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On the CO2 ordinance considerations, the county is being courted by Summit with tax revenue dollars in exchange to push their potentially harmful and possibly deadly pipeline through the county. Something no one talks about is what costs the county will insure as a result and who will it hurt potentially beside those forced to live 3 miles either side of it. Summit hasn't mentioned the increases to consumers in everything from ethanol costs, water and electricity increased costs, even costs for food as a result of their venture. First ethanol will NOT end if these pipelines don't get permits, ethanol plants have had record of near record profits the past 3 years even though they were paying record and near record input costs for the ingredient needed to produce Midwestern ethanol..corn. There are all sorts of estimates floating around over what these pipelines will do to increase the price of ethanol, an email from inside an ethanol facility in Iowa says that it will increase ethanol costs to the consumer of at least 60 cents per gallon at the pump. Feed costs will increase for livestock production if corn price is actually increased by the testimony of Navigator at the PUC hearings of up to 19 cents per bushel. Water and electricity costs will increase due to the huge amounts of water and electricity needed in the capture and pumping process and additional infrastructure needed to get it to those locations. Now who will this hurt most? Those already turning to the state and counties for help. It will hurt everyone but it will hurt those who have low incomes, elderly on fixed incomes, those on disability and in turn the county will have even more who will need assistance with housing, heating, and food assistance. How far will the tax revenue go to cover all those costs to the state and to the counties? My guess is not very far. Something commissioners had better realize especially those who seem to be doing all they can to make it easy for these pipelines to get through the county by any means possible. As commissioners its their responsibility to take into account all the facts and represent those in the entire county, not just those in the northern most part of the county. These will affect all in the county whether directly or indirectly and as far as I'm concerned the county will be worse off for them.

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