

Additional costs are small price to pay to change board

I proudly helped gather signatures on the three ballot measure petitions that were circulated by Jackson County For All of Us.

Contrary to what County Administer Jordan intimated, I for one let potential signers know that while the three current commissioners salaries would be pooled and then divided between the five commissioners, that of course there would be various increases to the budget.

Now, since the commissioners meeting on Feb. 16, we know Mr. Jordan is saying there will be additional costs, some of them being one-time costs, upwards of \$400,000 to \$700,000.

Well, let's do the math — worst case — \$700,000 divided over the approx. 225,000 residents of JaCo comes to (drumroll please) \$3.11 per resident.

Obviously a large percentage of those residents are children, but still, for a family of 10, this increase would amount to \$31.11 annually. For my family of two, that's an increase of just \$6.22 a year; a price we are more than happy to pay for increased representation.

It's time for the scare tactics of “well into the six figures” to stop. Vote YES on these three ballot measures when you see them on the ballot in May.

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