

RESOLUTION #18-2025

ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CRYPTOCURRENCY & DATA
MINING FACILITIES AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code, Chapter 335 grants counties the ability to adopt a Zoning Ordinance to regulate land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study said ordinance for necessary updates to ensure proper regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Planning and Zoning Commission has identified the need to update its Zoning Ordinance relating to Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems in an interest to protect the county's infrastructure, natural resources, and property rights by establishing regulations relating to these facilities. The Planning & Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating or creating ordinances, policies and procedures relative to Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors wish to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems to allow adequate time for the Planning & Zoning Commission to research and update or create ordinances relating to Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa, that Butler County now imposes a moratorium, effective immediately and until April 1, 2026; or upon passing of an ordinance in relation to Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems development, whichever comes first, for the purpose of drafting and adopting a necessary and proper Cryptocurrency & Data Mining Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Rusty Eddy
Greg Barnett
Wayne Dralle

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Passed and approved this 25th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST: Leslie Groen, County Auditor

