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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Commissioners initiative, climate change, and Gold Hill

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### Commissioner's column was dressed up with 'nonsense'

Jackson County Commissioner Dave Dotterrer recently wrote a column arguing against three proposed ballot measures to restructure the county commissioner positions.

Reading it, I was reminded of the story "The Emperor's New Clothes." In that story, the Emperor wants you to believe he is wearing magnificent clothing when in fact, as a child points out, he is wearing nothing at all.

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Based on his column, Dotterer wants you to believe that reducing commissioner wages from 500% of median Jackson County income to 250% would be fiscally irresponsible.

He wants you to believe that allowing nonaffiliated voters to participate in the primary would reduce voter turnout. He wants you to believe that the current three commissioners don't make backroom deals, but five would eliminate transparency.

He wants you to believe that the vast majority of Jackson County, including those not allowed to vote in the primary, support his values, principles and priorities. He wants you to believe that he can see into the hearts of those sponsoring these grassroots initiatives and he can see sinister intent.

I think we all recognize nonsense when we see it. So when you see the nice people at the market or community event holding a clipboard collecting signatures, say hi to them. Chat a bit. Ask questions. Sign the initiatives.

Let's be brave like the little child and tell the commissioner he has no clothes.

Learn more at [jacksoncountyforall.org](https://www.jacksoncountyforall.org). You can also sign the initiatives at home through [jacksoncountyforall.org/signathome](https://www.jacksoncountyforall.org/signathome).

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