

I support a Data Center, being constructed in Butler County with the help of the City of El Dorado. I do so for the following reasons:

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1. It is a clean industry.
2. I personally at my own expense, went to Atlanta last week. I took a tour of three (3) Data Center Facilities, two (2) of which were in operation, and had zero (0) noise. The third one was under construction and it was very well made with a large number of contractor employees.

Full disclosure, I have been retained by Beltline and Butler Rural Electric Cooperative to assist in the location of a Data Center in the Butler Rural Electric Cooperative service territory. I have been involved in the meetings with the City and County Administration and I know firsthand about the following:

1. Water: Living in El Dorado and being a taxpayer, I know of the debt obligation of the City to the United States Corp of Engineers for the water in the reservoir. A Data Center would use water from the reservoir and pay the City of El Dorado for that resource, which would be assistance in servicing the debt to the Corp of Engineers. That water will be recycled in the Data Center and not negatively affect the water rates for the citizens of El Dorado. (These facts could be verified through Scott Rickard and David Dillner, with the City.)
2. Electricity: I serve as General Counsel for Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and know, as a matter of fact, that providing electric power to a Data Center will not negatively affect reduce the cost of power from Butler Rural Electric to its current users. (This information could be verified from the CEO of Butler Rural Electric, Kevin Brownlee.)
3. There is no offensive noise associated with the current Data Center operations. (This fact can be verified by those in the attendance in Atlanta touring the facilities last week: William Johnson, County Manager; Kevin Brownlee, CEO of Butler Rural Electric; Vince Haines, past Mayor of the City of El Dorado and President of El Dorado, Inc.; Sarah Hoefgen, El Dorado, Inc. Executive Director, that personally saw and heard Data Centers in operation.)
4. I also know for a fact on the Data Center that is being proposed in Butler County, any and all costs associated with providing services to that facility, either for City water or Butler Rural Electric improvements would be paid for by the Data Center developer and not those entities or the public.
5. There will be significant tax contribution benefits to the City and County in addition to more employment.

In closing, I would encourage the Planning Board and the Commission to simply state that any Data Center application would require a Special Use Permit rather than a zoning change. In the Special Use Permit, the City can confirm in writing that there will be no noise above a certain decibel level, that there will be no light escaping the perimeter of the site, that there will be no traffic in excess of so many vehicles a day, that any road to the facility would be improved at owner's expense.

I am available for any and all questions. I attended the open protest meeting April 7th. I can for a fact say that the information shared with the public at that meeting was not based on objective facts. Please review the Letters of Opposition in that light. Please do not let "Not in My Backyard" make your decision.

Had the County Commission allowed that to be the determining factor thirty-five (35) years ago, El Dorado / Butler County would not have benefited from the economic revenue of the Correctional Facility.

Sincerely,

Rae L. Cornell

