

Comments to Bastrop Commissioners Court, September 28, 2026
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It's September 28, and you are just now getting around to considering a resolution asking the Legislature to give you a backbone.

Commissioners Courts – the ones with a backbone -- around the state began asking for state-wide guardrails and more local control months ago, as data centers and gas plants started locating next to residences and farms.

These Commissioners Courts – the ones with a backbone -- reacted out of concern for their constituents, natural resources, and public health and safety, despite the false promises of staying quiet and letting so-called “economic development” help pay their bills.

These officials, with a backbone, remembered that they were elected by the people being overwhelmed by these purposefully stealthy and secretive invasions of their lives and lifestyles.

But Bastrop County, on the other hand, pursued the data centers as early as 2024 and heaped tax benefits on them to signal they were open for more business. Or should I say BUSINESS?

But here you are still NOT asking the Legislature for any state guardrails or removal of tax incentives.

Why bother **now** with a “local control” resolution that waves a white flag of surrender to the notion you currently have no authority to do anything and thus no accountability, and no reason to take any risks with your potential customers --- I am referring to the third WHEREAS in your draft.

““WHEREAS, Bastrop County has no legal authority to stop, prohibit, or ban developments of any kind, provided the developer complies with basic, narrowly tailored state-mandated rules regarding floodplains, standard driveway access, and basic infrastructure platting”.

Find your backbone and get rid of the third WHEREAS and prove me wrong.