

RESOLUTION
LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Resolution No. 16-06

WHEREAS, the Lake County board of Commissioners is the Executive Body of government in Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2016, the County Planning Director received from the Surface Transportation Board a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement;" and

WHEREAS, this notice is the only communication received by any county department from either the Surface Transportation Board or Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc., plans to file a request with the "Surface Transportation Board to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile rail line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rail line could consist of up to six (6) tracks; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Lake County have until May 16, 2016 to provide the Surface Transportation Board comments on the scope of the environmental impact study; and

WHEREAS, the public meetings within Indiana for the scope of the environmental impact study are currently set for:

April 12, 2016	April 13, 2016	April 14, 2016
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Veterans of Foreign Wars	American Legion	Civic Auditorium
17401 Morse Street	203 S. Washington Street	1001 Ridge Street
Lowell, Indiana	Wanatah, Indiana	LaPorte, Indiana

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners are alarmed at the significant environmental impacts this proposed rail line running the entire length of the county from west to east would have on Lake County; and

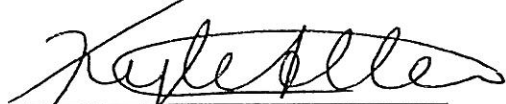
WHEREAS, the significant environmental impacts and dangers would include transportation of hazardous materials, closure of local roads, devaluing of property, drainage issues, and negative impacts on future land use. The proposed rail line would also create noise, vibration and considerable safety concerns at all of the crossings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned that the Lake County Board of Commissioners foresee no positive economic impact from this new proposed rail line, and foresee significant permanent negative environmental impacts, and therefore are against Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposed 278 mile rail line.

THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2016.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Gerry Scheub, President


Kyle Allen

Michael Repay

ATTEST:

Auditor John Petalas