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To the Board of Curry County Commissioners:

It has been clearly established through various public meetings and correspondence in the past year that the board of county commissioners have little to no legislative authority over special districts like libraries, or educational districts like school districts.

Yet, on the August 5th agenda, we have two “advisory” questions on consolidation of our county school districts, and our county libraries proposed for the November ballot. These items are in addition to two other ballot measure proposals for a fuel tax and sales tax, both poorly written and problematic at best.

Regarding the “advisory questions”, the voter’s ballot is not a place to ask survey questions. This mechanism should be used very rarely, if at all. In this case, it is a waste of county monies and time, while confusing to voters. **It is a “push poll” to mislead voters to believe, wrongly, that the county has power over special districts and that there would be any tax savings if districts consolidate.**

It is time for county legal counsel Huttel to do his job, which is to “protect the county” and rein in county commissioners when they put the county at risk with questionably legal and potentially expensive decisions.

It is also time for both Commissioners Gold and Boice to tell Commissioner Paasch “No more.”

No more wasting the county’s time and resources on chasing special districts as a revenue source when the evidence to the contrary is so insurmountable.

No more “advisory questions” on voter’s ballots.

It’s time to ask the voters yourself.

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