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On Behalf Of:
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To All That This Concerns,

Although I believe this measure is a move in the right direction, it still falls short of the changes to property taxes that our state requires.

One, the pay/ budget line for the tax auditor and tax collection officer should not be based on the late fees for property taxes due. This is a direct conflict of interest and incentivizes the collections office to raise fees and fail to work with the property owners to get out of the voluntary debt.

Two, the County office provides a detailed line items list of where our tax dollars are going, full disclosure of salaries the taxes collected are paying.

Three, each year the county does not meet the set budget, the county commissioners are fired and a new commission is elected that meets the budget. All commissioners salaries and full financials are disclosed to prevent fraud.

Four, each property owner who is paying their taxes have full right to chose which bills/ acts that our tax dollars will support/ fund.

Five, prior to a property being foreclosed on for back taxes, all tax dollars applied to the property should be paid back to the property owner, along with full market value of the property being auctioned off before the county can collect any past due tax.

As a property tax payer for over 10 years, it is sad that our quality of life within our community has declined, while the cost of living has increased. We are more excited to get a couple of fast food restaurants than knowing our children are testing in the top 10% globally for their age groups.

We expect more of our representatives. Full disclosure on all expenses.
We need our on D.O.G.E.

Sincerely
Jason J Cooper