

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01- 06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the County Board has been contacted by concerned citizens regarding the construction of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipelines and sequestration wells within the State of Illinois and potentially Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County residents have been contacted by various developers regarding the construction of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines and sequestration wells on their properties, located within Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, additional developers are expected to seek federal and state approval to construct projects throughout the State of Illinois including Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline may pose a direct threat to the health and safety of the residents of Livingston County because of the inherent risks associated with pipeline ruptures, leaks and explosions; and

WHEREAS, currently first responders in Livingston County lack the training and equipment necessary to safely respond to any pipeline or sequestration failures which may occur within Livingston County; and

WHEREAS, preparing for these types of events and/or catastrophes may create an undue burden on the taxpayers of Livingston County, as well as diminish the fiscal health of the taxing bodies whom are subject to the Property Tax Limitation Law (PTELL); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has acknowledged the lack of regulation and oversight over carbon pipeline construction and has announced it is taking steps to implement new safety measures to protect communities against CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline failures, which have not yet been developed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Livingston County, Illinois, as follows:

1. Livingston County urges the Illinois Commerce Commission to deny any applications for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines or sequestration until Federal safety guidelines are finalized and in effect.
2. Livingston County hereby opposes the construction and use of eminent domain for any CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline or sequestration wells in Livingston County.
3. Livingston County requests intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Livingston County residents are preserved.

4. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules, and orders, and parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby superseded to the extent that they may be in conflict.

Passed by the Livingston County Board on the 11th day of January, 2024.

*James A. Carley*

James A. Carley, Livingston County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

*Kristy A. Masching*  
Kristy A. Masching, Livingston County Clerk

