

Item #: 20

Moved by: RITZ

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Approved by: Craig Willis

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE.  
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER TERRY ROLAND.

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WHEREAS, Shelby County wishes to improve the quality of life for its citizens and strengthen the region's economy by creating new jobs and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Plains & Eastern Clean Line, a high voltage direct current overhead transmission line, will transmit low-cost wind energy from the Great Plains to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the supply of clean, renewable and competitively-priced electricity will benefit consumers, support economic growth and strengthen the County's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, Access to competitive renewable energy resources helps the Shelby County region attract new businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County region is an air, rail, highway, and river distribution hub and with this project the opportunity to be a distribution hub for renewable energy and sustainable businesses and technologies throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will result in a significant financial capital investment by Plains and Eastern in Western Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will provide new business opportunities for local construction and service companies; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Economic Development Growth Engine Industrial Development Board (EDGE) awarded a payment-in-lieu of tax ((PILOT) incentive to encourage the location of Plains & Eastern Clean Line infrastructure in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will generate tax revenues for state, county, and local governments in Tennessee and landowners will benefit from payments made for transmission line easements and structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, Deems the Plains & Eastern Clean Line is in the public interest and will benefit the State of Tennessee and Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Shelby County government supports the development, construction and operation of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and other elected representatives to encourage those leaders to support Plains & Eastern's efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).



Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.  
County Mayor

Date: 4-22-14

ATTEST:



Evelyn Gray  
Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: April 14, 2014