

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS,
SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE REGULATION OF DATA CENTERS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

WHEREAS, Morris County supports responsible economic development and recognizes that advanced technology infrastructure, including data centers and artificial intelligence facilities, is essential to the future economy of Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, hyperscale computing facilities require substantial electric generation, transmission capacity, and water resources, and uncoordinated or rapid growth may adversely affect electric grid reliability, local infrastructure, and regional water supplies; and

WHEREAS, large-scale industrial developments may impose significant demands on public infrastructure, emergency services, land use resources, and transportation systems, while counties possess limited regulatory authority to manage such impacts; and

WHEREAS, data centers constitute critical infrastructure supporting commerce, communications, healthcare, education, financial systems, cybersecurity, national defense, and technological innovation; and

WHEREAS, increasing electricity demand, recurring drought conditions, and limited water resources necessitate enhanced transparency and long-term planning to ensure sustainability, infrastructure integrity, and protection of the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, Morris County desires to encourage economic investment while ensuring that such development occurs in a manner that protects taxpayers, landowners, agricultural interests, and natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. POSITION OF THE COURT

The Commissioners Court of Morris County supports responsible data center development and encourages the implementation of enforceable safeguards necessary to:

- Protect electric grid reliability and prevent undue cost burdens on residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial consumers;
- Ensure sustainable and transparent water use practices;
- Preserve agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, and natural drainage systems;
- Protect county roads and other public infrastructure from excessive wear and damage;
- Safeguard public health, safety, and general welfare; and
- Promote responsible stewardship of natural resources.

SECTION 2. TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

The Commissioners Court supports state requirements for full, accurate, and publicly accessible disclosure of:

- Projected electricity demand and anticipated impacts on grid reliability;
- Projected water consumption and sources of water supply;
- Infrastructure improvements necessary to serve proposed facilities;
- Emergency management and public safety considerations; and
- Anticipated impacts on county roads and transportation infrastructure.

SECTION 3. INDEPENDENT IMPACT ANALYSIS

The Commissioners Court supports requiring large-scale data center projects to undergo rigorous review and analysis addressing:

- Impacts on electrical grid reliability and transmission capacity;
- Impacts on regional groundwater and surface water resources;
- Environmental and land-use impacts, including effects on agricultural lands and wildlife habitat;
- Long-term infrastructure costs borne by taxpayers; and
- Compatibility with surrounding residential, agricultural, and commercial land uses.

SECTION 4. RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

The Commissioners Court encourages the adoption of statewide standards promoting efficient resource utilization, including:

- Water-efficient cooling technologies;
- Reclaimed, recycled, or non-potable water sources where feasible;
- Demand response and load management practices supporting grid stability;
- Coordination with groundwater conservation districts and regional water planning groups where applicable; and
- Conservation measures designed to reduce strain on public resources.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTED

The Commissioners Court respectfully requests that the Governor of Texas, the Texas Legislature, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, ERCOT, and other appropriate agencies:

1. Evaluate and implement policies to improve transparency regarding projected electric demand and water consumption of large-scale computing facilities;
2. Establish reasonable requirements for infrastructure planning, resource impact review, and mitigation of significant public impacts;
3. Promote coordination among state agencies, counties, municipalities, utility providers, and developers;
4. Ensure that local governments are provided meaningful opportunities to participate in planning processes affecting local infrastructure and resources; and
5. Preserve Texas' ability to attract technological investment while protecting taxpayers, ratepayers, landowners, and natural resources.

SECTION 6. DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Texas Legislature representing Morris County, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, ERCOT, the Texas Association of Counties, and other appropriate state and regional entities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22 day of June, 2026.

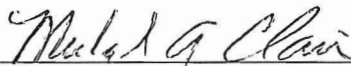
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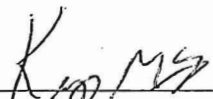
Doug Reeder, County Judge



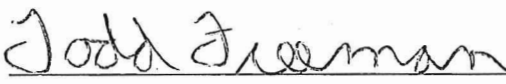
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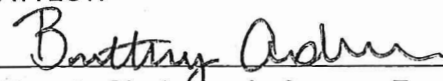


Kerry McCoy, Commissioner, Precinct 2



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County Clerk Morris County, Texas

