

O'Donnell, Mary Beth

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Euler, Gordon; Anderson, Colete; Alvarez, Jose; Albrecht, Gary; Lebowsky, Laurie; Hermen, Matt; Kamp, Jacqueline; O'Donnell, Mary Beth; Wisner, Sonja
Cc: Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: email regarding north county - For the Public Record

Interesting to read I thought! Mary Beth for index. Thanks.



Oliver

From: McCauley, Mark
Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: Fwd: email regarding north county - For the Public Record

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>
Date: May 1, 2015 at 9:33:27 PM PDT
To: Mark McCauley <mark.mccauley@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: Fw: email regarding north county - For the Public Record
Reply-To: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2015 9:30 PM
Subject: email regarding north county

Hello Kaitlin,

I'm not sure what your conversation was with Susan over north county, but I can perhaps shed some light on what I know.

In 1994, when Clark County ignored the pleas of the landowners and it was obvious that the county was going to ram through their no growth and lock up rural lands agenda, the people of North county got angry. They did due diligence

to determine that they could form a new county with the vote of the people in the area being considered. They contacted CCCU for support. They wanted to call it River County. CCCU researched the topic and advised them as to what we found. There was much discussion over changing state lines and simply being part of another county. Skamania was the chosen county because of their federal land and economic woes. Skamania County Commissioners, at the time were quite interested in the proposal. It was determined that there was a great deal of ability to use federal funds, easements, and other techniques to allow the process to happen. But, in the end, Skamania determined that if they allowed the north portion of Clark County to be a part of Skamania County, the same thing would happen to the majority of their rural people. The populated areas would control the less populated areas and they wouldn't be any better off. So, they sent a letter of decline for those reasons. But, keep in mind, that new counties can be formed with the will of the people. I believe that happened not so long ago, in a different county in Washington. I'm thinking it also had to do with land use.

Property rights are a constitutional right that cannot be ignored by governments, just as the right of freedom of speech. You are able to write what you want, because you have been given that constitutional right by law. Government cannot take the value of what you have to say away from you, as it would be unlawful. Government also cannot take the value of the land from a landowner, unless they pay for it, and I believe what is paid has to be fair and equitable. What if you were told that your freedom of speech was going to be taken away, but you were not going to be paid or get any thing for it? Even if you were going to be paid for it, you would protest loudly and say it was unconstitutional and against the law. Property rights to landowners is just as important to them as freedom of speech. That being said, government agencies need to adhere to protection of that right, just as the other rights are protected. But, instead, governments are arrogantly using zoning and regulation to steal the land from the landowner, simply because it is legal to have zoning and regulations. They then depend on lengthy and expensive court processes to protect them, even though when a landowner does pursue the issue in court, the government usually loses.

Property rights must be protected at all costs, because when one constitutional right is lost or compromised, all of those constitutional rights are lost or compromised, and we eventually become a lawless, barbaric and uncivilized society.

Best Regards,

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