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County Board blocks windmills another two years

By Dominik Stallings

The Douglas County Board approved an ordinance to extend the temporary moratorium regarding the acceptance or approval of any Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) during its June 21 meeting. The extension lasts 24 months.

The ordinance said that the Douglas County Board seeks to study the ordinance and possibly revise it to “fully protect and preserve public safety, natural resources, property values, and aesthetic conditions within Douglas County.”

According to the ordinance, the use of windmills, wind turbines or other systems could potentially create issues for Douglas County residents, including location, height and regulatory issues.

In other news, the Board approved an agreement between Douglas and Coles County Council on Aging for transportation in Douglas County in fiscal year 2024.

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A PAIR OF ROBINS seem unfazed by downed power lines and limbs as they roost among the chaos Thursday in Tuscola. Following days of unhealthy air caused by Canadian wildfire smoke, a storm brought hurricane-level winds and large hail to parts of the county causing substantial damage to trees, homes and businesses. Photo by David Porter.

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