

February 17, 2026 Read into Record:

Members of the Board, residents:

Before we move to the resolution at hand, I would like to address how this Board approaches land use decisions that affect the future of Monclova Township.

It has always been the intent of this Board to prevent the annexation of Monclova Township and to retain local control over how development occurs. That means maintaining authority over zoning regulations, Conditional Use approvals, and site plan requirements-tools that allow us to impose safeguards and protect our residents, infrastructure, and quality of life. Tools we have successfully used for the last 20 years.

Townships in Ohio operate under constant and real annexation pressure. When land is annexed into a municipality, we do not simply lose geography. We potentially lose tax base, regulatory authority, and the ability to place conditions on development that directly impacts our community. A former Board of Trustee member asked me about the agreement we had in place with our Joint Economic Development Zone and CEDA agreements and I told him it didn't hold up at recent mediation, but we continue to work on other ways to stop annexation, and we continue to explore the legality of the agreements in place.

This is precisely why our approach regarding potential large-scale development, including a hypothetical data center, has been measured and strategic. Rejecting concepts prematurely or taking symbolic actions without considering annexation risk can unintentionally push development across our borders, where township residents lose any voice or protection.

Now that the City of Maumee has enacted a moratorium on this type of development, the landscape has changed. The township is positioned to consider similar action. Our strategy, and our patience, have helped maintain our jurisdiction and control. We thank you for your involvement and your patience.

We govern not only for the present moment, but with a responsibility to protect the long-term integrity, resources, and identity of Monclova Township. If I read the “political tea leaves” correctly, I am unsure that in 12 months we will even have the opportunity to discuss how we would handle the development of a data center. The state and federal governments seem to be moving away from local zoning for data centers. That will leave us without the opportunity to protect our neighborhoods, and those decisions will be made by people who aren’t your neighbors. Let’s watch carefully as this issue develops further.

With that, I would accept a motion on the Resolution.

Barbara S. Lang, Chair

Monclova Township Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL,
ESTABLISHMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION OF ANY DATA CENTER WITHIN MONCLOVA
TOWNSHIP FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS**

Resolution 02172026-01

WHEREAS, ORC 519.01 authorizes a board of township trustees to legislate for the purpose of regulating land use, promoting public health, safety, and welfare; the development and maintenance of an infrastructure sufficient to serve the needs of a township's population meet this purpose, and support a temporary developmental moratorium, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, a developmental moratorium is an authorized delay in the provision of government services or development approval; upon declaration of a moratorium, the township must engage in the process of adopting a reasonable plan within a reasonable time to address conditions leading to the need for a moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the Monclova Township Board of Trustees finds it necessary to seek time to study, develop and implement regulations regarding the possible use, locations and operations of data processing centers within Monclova Township; and

WHEREAS, the term "data processing centers" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in the Monclova Township Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a twelve (12) month moratorium on any governmental action as would allow or facilitate the establishment of any data processing center is deemed sufficient time to accomplish the Township's goals and ensure the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Monclova Township that:

1. For a period of twelve (12) months following the effective date of this resolution, no elected official, officer, administrator, employee, consultant or agent of Monclova Township shall engage in any official activity in furtherance of the establishment or expansion of any data processing center within the territory of Monclova Township.
2. Prohibited activities include any governmental action which could result in the acceptance and processing of any application or petition for any type of permit, zoning or land-use approval for a data processing center. No application for a data processing center shall be accepted for filing or officially acted upon in any way during the moratorium period.
3. All Township land use regulations, including all notice periods and any provision providing for adoption of any measure following the time lapse of a period for denial are suspended with respect to any data center development for the moratorium period.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this

Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Trustee Stevens-Laux moved and Trustee Lang seconded the adoption of the Resolution, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Barbara S. Lang, yes; Debbie Stevens Laux, yes; Charles V. Hoecherl, yes.

