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YOUR VIEW

Heltsley: Watchdogs opinions are not law

Dear Editor,

How many times have we heard the phrase “The truth has no agenda?”

I hear this all the time and read it daily from a group of mutts that must not be telling the truth because they sure have an agenda.

That agenda is designed to harass and destroy what is commonly referred by some as the Good Ole Boys. What part of getting the work of the people done in an efficient, lawful and just plain common sense manner don't these guys understand? Having connections and relationships that go back a lifetime is a way of life in our community – it's how things and progress get done. You better believe I'm a Good Ole Boy — and proud of it.

Your county board is not stealing from you or getting bribes from big business in back room deals. We are just ordinary individuals who want to do what's right and fair for the taxpayers and voters of this community.

If something makes sense and needs to be changed we, as a board discuss it, consult the States Attorney as our legal advisor and then with his advice and counsel do what we think is the right thing.

You, the people, elected us to make these decisions. We don't need the so-called Edgar County Watchdogs of John Kraft and Kirk Allen with their tag along Rob Bogue – all of whom enjoy generous government pensions – constantly looking for what they perceive to be horrendous violations of law that turn out to be nothing more than their interpretation.

They want people to believe their opinion is the law and there is no room for argument. I don't know of a single indictment — let alone a conviction — they have obtained by their so-called investigative journalism. They are not police, nor are they lawyers — never have been and never will be regardless of how many citizen's

arrest they make or lawsuits they file or million dollar airport grants they disrupt because they don't like Zimmerly Ready Mix or its owner.

They are going to continue to do this as long as people give them any support or believe anything they say. A prime example was John Kraft picking on Dan Bruner's short speech of the positive things the Edgar County Board has done or tried to do for this community.

As soon as the Watch Dogs get their candidates seated on the county board and various committees they will have control and do things their way.

If you think you're feeling that pinch in your wallet now of utterly useless expenditures and scaled back public services just so these bullies can get their so-called 15 minutes of fame — you had all better wake up.

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