

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider county commissioners motivations on petition drive

Been following the local news lately? You've no doubt heard of the Jackson County for All petition drive that seeks to modernize our County Commission.

In a recent TV news interview, Commissioner Rick Dyer asserted that he and fellow Commissioners Roberts and Dotterer see no reason to make any changes to the composition (or compensation) of the three-member body.

But consider this. A quick Google search turns up a couple relevant definitions for the term self-preservation: "A behavior or set of behaviors that ensures the survival of an organism." And even better yet: "The action of keeping yourself safe or alive in a dangerous situation, often without thinking about what you are doing."

Of course the sitting commissioners want their apple-cart to stay upright. But, like

the thousands of citizens who have eagerly signed the petitions, they know change is likely coming when voters have their say later this year.

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Urge Wyden to join calls for clamping down on aid to Israel

The war will continue throughout 2024, an Israeli Defense Forces spokesperson announced on January 1. Israel's PM Netanyahu says the war will continue for many months.

Israel's three month War on Gaza has killed 22,000 with unknown thousands more lying under rubble. Nearly 2 million displaced civilians, their homes destroyed, live in a war zone on one meal or less daily, without sanitation facilities, many now dehydrated and succumbing to disease.

Most health facilities are nonfunctioning and surgeries — including thousands of amputations — are performed without anesthesia.