

MONTCALM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION CLARITY HEARING

Board of Commissioners Room
Montcalm County Administration Building
Friday, November 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MONTCALM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chairperson
Hon. Charles W. Simon, III
Judge of Probate

Member/Secretary
Kristen Millard
County Clerk

Member
JoAnne Vukin
County Treasurer

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - Arguments on whether each reason for recall is factual and of sufficient clarity offered to wording filer, Jeff Lodholtz
 - Arguments on whether each reason for recall is factual and of sufficient clarity offered to Officeholder, Jed Welder
 - Consideration of Recall Wording Submitted Against Jed Welder, Sidney Township Trustee, by the Election Commission Members
 - Wording #4
 - On July 5, 2021 Sidney Township Trustee Jed Welder voted nay on the Sidney Township Wind Energy Ordinance, No. 2021-01.
 - Wording #5
 - On February 1, 2021 Trustee Jed Welder attended a Sidney Township board meeting via zoom. While Mr. Welder was logged onto the meeting as township clerk Carrie Wills, Mr. Welder posted messages in the Sidney Township Board meeting chat session referring to a resident participant as “little Eric”, responding to a question from a Douglass Township Planning Commission with “none of your business” and telling another non-resident participant to “pipe down” and “go home”.
 - Wording #6
 - On July 5, 2021 Jed Welder attended a Sidney Township board meeting as a township trustee. At this board meeting, Mr. Welder cast the lone vote against adopting the Sidney Township Wind Energy Ordinance (No. 2021.01). Mr. Welder did not abstain from voting although he had previously signed an easement agreement with Coral Wind I LLC, or also known as APEX. This agreement hopes to develop wind turbines on Mr. Welder’s property and would financially benefit Mr. Welder.
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn