

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Good morning, Judge Wilson and Commissioners. Claire Nybro, Burnet County voter, taxpayer, and interested person.

This past Sunday afternoon, I emailed Judge Wilson and all four commissioners about the proposed Central Texas Spaceport Development Corporation, raising some questions that were not satisfactorily addressed during last week's public hearing. Only one commissioner responded to my email with some answers. He addressed most of my questions but did not provide any information as to why Firefly Aerospace does not appear on the list of Principal Property Taxpayers in the 2024 Burnet County Annual Financial Report, despite Firefly having two property tax listings on the Central Appraisal District website with combined appraised property values of nearly \$28 million.

I don't understand why the Burnet County Commissioners Court would want to dilute its authority by establishing a shared Spaceport Development Corporation with Williamson County. For those who aren't aware, Williamson County has already appointed four members to its Board of Directors places. Section 507.003 of the Texas Local Government Code grants counties the authority to independently form an SDC.

Although the Commissioners Court, without the newly appointed Judge Wilson, has been considering the possibilities of an SDC with Williamson County for approximately six to eight months, the public has had only about two weeks to absorb all the ramifications of this issue. One local official approached the microphone last week and indicated that he had only just learned of the County's plans to form an SDC three days before the workshop. I am calling for a second public workshop to be scheduled so that working individuals from Briggs, who cannot attend a 9 AM workshop, can have the opportunity to submit their input during an evening session. I would also like to hear feedback and debate from other local leaders regarding the pros and cons of creating a Burnet County SDC. Could we please have the opportunity to hear input from local leaders and additional Briggs residents? I kindly request that you delay today's vote and arrange a second workshop to consider the potential of a Burnet County-specific SDC.

Thank you.