Vote 'no'

To the editor:

This letter is in regards to the upcoming recall election of Wayne Wales.

The Statement of Reason on the ballot does not have to be a true statement. The first part of the statement accusing Mr. Wales of being negligent in overseeing the county budget is nonsense. The Finance Committee is comprised of three commissioners and as board chairman, Mr. Wales is not involved in the day-to-day finances of the county. Any financial decision (except for ordering the bills paid) has to be made at a full board meeting and has to be approved by a majority of the board.

Regarding the second part of the Statement of Reason pertaining to senior citizens, I believe the majority of senior citizens involved with their respective centers in the county are extremely happy with the actions taken by Wayne and the majority of the board (again, Mr. Wales can do nothing without the majority of the board).

The Iron River Senior Center was the recent recipient of at $5,600 check from DICSA, the result of back rent due them because, as one board member quoted in The Reporter said, "That contract must have been from 100 years ago. It probably just got renewed every year, and nobody ever read it."

Well, Mr. Wales did read it and found DICSA was not in compliance. DICSA will be paying monthly rent to the Iron River Center because of his actions. A recent meeting with the full County Board and the members of the four senior centers in the county made evident the dissatisfaction with DICSA. This board, including Wayne, wants what's best for all the citizens of the county, seniors and their site centers included.

In its reorganizational meeting in January, the board re-elected Mr. Wales as chairman for the second year. I believe this was a positive reaffirmation of Mr. Wales' ability. A vote "NO" for the recall proposal in District 1 is in the best interest of the county.

-s- Beverly Cram
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