

First, we want to give a HUGE THANKS to everyone who attended the Eastland County Commissioner's Meeting. For those who could not attend, we hope you can next time and hope you would consider giving a call to your county commissioner to express your concerns with the wind farm and tax abatement.

We had a great turnout with about 50+ that were there against the wind farm and the tax abatement for the wind farm. Thirty-five people spoke about their personal reasons against them as well as combated some of the lies and half-truths told during RWE's presentation. Only three landowners showed up in favor of them, all which had leases with the wind company.

RWE Renewables requested to be on the agenda to present their plan (Agenda item #2) and to consider and discuss a tax abatement (Agenda item #3) but were unprepared to give the court any hard numbers on the tax abatement. RWE requested a follow-up meeting to discuss this at a later date in which will we need all of you to attend again. We will send a newsletter with the date, time, and location once posted.

We have also requested to give the court our presentation against the wind farm and tax abatement and will notify you once we have it scheduled.



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Just Some of the Concerning Comments from RWE:

-  They will provide 9-12 permanent jobs. (Omitting that they already filed a waiver to only provide 3 permanent jobs.)
-  RWE will perform an environmental study, but it will not be shared with the public.
-  The turbines will function for 30 years. (Turbines currently have a lifespan of 10-11 years.)
-  They claim they cannot use eminent domain only utility companies can. (Transmission lines will be needed to support the wind farm, so a utility company can come in to use eminent domain for the possible new transmission lines needed for this project.)
-  They promise use of local businesses. (If you dig into their subsidiaries, you will find they have their own construction companies, their own dirt work companies, etc.)
-  They compared the subsidies that wind receives to oil and gas subsidies. (They receive roughly \$121 billion more in subsidies annually than fossil fuels.) They promised updated and new roads. (Where will these roads be? Most likely there will be few public roads that receive upgrades and only new private roads will be built.)
-  They can be more flexible in accommodating landowners only if they get the tax abatement, if not, they cannot accommodate landowners. (If they are truly trying to help the community like they promised and care about our concerns, then why will they only accommodate the community if they get the tax break?)
-  They would not confirm they would do the project without the tax abatement, after stating they can build the project the tax abatement just allows them to be more flexible. (They noted in the same sentence they have built projects without COUNTY tax abatements in Texas, but omitted that in their Chapter 313 Application to the Texas Comptroller they have not built a wind farm without a 313 tax abatement, and sold the one project that they could not get a 313 tax abatement. The tax abatement is not about project flexibility, it is about project viability.)

