

Should Winona County put the brakes on frac sand mining. That question is now being debated amongst residents there. At a county board hearing last week, most of the speakers from the Winona County Board backed a moratorium, voicing concerns ranging from air and water quality, to road damage, to health issues. Moratorium opponents touted the potential economic benefits of sand mining. Jason Gillman says they heard quite a bit that night.

The board deferred a decision until its January 10th meeting. Eight sand mine permit applications have been filed in Winona County.