

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident and taxpayer of this county, I want to express how appalling I find the proposal by the Republican majority to create two new departments.

Why would something as important as this type of operational restructure be conceived and presented without the knowledge and input by key players and stakeholders? Why were other commissioners, county administrators, and especially Clerk Crocker blindsided? Clerk Crocker apparently was not even aware of this proposal, and Commissioners' comments that she was overworked and overstressed apparently are just a smokescreen for some other reason.

This feels so wrong in so many ways. Why the rush? What are the budget requirements and implications for other departments or priorities? What about transparency, accountability, and professionalism? All seem to be lacking.

Commissioner Robbins opined that the county still seems like Mayberry. With this type of behavior by the Republican majority, Mayberry would be a step up.

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