

BOCC MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Received By:

This comment was received through the online website.

Subject:

Advisory boarf

Comment:

Lopez wants to know why there is so much vaccine hesitancy this is her biggest reasoning for the advisory board. I'll tell her why and she doesn't need a board for this, in one week we had the CDC say everyone needs to mask, while Bidens top Covid-19 advisor is saying cloth and paper masks do not work..there is no consistency in the federal governments messaging when it comes to Covid-19. How can I trust the government when they can't agree with themselves? Until we open, honest non agenda driven data and conversations you will never get everyone to agree to take the

vaccine...to this point dishonesty and agenda driven data has so infiltrated the government I don't think we can ever get to a point where everyone will trust the government.

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Advisory Board

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What functional governmental role that is not already being met with current county makeup are we trying to fill with this board? Again just because other counties and departments have one doesn't constitute a need for sedgwick county. To try to figure out how to persuade the public to get vaccinated is not a valid excuse on its own either...there are other easier ways to figure that out like actually doing your job and talking to the people.

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General covid

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Mike Rowe recently wrote an article defending Americans right of choice even though he himself believes in the vaccine. I tell you what, even though I disagree with Mike Rowe on being so quick to getting the virus and I don't share his enthusiasm about the safety of the vaccines...I respect, that he respects my position on the matter. Same can be said about commissioner Howell.. Someone like them (not talking about Mikes celebrity status, but intellectual honesty of both Mike and Howell) could eventually convince me to take the vaccine. But the governments insistence at being hammer fisted and telling me I must shut up, trust them and take the jab..makes me dig in further in defiance.

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Subject:

Mill Levy Funding for Aging Programs

Comment:

I want to thank the County Commissioner's for continued funding of Senior Services Programs that keep seniors at home and independent. You fund Meals on Wheels, Roving Pantry, the Senior Employment Program and our four senior centers. Without your support, 9,000+ seniors would not be able to stay active engaged, and in their home .where we all want to be.

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Subject:

no more masks

Comment:

As a concerned citizen and grandma to 8 school aged children, I felt I needed to speak out. I know as of now, most districts are going with the policy of parent choice concerning masks. My fear and the fear of many I have spoken with is that the masks will once again be mandated along with quarantines. I have been a special education para for 15 years so I feel I am qualified to speak on the issues of masking. I am fearful a repeat of last year will happen. If it does, all students will needlessly suffer again. Every day I and the others I work with had our students say, "I can't breath", "I can't hear what the teacher is saying", "I get headaches every day", "My face is breaking out" and many more complaints. So many of our students were quarantined but yet none of them became ill. So much learning and much needed structure was lost through all of this. 8 of my 9 grandchildren were quarantined several times. None of them ever became ill. Two of them have speech issues and lost out on valuable services that were in their IEP's. The online learning was not a viable option for my autistic grandson and many, many other children. Children with speech issues especially need to be able to see people's mouths. Several school psychologists I have spoken with were very surprised that parents have not taken legal action against schools for not meeting the children's goals in their IEP's. Viruses have always been here and always will be. We can not mask our way out of viruses. We need to teach everyone to do what has worked in the

past, wash your hands, cover your sneeze and cough and stay home when you are sick. Masks are not the answer. People get sick and teachers will miss school. The flu, strep, colds etc. are still here. We, as a nation have never masked, even during the worst flu outbreaks. I pray our children never have to go through the emotional, physical, and social trauma of having their identity disguised, losing out on services, and having their lives turned upside down for a virus.