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I had an issue that I wanted to bring up from last month. Since we only have the 5 minutes, I did not have time to share my thoughts on something that happened in late September.

It was about 8 o' clock in the evening during the week, the phone rang and it was a call from a Vermilion County family that lives in the Invenergy industrial wind complex. They were again having a horrible night of trying to sleep and the noise from the turbines was keeping them awake.

They told me that they had called a county board member and asked him to come over and hear what they now had to live with. The board member's response was QUOTE "I'm not coming over there!" and then he hung up on them. I immediately got in the car and drove over to see if there was any help I could give them.

Then two week later, I get a call from a friend. He knows someone in the Invenergy complex that is having issues with noise from the turbines. He wants to know if we can go over and meet with this couple. Kim and I go over to their house and we are told that they have a one year old infant that is

having trouble sleeping ever since the turbines were turned on. They noticed that when stay out of the house when on a trip, their baby does not have any problems sleeping. As soon as they get back and the turbine noise occurs, their baby is visible upset and doesn't sleep well. So, what do I tell them? They are uncomfortable coming before the county board and honestly I cannot recommend that they speak to the county based on the previous responses that have been given over the last year or so.

Is this the character of the county board that we can continue to expect? Is this the type of consideration that can be expected from this board? Frankly the response to date has been disgraceful and appalling.

Is this the type of county we live in?

I HOPE NOT.