

Bastrop Commissioners Court Public Comments

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Good morning, Judge Klaus and Commissioners

I am Linda Curtis speaking for the League of Independent Voters, a nonpartisan membership association for nonaligned voters.

I want to simply reiterate our requests of this court for open dialogue and open government that – so far – have been ignored. This is what we are hearing over and over again as to why residents are so frustrated with this Court.

We are asking you again to:

1. Add a citizen to the committee working on legislation for land development controls and have those meetings in public.
2. Take the video from your all your meetings and put them online.
3. Hold meetings in the evening in order for working people to attend.
4. Relevant to your executive session today on “economic development project,” we can only guess the item is about EdgeConneX, the company this court granted an abatement to two years ago in a shroud of darkness. I am reiterating today our request on July 27 which to date has been ignored:

"Prior to voting on any tax abatement agreement, the Commissioners Court shall hold a dedicated public hearing following the 30-day notice period, at which affected residents and technical experts shall be allotted time to present public comment and impact evidence regarding the proposed agreement."

Here's our NEW request of this Court:

Even the very pro-business Austin Business Journal made plain at the Bastrop Growth Summit last week that the hell-bent for leather mass industrialization facing residents in western Bastrop County demands your action now, not June of 2027 at the end of the legislative session.

Today, we are urging you to establish a stakeholder's group to work with the County, not against you, to develop plan for industrial development in western Bastrop County.

On Commissioner Meuth's resolution, I have offer these two words in writing to the resolution:

WHEREAS, largescale industrial developments pose immediate and longterm environmental concerns to the ecology and the health of residents of Bastrop County.

Thank you.