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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Board of Commissioners; climate change letters

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Board of Commissioners needs to have more voices

I read the article regarding the Jackson County Commissioners approving an \$81,800 agreement with the non-profit [Lines for Life](#) to offer after-hours services for those experiencing a mental health crisis.

I am not saying that I agree or disagree one way or the other with this decision; however, this article highlights clearly why Jackson County needs two more commissioners.

The article stated that two of the commissioners approved this decision with minimal discussion and the third commissioner did not attend the meeting. This is possible because, with only three commissioners, two make a quorum.

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Herein lies the problem. Just two people can set the policy for a quarter-million people. With five commissioners, three would make a quorum, allowing commissioners to have discussions on important issues, such as this, amongst themselves.

Three ballot measures are being circulated to restructure the Jackson County Commission. One is to increase the number of commissioners from three to five, and another redistributes the salaries of three to five.

Five for the price of three! Currently, our commissioners are the highest-paid in the state, and make substantially more than our governor!

Locations where you may sign petitions are posted on Jackson County for All's website, jacksoncountyforall.org. Another option is to sign at home jacksoncountyforall.org/signathome.

The third measure makes the county commissioners position non-partisan so all voters can participate in the election. 10,500 signatures are needed to get the three measures on the November 2024 ballot.

Bev Vondra / Talent

Stop publishing misleading letters about climate change

I am alarmed about climate denialism and falsehoods in [two recent letters](#) to the editor.

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