

Former commissioner: County offices don't need expansion

These are my thoughts on the commissioner ballot measures. As a former commissioner, I have endorsed the proposals and agree with former commissioner Dave Gilmour's points made in his Letter to the Editor on salaries and nonpartisan status.

I will take issue with the County Administrator's cost analysis. The expansion of the current physical footprint is overstated, as the board should make accommodations with as little structural changes as possible. The footprint of the administration and commissioners office does not need to be expanded.

We had much smaller spaces, and feel we accomplished as much or more than the current commissioners. In fact, I would suggest they need to be out hearing from the public more than sitting in large offices.

The administrator works for the current three commissioners, so of course he will make a case for leaving the status quo.

My opinion is driven by 16 years experience, not a political agenda. I think the commissioners are overpaid, as they have an administrator who does most of the heavy lifting.

Just compare to other county structures and salaries. Our population has changed since the charter was signed, so the charter should change to reflect the larger current population.

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