

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
RESOLUTION 2023-__
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MORATORIUM ON CARBON DIOXIDE (Co2) PIPELINE
CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC, is currently seeking permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission to construct a carbon dioxide pipeline, a proposed pipeline that will span several miles and terminate in MONTGOMERY County; and

WHEREAS, this is the first carbon dioxide pipeline proposed to be constructed and operated in MONTGOMERY County, but the possibility exists that others may follow sometime in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will cross many roads and other improvements operated by MONTGOMERY County and, given the nature of such pipelines, may cause previously unseen emergency healthcare needs for MONTGOMERY County residents living near the pipeline, needs which MONTGOMERY County and other units of local government located throughout MONTGOMERY County will be called upon to address; and

WHEREAS, MONTGOMERY County has authority to impose reasonable requirements on certain aspects of the proposed pipeline that are protective of the interests of MONTGOMERY County and its residents, however MONTGOMERY County requires time to review the proposed pipeline plans and needs to obtain additional information regarding carbon dioxide pipelines generally so that MONTGOMERY County can determine if imposing such requirements upon Carbon Dioxide (Co2) pipelines through amending present or passing new ordinances and/or resolutions is advisable; and

WHEREAS, the MONTGOMERY County Board is very concerned about the safety and well-being of its residents, and feels a two year moratorium is necessary to allow the Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Federal agency responsible for determining the safety of Carbon Dioxide (Co2) pipelines, to complete their upgraded standards to ensure the safest pipeline to be constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the MONTGOMERY County Board on this 11th day of April, 2023, so that the above-mentioned review and analysis may be thoroughly and diligently performed and acted upon as necessary, that no permits or other grants of authority to construct any carbon dioxide pipeline will be issued by MONTGOMERY County under its existing ordinances or any other laws prior to October 19, 2024.

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Doug Donaldson
Montgomery County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sandy Leitheiser
Montgomery County Clerk