

I have been coming to these Commissioner Court meetings for the past 3 years and have seen some of the wise decisions this court has made for the citizens of Clay County. However, what I've witnessed over the last few months in this courtroom has been embarrassing.

You seem to be far more concerned with staying loyal to people providing inadequate services, rather than being concerned about what is best for the citizens, Elected Officials and employees of this County.

Numerous employees have sat in here and voiced their concerns over both IT and internet services and it seems we are being ignored.

It started with our IT. After several offices stated we no longer wanted to use Ashley, you voted to keep her on and continue to pay her until the end of the fiscal year even though she was not under contract. This was not in the best interest of the County. We now know that she did not merit such loyalty.

Now, this court is arguing over internet. Meeting before last, you voted to continue to pay Webfire through the end of the fiscal year even though the County could save money by voting on a new internet contract. However, it seems you are bound and determined to use Webfire. When you continue to do the same thing, you will continue to get the same results.

If we continue with Webfire, we will have the same problems. AT&T has not proven dependable, yet this court insists that it's not a problem. It may not be a problem for you, but it's a big problem for the Elected Officials and employees. These decisions do not affect you, as you do not use this internet on a daily basis. You do not miss important parts of a meeting while you wait for Zoom to unfreeze or lose something you're working on because the internet goes down in the middle of working on it.

Webfire can deliver 250 MGB for \$795, yet they have been charging us \$1200 for 50 MGB for the last 10 years. That sounds to me like they are not worthy of your loyalty either.

In addition, Webfire does not pay taxes in Clay County. Comcell, the other bidder for our internet business, pays taxes in Clay County. They have a vested interest in this County whereas Webfire does not.