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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 3:35 PM
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Subject: Re: [GRLIST] I made the news....

For all of the good it did. As a result of this article and my pending budget presentation requesting our office be made full time and compensated appropriately, a number of people emailed our BOS directly, in support (and bcc'ed me).

My budget presentation was today (it was a power point). The room was packed with voters, election officials, my Electoral Board, and concerned citizens, most of whom stood up and spoke! In spite of that, one BOS member brought up the point that they have hung their proverbial hat on all of these years....."well, what do other part time localities do? We need to find out before we make a decision." Part of my presentation was that our voters don't live in other localities. That it is in their (BOS) power to serve their constituents equally. That no one would propose the Commissioner of Revenue Office or Treasurer etc. ONLY be open 3 days/week. I presented that the GREB Workgroup, the Department of Elections, SBE, VEBA, VRAV, EB, voters and elected officials all concur that it is time to make these offices full time and pay them appropriately. They pointed out that I am NOT a Constitutional Officer. I advised them that I am sworn to uphold the Constitution and if I WERE a Constitutional Officer, WHO would conduct my election?!?!?! The BOS was highly angry that all of those people attended...they tried to say it wasn't a public forum (even though it was posted on the BOS web page along with the agenda and my presentation).

One of them approached me afterwards and said that voters regularly approach him to tell him they don't think this office needs to be made full time. Anyone else find that a little ridiculous? Our voters would not do that. Are we really supposed to believe they would say "Please, don't serve us equally to the rest of the state!" Um....no. This BOS member didn't receive those emails in support because he refuses to share his email address on the county website for his constituents to reach him.

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good job Kim! Look like wonderwoman!!!

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