



RESOLUTION# 20-4-6

Introduced by Judicial & Legislative Committee
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Motion: Adopted: Lost:
 1st Feirer
 2nd Hamilton Tabled:
 No: 3 Yes: 16 Absent: 0
 Number of votes required:
 Majority Two-thirds
 Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
 Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose pending legislation that curtails the ability of the state and local units of government from effectively addressing the siting of concentrated animal feed operations (CAFOs) within their borders.

FISCAL NOTE: Nothing direct or immediate, but like many environmental matters, there are potential significant long-term costs to the county if legislators don't maintain and enhance laws that protect the health and safety of the citizens.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		X	
2	Rozar, D		X	
3	Feirer, M		X	
4	Wagner, E		X	
5	Fischer, A		X	
6	Breu, A		X	
7	Ashbeck, R	X		
8	Hahn, J		X	
9	Winch, W	X		
10	Thao, L		X	
11	Curry, K		X	
12	Valenstein, L	X		
13	Hokamp, J		X	
14	Polach, D		X	
15	Clendenning, B		X	
16	Pliml, L		X	
17	Zurfluh, J		X	
18	Hamilton, B		X	
19	Leichtnam, B		X	

WHEREAS, current AB894/SB808 constitutes legislation that would diminish state and local control of the licensing and regulation of CAFOs by:

- The legislation reduces from 90 to 60 days the time period a local unit of government has to respond to a CAFO application.
- The legislation significantly limits the ability of a local unit of government's basis for disapproving a CAFO application to the violation of certain existing codes.
- The legislation generally prohibits a local unit of government from imposing CAFO siting and expansion requirements that are more stringent than those of the state irrespective of unique situations present in the localities, from soil types to the size of the CAFO and the use of the area in proximity to the CAFO.
- The legislation stacks the entity responsible for oversight of the CAFO regulations with appointees of agricultural-related organizations that have CAFOs as their members.

- The legislation exempts waste storage structures and manure digesters from setback requirements as well as odor and air emission standards when these are exactly the types of facilities one would and should expect the regulations to apply to.
- The legislation eliminates the current obligation of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) from reviewing its rules every four years when in fact such reviews are necessary to address problems experienced with CAFO sitings and the need to integrate new technologies into the rules.

WHEREAS, one of the roles of government is to protect the citizens from the degradation of the natural resources that all members of society have a right to, including clean air and water, and this legislation diminishes the ability of government to fulfill that obligation, and

WHEREAS, this legislation is designed to support agribusinesses and not small and medium size farmers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to go on record in opposing AB894/SB808 and the special interests it supports which are contrary to the interests of the state and its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to all state legislators who represent constituents in Wood County as well as the Wisconsin Counties Association

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 WILLIAM CLENDENNING (Chair)

 BILL L. LEICHTNAM

 JAKE HAHN

 BRAD R. HAMILTON

 KENNETH CURRY

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 21st day of April 20 20
[Signature]
County Clerk

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County Board Chairman