

December 2018 - From the Chairman:

Eight years ago, I was elected to my first term as Fayette County Supervisor, after several weeks of meetings, I came home and said to my husband, Dennis, I wish there was a way I could inform the citizens why things are done the way they are in County government. His response was - why don't you write an article for the newspapers. So, the "From the Chairman" articles were started. Most of the articles were in response to a question/s that my husband asked concerning County business and my thinking was, that if it were important to him, you also may be wondering why things happen the way they do in County government.

I asked the Oelwein Daily Register, Fayette County Union, Leader, Echo and the Fayette County Treasurer to publish the news article and they gladly said yes and I would like to thank them for allowing that. After many articles were published, I was contacted by Barb from the Oran Telephone Company to send the articles to her, as she would post them for the citizens of Oran to read and also by Michael Hohenbrink from the Calmer newspaper to share the articles with them for publishing in their newspaper. It was also the suggestion of the Fayette County Treasurer to start to archive the article, so if you missed an article, starting with the March 2016 article, you may go to the County webpage and click on Newsletters to read any you may have missed.

I would like to thank all the people who have told me how much they have enjoyed reading the articles, and how it helps with transparency in government, that truly means a lot to me. Thank you for reading the articles.

In closing, I will tell you that this is my last, "From the Chairman" article. No, I haven't run out of things to write about. However, I have asked Janell Bradley, my fellow Fayette County Supervisor, to take over writing the articles and she has agreed to do that. I know that she will do an outstanding job as she has an education in journalism, so please enjoy reading her articles.

You may contact me at: jtellin@co.fayette.ia.us or Janell at: jbradley@co.fayette.ia.us

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On a personal note: Campaigns are tough and costly and I would like to thank all the individuals that placed their name on the ballot for election/re-election to a public office. Welcome to all that won and thank you for your service to all that decided not to seek re-election or lost their election. Thank you.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.