David Madore
February 26 at 3:06pm ·

Clark County to hire high priced attorneys to fight rural citizens:
It's not what they've done. It's what they're doing.

The 3 liberal county councilors clearly stated why they voted to take away rural citizens' private property rights by repealing Alternative 4.

They said they wish they could support rural citizens. But they didn't have a choice. The state (the White Witch) is making them do it. Alternative 4 violates state law. It's not legally defensible. If the county councilors tried to defend the rural citizens, we would lose in court. It's not a winnable battle.

The same scenario unfolded in 1994 when the county paid Seattle Law firm Foster Pepper (http://www.foster.com/services), at huge taxpayer expense, to fight the citizens for 3 years. The citizens still won that case even against that litigation giant.

The rural citizens, as represented by Clark County Citizens United, CCCU), just voted to appeal the county's decision against the rural citizens in court again.

Now the next step for these 3 councilors will be to authorize one of the biggest most expensive law firms in the state to fight against the rural citizens' Alternative 4 appeal in court again.

Think about that.

If our captain told us we should not defend ourselves because we would lose, and then he hired the most expensive mercenaries to fight against us, is he our friend or our adversary? What is really going on here?

It's not something I have done. It's something I am doing!

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Margaret Tweet Clark County Citizens United, Inc. volunteers then and now have to pay for all the court actions through fund raising. Tragic how these new councilors have so hastily reversed Alternative 4 and dismissed all the work done to develop it. If the action to hire the legal council has not yet been taken, then citizens should urge the council to reconsider.

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Pat Gordon Personally I'm tired of the "new councilors." I do not trust Marc Bolt, he reminds me too much of Arien Spector of PA.. I think this group has forgotten what their duties are, take of the citizens, NOT those who want to destroy the county!
Don Railsback David Madore, What is the name of the case from 1994. I'd like to look it up.

Did you read US Supreme Court opinion I sent you?

Whatever law firm the County hires, that firm is going to milk the county for everything it can. They will stretch out the case as long as possible to maximize their billings.

On top of that, since the lawsuit will allege constitutional/civil rights violations, the county will have to pay the other party's legal fees, AND the damages to the plaintiffs. Damages could easily reach one hundred million dollars, and maybe much, much more.

Todd Klein It is still about principle. If we do not fight it, we rollover and they win. I wrote Mr. Boldt and reminded him in the 80's all I had to was go to the local cafe in Battleground and the farmers would buy me a cup of coffee and breakfast and then off to work I would go with one of them. Those are over. I took over the farm I started

Working when I was 13. You cannot make a living doing this. The farmers in the 80's were selling land them and preparing for the future. I want the same right. Fight it to the end I can't doing thing else. The 3 councillors cost me and many, many others a lot of money Tuesday.

Jonathan Johnson The council doesn't HAVE to rubber stamp staff recommendations. If they did, there would be no need of a county council.

Barbara Robinson
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Lois Nielson Matson Bring back Alternative 4. Please. Thank you, Mr Madore, for standing for rural citizens' private property rights.

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Butch Grumblly What's next to attend a council meeting you must put on your brown shirt.

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William Keith Mathison The County serving...oh I mean seeing the people.

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Adam Jackson The three liberal county councilors want to stack everyone up like sardines along a perceived light rail corridor. Then they will answer the hue and cry for a light rail line.

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Carlo Abbuzzese I'm sorry, but I think most people don't want Clark County to become one giant subdivision! So glad we have the new councilors.

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KJ Hinton That must be why Boldt made sure his brother, Gary, could get his farm subdivided to build like 110 houses, hhmmmm?

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David Madore Carlo Abbuzzese, regardless of your whims about how other people should live, neither you, nor I, nor the other representatives of the government, have the right or the valid authority to take away their property rights. If you want to control... See More

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Greg Morris It seems that there is cronyism and probably nepotism behind the motivation of alt 4. Corruption also occurs at low levels of government.

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David Madore Greg Morris, please share specifics that would lead a rational person to believe what you just shared.

