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Garrett Hoyt I was also there and I find it disturbing that very few see the big picture. Everyone wants to see how the potential changes will effect their property and their potential to subdivide and make more money developing, but nobody seems to be talking about how different our county would look if everyone did that. Nobody seems to be talking about traffic implications or water rights, or local agriculture. I suspect that the individuals who support alt 4 would be the first to complain about the traffic and change of rural feel when it was more than just them that profited from this change.

I also took the opportunity to speak with a few county employees. Mark McCauley (sp?) defended the means by which alt 4 came about. He also mentioned that he's in a difficult situation. He wants to keep his job, and recognizes that the people who make that decision need to be pleased. Another employee that I asked about the charter said that he had a strong opinion, but that wasn't what the open house was about. When I recognized that he couldn't do anything, but I have a voice that could be more vocal, he gave me a look that confirmed my suspicions, and walked away. Just before I left, I got into a bit of an argument with mr. Madore and expressed an opinion different than his. As I walked away, one of the county employees caught me and asked that I continue doing that. He said that the planning department tended to be on the same page, but it wasn't received well from a certain councilor. He went on to talk about his feeling about the implementation of the charter and concluded with, "I've probably said more than I should"

So how do I address the issue with the implementation of the charter as a citizen? I see my legislatures executing, and I want it to stop. The executive goes along with it because he doesn't want to lose his job, so who can hold the county councilors accountable? I want to be an involved citizen, but I don't even know where to start.