

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE ROUTING OF THE
MATTERHORN EXPRESS PIPELINE THROUGH BURNET
COUNTY AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION FROM THE
STATE LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the Hill Country of Texas is one of the fastest growing rural areas in the nation with enormous pride, rich history, and vast natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Burnet County is becoming an ever-increasing venue as a destination point for thousands of tourists throughout Texas and the United States; and,

WHEREAS, WWM Midstream, LLC (LLC) is in the process of routing a 42-inch underground high-pressure natural gas pipeline, known as the MATTERHORN EXPRESS PIPELINE from Upton, Texas to Fort Bend, Texas through the Texas Hill Country, including Burnet County; and;

WHEREAS, LLC asserts that the State of Texas has delegated to the LLC the authority to choose the route of the Matterhorn Express Pipeline and to take the private land to be traversed by the Matterhorn Express by using the governmental power of eminent domain; and,

WHEREAS, the laws of Texas provide insufficient oversight and scant regulatory process to limit this delegation of powers generally reserved for governmental bodies, and therefore, provide no formal opportunity for the landowners of impacted property to participate in the routing selection process; and,

WHEREAS, Burnet County and its citizens realize the importance of its tourist industry, rich heritage, and related economic development along the proposed pipeline route; and,

WHEREAS, The Burnet County Commissioners Court is concerned about safety along the Matterhorn Express pipeline within the confines of Burnet County, especially in the areas where increased commercialization is occurring; and,

WHEREAS, aquifers are the main source of water for Burnet County residents; and,

WHEREAS, LLC has not performed an Environmental Impact Study evaluating the potential impact to property near or adjacent to the area aquifers and to the surrounding community; and,

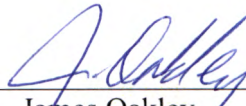
WHEREAS, the citizens of Burnet County have expressed strong concerns and opposition to the presence of the Matterhorn Express Pipeline within Burnet County due to its potential negative impacts to the environment, soil, water system, and land values; and,

WHEREAS, Burnet County, by and through the below-named members of the governing body, has an interest in the protection of its natural resources and an interest in how the Matterhorn Express Pipeline may affect its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT:

1. Burnet County, on behalf of its citizens, opposes the Matterhorn Express Pipeline being routed inside of Burnet County. Such a placement poses a potential harm -to Burnet County's natural, historical and economic resources.
2. Burnet County requests immediate action by the Texas legislature to protect landowners and communities from the negative impact of Matterhorn Express Pipeline and other potential oil and gas pipelines by:
 - A. Creating a better regulatory process for oil and gas pipeline routing that enables impacted landowners and local governmental entities to have a voice in the approval process.
 - B. Requiring Environmental and Economic Impact Studies for all oil and gas pipelines, whether they are intrastate or interstate.
 - C. Requiring substantial governmental oversight over the power of eminent domain delegated to private companies so that these private companies do not have the unrestricted power of eminent domain.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14TH day of JUNE, 2022.


James Oakley
County Judge


Jim Luther
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1


Damon Beierle
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Absent
Billy Wall
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3


Joe Don Dockery
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4