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By now you should have your Primary Election ballots. If you've already voted, good for you: voting is important.

I think the most important office on this ballot is Curry County Commissioner. Commissioner Huxley isn't running for re-election and there are several potential replacements. Who we elect will make a difference in how the County runs. Consider:

Which candidate has a realistic plan for fixing the County's financial shortfall? Does he/she have a record suggesting the ability to get it done? Which wants to use up the Road Fund for General Fund things like the Sheriff's Department, vice saving it for a potential road catastrophe? Do you agree or disagree with this?

Which candidate wants Commissioners, paid at least \$75,000, and elimination of the County Administrator position, including firing the recently selected one? Which would keep the County Administrator and reduce Commissioners' salaries to a \$10,000 stipend? Which agrees with your view?

Which candidate wants to be Commissioner for the "right" reasons, not a paycheck, power, personal agenda, etc.? Does he/she have proven ability to behave professionally and ethically; communicate ideas clearly; work well with others; compromise to get things done; and listen to the public, experts, and other Commissioners? Will a candidate bad-mouthing current Commissioners work well with them?

How are their campaigns funded? Small donations; big donations from people/businesses expecting favorable future decisions; or funding from entities outside of the County? Which candidate is spending campaign money how you want them to spend your tax dollars?

Take time to examine the candidates, select the best one, and return your ballot.

Thank you for listening. And have a nice day on the Wild Rivers Coast.