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As a resident and registered voter I wanted to pass along my strong feelings that we should retain the current sign standards. If a well founded proposal is openly presented to the commissioners, then that would warrant discussion and public comment. Don't rush into changes that seemed to have come out of nowhere. We don't want our county to be degraded like some common, urban area. The reason people come here to recreate, visit, spend their money and make investments is because they see the incredible beauty. Larger, more intrusive signs will drastically detract from those views. And since there isn't a formal request before the Board, changes should just be dropped.

Incidentally, the electronic, lighted, moving billboards cropping up in the county are hazardous for drivers as they draw attention away from the road and at night are too bright and make driving more difficult for folks with vision issues. I'd add that the sea of signs that crop up on some private parcels during election season are just plain ugly and show pretty low standards.

Thanks, Paula Nelson, Darby