?

Sincerely, Randy and Gerri Shewmaker