

Jennifer Locke comments on Strategy role in trying to pass proposed county government change:



Jennifer Locke on October 08 at 9:02 p.m.

I can only speak for myself, that I was shocked that Strategy decided to take on the Streamline campaign, which after reading this article:

http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_6c267454-d231-5582-ac03-1fb13e87f52c.html, it sounds like Dan Green is really behind this group. Tondee is also part of it

from what I hear too. They seem very heavily invested in Streamline and the ballot measure. Green has also admitted he has given money for this Streamline campaign. I am curious how much so far.

Again after reading Idaho COMMISSION-EXECUTIVE FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT 31-5204 and researching the Comprehensive Plan, drafting of the ULUC, and being at or hearing the meetings with Todd Messenger and others, the enforcement powers of a possible county manager makes me very nervous once the ULUC is passed. The enforcement, penalties, and fines haven't even been written yet of the ULUC. Many just don't know what is coming down the pike once this is passed.

My understanding is that even we wanted to get rid of this form county government later on, apparently Idaho code requires we keep this form of government if adopted for at least 4 years. Please correct me if I am wrong on this though.

While the current Clerk/Auditor Cliff Hayes, Assessor Mike McDowell, Treasurer Tom Malzahn and Coroner Deb Wilkey have come out against this measure too, it is still hard to compete with a possible \$20,000 if not more campaigning and mailing voting households with the Streamline flyer with the founding fathers and constitution on it. I guess I feel it is important that the KCRCC take a stand on this too and let the county know if they don't support this measure.

I think this statement that I found is very fitting for this measure:

"The proposed county administrator management model is a business solution wrongly applied to a political problem. In business there is accountability by free market forces. In government, accountability is by the ballot box. Where is the accountability in the proposed county administrator scheme? The Green / Tondee proposal opens the door to cronyism, corruption and waste because the elected commissioners will have a scapegoat in the county administrator, who will not face the voters directly. We need to retain the existing structure to preserve the checks and balances it provides. For example, why is the Coroner elected? Because the Coroner is the only one who can arrest the Sheriff."

An article worth taking a look at about county manager corruption:
<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/100612ROMAN>

This could be coming down the pike too:
http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_8daee8d3-bc1c-5cba-8a8c-1047995fb709.html