

of office every four years, or at least being given the opportunity to have some people voice an opinion on? Not too often. I understand where Senator Hillman is coming from. In fact, a long time ago when I was on the county board I suggested we develop a county manager problem. And we did, you know that? Yeah, what we did is we agreed that there...the county was big enough and the responsibilities of the clerk, the treasurer, register of deeds, and all the rest were important enough that they had their hands full. But it was also impossible for the five of us on the county board at the time, and five was enough then and, Ernie, I got to tell you, it's enough right now. But in any case, in any case, it was obvious we couldn't develop the information and work on a day-to-day basis with everybody to do a good job. And...I'll punch my light because I think I'm not going to be able to have time for the first time in about nine years around here, ten years. So as a result of that, we hired Adrian Jaworski, God bless him. He used to be the deputy county clerk, and he took over the responsibility of helping to be the county coordinator or administrator, whatever we, title we gave him, for us. And it worked well. He was followed by Dick Schotteger and now Dean Sykes is in the job. But it was a form of a county manager problem...plan. It was a program where we had someone who was a professional...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...administrator helping the county board understand if or not the policies were being carried out, and as far as the budget's concerned, most importantly, to manage on a day-to-day basis and to make sure the budget was being performed properly. Now some might argue that's a clerk's job, but I could argue it's both. I would like to think that the best way to depoliticize that issue is to have somebody like an Adrian Jaworski, a Dick Schotteger, a Dean Sykes. The system works well. I would hope that there wouldn't be emotional problems at the moment that would cause us to consider this. But when you let people vote on something like this, and I have no problem with doing that in some ways, you have an obligation to tell them what you intend to do if they approve of this. And what they might do in some cases is absolutely disastrous because people are reform-minded. They want to change something. You know in Douglas County we talked about merging...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.