

Experience on a five-member county board proved its value

Here's a personal perspective on the current effort to restructure the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Before moving to Medford, I was honored to serve as an elected county supervisor (commissioner) in York County, Virginia. The board had five members. I was able to converse with other supervisors on any issue without violating posted public meeting requirements.

Both political parties were represented on the board, and partisanship was never a concern. Many issues were resolved because we could communicate easily.

My "office" was the conference room next to the county administrator's office. My support staff was the administrator's assistant, and my salary was \$400/month.

Clearly, public service was a greater motivation than compensation.

I believe a five-member board is appropriate and highly efficient, and salary does not impact the ability to make decisions. I encourage your Yes vote on all three Jackson County for All ballot measures on May 21.

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