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Message

I don't care who owns the water system, in all honesty. As long as I am charged a fair amount for the measly services we receive (and really, for the proposed increase that will happen in 5 years, we should also have trash pick up covered at the very least, and they should start to calculate in sewer for that price also!). My main issue is with the shady and underhanded way this has all been dealt with by our county commissioners. They have not been forthcoming, unless pressed. And, they have been heard saying derogatory and demeaning statements about those of us on the eastern county water system who have attended meetings and sent emails. I believe the county commissioners have failed in their duties over the years in regards to this water system. It should never have been allowed to "lose money". They should have had a committee or something set up to encourage more people to sign on to the system (any time real estate was bought, new owners should have been encouraged to tie in). There should have been more transparency, from the beginning. The commissioners should have involved those of us on the system, instead of being defensive (I will not include persons who are unhappy with the sale that have been unprofessional towards the commissioners). The commissioners should have worked on the feasibility of a co-op, when first approached about selling, instead of just seeing dollar signs. They got us all into this mess when they started the system years ago, and should not be allowed to get off the hook this easily. They should be required to offer alternatives to just selling off the system to a company we know is not going to offer us good water.