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**To the Editor,**

**I attended the recent Harbor town hall and want to commend the Curry County Board of Commissioners—particularly Commissioner Lynn Coker—for moderating and modeling what responsible local governance should look like.**

**Too often, community meetings are “send-only” affairs, where officials consume most of the available time and the public leaves unheard. This town hall was different. The Board deliberately structured the meeting to maximize community input. Over the course of a 2.5-hour session, 38 Harbor residents were able to offer direct testimony to the Commissioners.**

**What stood out most was the community’s clear focus on outcomes: reducing unanswered law-enforcement calls, stabilizing chronic high-risk health and homelessness situations, restoring safety to neighborhoods and public spaces, improving interdepartmental coordination at the county and state level, and insisting on transparent performance reporting.**

**If the Board follows through by designing and implementing the solutions discussed at the town hall, Harbor can expect tangible benefits—fewer unmanaged encampments, more effective and appropriate service delivery for homeless and addicted individuals, stronger and more visible law-enforcement presence, fewer crisis escalations, safer neighborhoods and commercial areas, and renewed public confidence that government systems are working together rather than at cross-purposes.**

**This effort reflects serious policy work, not slogans. It demonstrates that Curry County leadership understands that livability, dignity, and public safety are not competing values—but shared responsibilities that must be advanced together.**

**Congratulations to the BOC and thank you Commissioner Lynn Coker for moderating the event.**

**Sincerely,  
Anthony Bond  
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