

RESOLUTION #26-28

Continuation of a Moratorium on the Construction of USSES and BESS in the Unincorporated Areas Of Emmet County, Iowa

Emmet County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 2026-28

Resolution to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on the Construction of Utility Scale Solar Energy Systems (USSES) and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the Unincorporated Areas of Emmet County Iowa; and

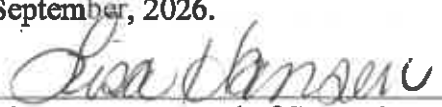
WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "Board", has concerns that in the future persons may desire to construct Utility Scale Solar Energy Systems (USSES), commonly referred to as solar farms, and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board believes that before any such facilities are constructed in Emmet County, ordinances should be put in place to ensure that the Board and Zoning Administrator are aware of these projects in Emmet County and that the construction, operation, and deconstruction of these facilities would be subject to reasonable regulations that would ensure that said facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner, the rights of persons or property within reasonable distance of said facilities are appropriately protected, and the conditions of County roads are protected; and

WHEREAS the Board desires to have said temporary moratoriums in place until such time as ordinances can be prepared and passed to provide appropriate regulation of said facilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The board does hereby establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of a Utility Scale Solar Energy System (USSES), commonly referred to as solar farms, in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. No USSES facilities or appurtenances to said facilities shall be constructed in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. This shall include the renovation of any existing structures to be used as said facility. This moratorium will remain in place until December 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. unless extended by the Board prior to the expiration.
2. The Board does hereby establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. No BESS facilities or appurtenances to said facilities shall be constructed in the unincorporated areas of Emmet County. This shall include the renovation of any existing structures to be used as said facility. This moratorium will remain in place until December 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. unless extended by the Board prior to the expiration.
3. The Emmet County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium on either USSES or BESS prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of the amendments to the Emmet County Zoning Ordinance and satisfactory resolution of the issues as determined by the Emmet County Board of Supervisors.
4. This resolution as to both temporary moratoriums shall become effective upon passage. Signed 22nd day of September, 2026.


Lisa Hansen, Board of Supervisors Chair


Heidi Goebel, Auditor, attested.

Vote on Resolution 26-28:

Schumacher-aye or nay

Glasnapp-aye or nay

Pluth-aye or nay

Quastad-aye or nay

Hansen-aye or nay