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Mike Evans So, every landowner should have right to do whatever they please with their land, regardless? Hardly. This country is built upon the very premise that we sacrifice some freedoms for the security of all. The key is the will of an informed citizenry.

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Brian Hall Mike Evans, it appears you have an inverted sense of this country's founding principles. It was out Founding Father Benjamin Franklin who declared that: "Those who would sacrifice their freedom for a little security, deserve neither."

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Eric Cordova Seems a couple on this thread are not familiar with Alt. 4. It does not create big subdivisions and does not allow land owners to do whatever they want.

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David Madore Mike Evans, any argument exaggerated to extreme becomes silly. Alternative 4 balances numerous goals and priorities to ensure that individual rights are respected within the limits of the law. Have you seen the map?

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Write a reply...
Barry Weyhrauch It's really pathetic that 4 of 5 CC's are republican. Where is the county platform and how/why is the divide so great? I hope the true conservatives take note. Keep fighting the good fight Madore and Mielke for responsible individual property rights (not privileges). Thanks.

David Madore Barry Weyhrauch, common sense includes the ability to sort the genuine from counterfeits. Is the label that defines a person's true identity? Or is it their voting record?

Imposter: a person who makes deceitful pretenses
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Pretense: pretending with intention to deceive, a false or unsupportable quality, an artful or simulated semblance; "under the guise of friendship he betrayed them", something held out as real when it is not so, thus falsifying the truth. A pretext is something woven up in order to cover or conceal one's true motives, feelings, or reasons.
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Mike Evans Perhaps there wouldn't be a need to spend the money on attorneys if the council actually worked as a team.

Mike Evans, if the council represented citizens as they are sworn to do as citizen representatives, then there would be no fight. Surely you are not suggesting that we should go along to get along to work as a united team against the citizens. Right?

Mike Evans Of course not, but, the challenge is determining the will of the majority, rather than a slice of the citizens. Representing the will of a narrow band of citizen interest is the failure of public service. Leadership means looking beyond special interests, and the next ten years. But rather, looking 150 years into the future and crafting a plan of success.

Mike Evans Seem to me that the proposal should follow the public meeting. issue.....input.....draft plan.....additional input.....final draft...etc.

Mike Evans, I agree. It's not rocket science. It's very straightforward. On Alternative 4, all 5 council members should have participated in the open houses and town hall meetings and done all that they can to listen to and learn from the people. Right?

Mike Evans, that's exactly what we did to define, refine, and finally approve alternative 4. Notice that there are zero complaints about our process. We went far above and beyond all requirements to ensure that we maximized the public process for a great result.

Edward Harvey Zero complaints in a public process is a great track record, well done.
Hmmm, Maybe Ammon Bundy was right in his thinking afterall. Not defending him because I don't know all that much about it BUT he was fighting for a right the government took away for their own agenda. Unfortunately, we cannot fight the pit bull because they will ALWAYS win one way or another.

Cathy Wilmot Watch the movie "american outrage" on netflix....

Garry Jay Goodwin My property was down zone twice now. In 1994 from 2 1/2 acres to UR 10 acre minimum and now to 5 acre rural I was on the GMA committee in 1993 and 1994. We were told by the county representatives our property would come into growth with in 5 to 10 years max. Now they say maybe in 2035? That is 41 years! Maybe a class action law suite for anyone that was down zoned in the original GMA plan. Or use this to appeal the total plan because the county lied to the committee to get us to approve it. I am unable to finance this but am willing to have my name [ Goodwin verses Clark County Washington ] on the law suite to try and fix the government that is out of control in taking property rights with out compensation and lost the ideal that government by and for the people! Any one willing to help finance this law suite? Let me know threw face book. If my name is used i will still retain control of what actions and strategies are used in the law suite. Thank you. Garry.

Jamon Holmgren My father in law has a farm, like Marc Boldt's brother. But unlike Marc Boldt's brother, he doesn't have a councilperson as a brother. So he can't divide up his property. And Marc Boldt hung up on him when he tried to call to ask him about it. Sure seems fishy to me.