Breaking News!!! Prison time store for insider in trading??? Commissioner "Massa" Eddie Holbrook caught red-handed taking "gambling money" from out of state campaign donor with ties to gambling and Vegas!!! \$68,000 + spent on failed re-election campaign!! Report and arguendo Robert A. by Williams

Editor's Note: This original article was published in 2019 but is totally relevant to what is happening this very minute regarding the Catawba Casino. Money talks and Casino gambling supporters put their money where their mouths are. In Eddie Holbrook's case and just as likely spread out amongst all the other Cleveland County Commissioners as well as others who are presently being named as Holbrook's partners in lucrative land speculation around the Casino property. One thing is 100% verified, Many of Eddie Holbrook's 2018 campaign supporters were also supporters of SC Senator Lindsay Graham, NC Senator's Thom Tillis and Richard Burr. Several large donators

to Holbrook's 2018 campaign are presently his land syndicate partners.

Also, many in the media business are now saying Eddie Holbrook's term in office ended in 2018 (they never admit Holbrook was beaten in the election) and he was not a Commissioner exactly when some lucrative land deals took place. They also seem to forget that Massa Eddie had no intentions of stepping down as an insider county commissioner. Spending \$68,000 on a 2018 reelection campaign proves that. If there is ever justice done in Cleveland County politics, I certainly believe some folks should spend time in PRISON. Including those that cover-up the crimes!

<u>Original Article-Published in March, 2019 is shown below: (I told you so!)</u>

Massa Eddie Holbrook raised and spent over \$68,000 on his 2018 re-election campaign for a County Commissioner's job that pays about \$12,000 per year. Such spending was many times more that all his opponents spent, all put together. But don't believe me, Massa's campaign financial reports are online on the Cleveland County Board of Elections website.

Also, if you dare go there and look it up, you will see that 17 donors to Massa Eddie donated \$1,000 or more to Massa. Including a large donation from an out of state gambling promoter with ties to Las Vegas. Look it up, it's there.

I am in the process of "connecting the dots and following the

money" regarding the Catawba Casino that has recently reignited the news headlines. The details of Massa Eddie's financial wheeling and dealing, as well as many of those 17 largest Holbrook donors appear to be large donors to US Senators Lindsay Graham of South Carolina and Thom Tillis and Richard Burr of North Carolina. All of which just sponsored a bill to promote gambling at the Catawba Casino in Cleveland County.

Another lesson-learned from Holbrook's massive spending that still resulted in disgrace and defeat is that money won't necessarily buy an election in Cleveland County anymore. That was a good thing. But it took a major turnout on election day to pull this off. As well as informed voters. I look to the 2020 elections, a Presidential election year, and predict another massive turnout of informed and misinformed voters. I certainly plan to do my part in providing information regarding voting records, etc. or the 2020 candidates.

Anyway, stay tuned for the rest of this story and more. This story is just now getting started. And YOU will be the first to know.