

Last month, at the end of the meeting, a commissioner made remarks that were disturbing to me. First, because he was advised of a service fee for using his debit card, he accused the District of gouging property owners. HISID adds 2.5%, the transaction cost, for credit and debit cards. Card fees are based on the number of transactions. It is not unusual for public entities, where most customers pay by check to pass on these fees. It is an accommodation to accept credit and debit cards. It is not gouging for the district to be reimbursed for these bank charges.

Secondly, he accused the Board of Commissioners of destroying the community. As least he had the good grace to say "we", including himself in this outlandish statement. I would like examples and an explanation of the claim. I'm from Missouri, show me. If it was just an angry rant, I want a retraction and an apology on the record at this meeting.