

Marion County Board of County commissioners. April 21, 2025  
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To whom it may concern, I, William Heller, hereby resign from the Marion County Planning And Zoning board. I can no longer be a part of a required formality that ignores the people of Marion County. Marion County officials are allowing this county to be destroyed. The beautiful horse farms that make this area famous are being overrun with out of control development. I cannot be a part of this County's procedures that ignore an auditorium full of people with another 150+ people outside objecting to zoning changes. There are no provisions in this county to maintain and retain green areas for wildlife. It comes as no surprise as when the people are ignored why would anyone think that wildlife would be considered. Our infrastructure is years away from meeting the needs of this new development. I worked throughout my career in water treatment, wastewater treatment, and ground water remediation. This county is allowing effluent from wastewater treatment plants to be spread on golf courses. This water is contaminated with a number of elements that are detrimental to people's health. It's no wonder that Marion County has one of the worst health records in the country as far as deaths go. I have emailed my county commissioner Kathy Bryant to discuss some of these concerns, but of course I am ignored as everyone in this county is. I also resigned as president of our homeowners association. A number of county officials gave us incorrect information spread incorrect information to our neighboring community, has caused a lot of discourse between the two communities and generated hate and threats,. It's a shame that no one seems to know the correct answers and only spread untruths that cause problems. Traffic in Marion County is atrocious. People are voicing their concerns about the problems with accidents, problem intersections, and traffic patterns that make no sense. The citizens of this county can recognize improvements in traffic flow due to daily travel. The traffic engineers sit at their desks and ignore concerns from citizens as to problem intersections, and the number of accidents that could be avoided. All of my efforts were not in vain. I learned how dysfunctional our county government is. I am only one person and cannot stand up against all these people that are motivated by greed and money.

Respectfully submitted

*William R. Heller* 4/21/2025