

Wise Choice

To The Editor:

Kathy Connelly's recent letter to the editor admonished Colton Supervisor Bill Swafford for his appointment of Rick Woods as Deputy Supervisor. The taxpayers listen to different people whose only source of information is rumor or the newspaper. If taxpayers had attended the meetings throughout 2007, or even currently, they would realize why Supervisor Swafford made his decision for Rick Woods. You wouldn't put a fox in charge of the henhouse to protect the hens would you?

Anyone who attended the April Board meeting with the decision to increase the salary of the Elected Town Justice, would understand Bill's reasoning. Supervisor Swafford had an agreement with the Town Justice to try to accommodate the Justice's request for a raise. The Justice, who is an elected official, whose salary was known when he ran for office. Why campaign and complain after you are elected that the salary is too low? Apparently the Supervisor's agreed offer wasn't enough for the Justice. The gentleman's agreement went out the window and the Justice campaigned the "open government" but nefarious board who outvoted Swafford. Now, is that justice?

Kudos to Swafford for hanging in there with this board. Bill, you made a wise decision.

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