

Resolution 25-05

Resolution Objecting to the Use of Eminent Domain by the Iowa Utilities Commission

WHEREAS, the principle of eminent domain allows government entities to take private property for public use with due process and just compensation.

WHEREAS, the original intent for eminent domain is to serve the public interest through projects such as roads, schools, utilities, and parks.

WHEREAS, the use of eminent domain for nonpublic purposes, such as transferring property to private projects, undermines property rights and erodes the trust of citizens in their government.

WHEREAS, protecting individual property rights is essential to a free and democratic society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors respectfully objects to the use of eminent domain and urges the Iowa Utilities Commission to reconsider the granting of eminent domain to Summit Carbon Solutions hazardous liquid pipeline and other private entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors urges the Iowa Utilities Commission to support alternative approaches to development that respects property rights and the input of affected communities.

The Guthrie County Board of Supervisors adopts the above Resolution 25-05, on this _____ day of September, 2024, and the vote thereon is as follows:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call Vote:

Armstrong _____ Dickson _____ Johnson _____

Kuster _____ Smith _____

J.D. Kuster, Chair
Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Dani Fink
Guthrie County Auditor