

The commissioners who made those waiting to give testimony on the airport expansion wait for a quorum - without telling us - showed disrespect to the citizens whom they are supposed to represent. They fully intended to be late, as Commissioner Collins stated, but then apologized. How can one apologize for a planned action? The reason they were absent is horrifying: they intentionally put their political success above their responsibilities by attending a political function. The highest political offices in this county could not coordinate with a senate candidate?

In addition, Coates should recuse herself for ethical reasons, which she has done.

Most importantly, the expansion should not include the east side of the airport, which has steep stream valleys.

The Mattawoman will be destroyed by the 70% impervious surface allowed in the expansion.

The airport has already affected the health of the people around it and the children in the schools nearby. It's not only lead which is expelled from the smaller jets, but small particles which go deep into the lungs.

Also oxides of nitrogen.

This will only get worse.

Stand up for the people, not the developers.

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