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Reducing big government Starts at the Local Level

Editorial Reply to Mr. Ben Wearing, in his editorial on the 17th "When Money Matters"
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In his editorial, Mr. Wearing seemed both pleading and weary in his closing remarks, which put the onus for resolving county commissioner pay dispute back onto the complaining public:

"But until those candidates [for county commissioner who will accept less pay, to remove financial incentives] step up to run on such a platform, and the voters of Saline County elect those people, everyone needs to quit criticizing the county commissioners for not walking away from their paychecks."

Count me in, Mr. Wearing. I can tell you the only reason that I would seek county commissioner is because I agree with outgoing Mayor Jilka when he suggested that positive changes [for Saline County would follow from] taking the financial incentive out of serving on the county commission. Now I understand that a person who works without payment to be a slave, and since we call government leaders 'public servants' and not 'public slaves', I think that a realistic goal would be to pay for the time put in, and not pay a ridiculously bloated salary with benefits -- Mr. Wearing said current pay was \$27,643 -- that surpass the national average for full time workers. Is this the tip of the iceberg on why sales tax on my food and restaurant receipts is so high, and promises to go higher?

This issue of reducing cost of local government ties into a conversation I had with Mr. Lauver at the Chamber, regarding the new Expo center proposed by Gralla. I was saying that if we Americans in the future want to become more free rather than more enslaved (in the form of taxes), then We the People cannot expect a U.S. President to fix our lives down here at the local level... instead, we must seek, initiate, and champion free market solutions here that permit us to have commercially successful ventures such as what the Expo center should be. Prosperity only comes through production, not the Federal Reserve printing press, and not through skim-off-the-top redistributors of wealth: government planners.

I would like to get around paying the \$276 fee to file for getting on the ballot for District 3 Commissioner. My question to the Journal audience: Are there 191 Republicans out there who would like to support my candidacy by signing a petition?

Best Regards,

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"One... with courage, makes a majority." - President Andrew Jackson
"Reason obeys itself; Ignorance submits to what is dictated to it." - Thomas Paine

