

Good morning Commissioners, Court personnel and the public.

My name is Debra Bindseil and I have been a Burnet County voter and tax payer for over 40 years. I would like to address the public and then the commissioners.

Transparency has been an issue that this court along with our federal government is trying to accomplish. So, I am going to be transparent.

The commissioners have received threats concerning their voting preferences in the County Judge position. They have been advised if they do not vote a certain way as some individuals have demanded, then these certain people will make sure that the commissioners have competition in the next election. Threats have been made that some county projects will be in jeopardy also. I am angry and I hope you are too. This has got to stop! This is interference in the voting process.

Commissioners: I am sorry you are having to deal with this while you are diligently trying to fill the vacant position of the county judge. I pray you have not been swayed by the threats that you have received. Please only vote for the most qualified and experienced person who will be the right choice. Do not let these threats interfere in your voting choice by certain individuals and special interest groups. Future agenda items will be subject to pleasing these people. They will unfortunately not stop if you allow them to control your actions.

Due to the unresolved threats and your inability to break the tie for the position, you have a third applicant that has not being considered. Bryan Wilson would do an excellent job.

I know by exposing these threats I am now a target. I detest confrontations but sometimes it has to be done for the good of the people. Turning on the light exposes the roaches. I am not calling anyone a roach. What I mean is that when the lights come on is when we see what has been going on in the darkness. Ladies and gentlemen the lights are on! I hope you all will take my words to heart and make your decision appropriately.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.