

Part 2: Nov 21 School Board Meeting Separated the “Wheat” from the Chaff!! Only Dr. Danny Blanton wanted to do what was right!!! Report and Commentary by Robert A

Part 1 of this 2-Part article described the corruption of the Rogue Republicans on the CCS School Board that appears to be hiding behind a façade of costly incompetence and malfeasance. This article adds in and describes the complete lack of sanity by the Rogue Republicans that have just imitated the complete lack of sanity by all the former Democrat School Board members that have been totally and completely removed from the School Board by the 2020 and 2022 Elections. Only re-elected incumbent Dr. Danny Blanton and newly elected but not sworn in yet Dr. Ronnie Grigg (and the voters of Cleveland County) have the common sense to realize that Cleveland County Schools are in the tight grips of an Educational Emergency. And good common-sense approaches to the many complex problems and issues that plague CCS to its core are the only way that will turn CCS around.

Robert A has concluded that there are TWO M0's at play by the CCS School Board.

1.The old “Yellow-Dog Democrat” M0: (Utilized by all the CCS School Board except Dr. Danny Blanton)

In this type M0, NO School Board Member is personally responsible for anything. ALL School Board members are obliged to “Support” Public Schools, no matter what. No questions are allowed to be asked, no disagreement is allowed to be spoken and no complaints about anything are allowed to be heard. No

matter how serious the issue and no matter how many children are hurt-physically, mentally or academically. AND, no accountability is placed on anybody for low performance, corruption or the wasting of taxpayer's funding. The School Board hires the Superintendent based on his ability to cover-up complaints from parents and the community and his willingness to hire and promote the family and friends of the Democrat School Board Members-with little to no regard for their qualifications, training or performance. "Transparency" is a word to be spoken often, but never, ever practiced. For any breach of this M0 in any way, RETALIATION is the only option allowed and must be followed by all. This Retaliation in all forms must be practiced against the original person who has spoken out and broken the "Code." As well as all of their relatives, family and friends for at least two generations. Rogue Republicans Robert "Luke: Queen. Ron Humphries, Joel Shores, Rodney Fitch, and Greg Taylor have practiced this M0 since they were sworn-in in December 2020.

2.The "US Constitution-American Style" M0: (Utilized by Dr. Danny Blanton)

This is the type M0 that Dr. Danny Blanton has faithfully practiced for the past 9 years on the CCS School Board. And the M0 that Dr. Ronnie Grigg will likely follow as soon as he is sworn in on December 12, 2022. This "Patriotic" M0 is based on the American Style Democratic Republican form of government outlined in the US Constitution.

There are no kings, queens or royalty of any size, shape or kind. Everybody is equal under the law and governments at every level in the US are controlled by a system of "Checks and Balances." School Board "Business" is conducted in PUBLIC and the public is encouraged to attend AND participate. Proper and correct minutes of meetings are kept such that any member of the public can have access to and read the minutes of meetings and come away with sufficient knowledge of what had transpired without having to attend the meeting in person.

All Board members are sworn to uphold the laws of the land and

are totally accountable for their own actions. School Board members are accountable and must assure that THEY, personally have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the subjects at hand before voting to approve any action that is before them. School Board members are responsible to the citizens, taxpayers, voters and children of Cleveland County in every action they take. School Board members have the legal authority, as well as the legal responsibility, to question, investigate, find the truth and take the proper and appropriate action on every issue, fact and circumstance that comes before them.

State and Federal law cannot be circumvented or nullified by any policy, edict or corrupt and improper interpretation of the School Board Chairman that is promulgated and approved by the majority of the School Board for the specific intent of preventing any school board member from performing his sworn and legally authorized duty while on the school board.

That any single school board member or group of school board members that are questioning, investigating and making his own determinations of any CCS related issue, fact, event or circumstance are acting under the "color of law" of their positions as school board members. And, shall not be hampered, obstructed or prevented from performing their sworn duty by any other school board member, the School Board Chairman or any member of the CCS administration or CCS employee.

That any school board member with any concern shall be able to request that the concern be taken before the entire School Board at the next regular, called, special or emergency School Board meeting and that request shall be honored immediately and without question or delay.

That providing the opportunity for a proper and sound basic education for the students who attend CCS is the sole purpose of CCS's creation and continued existence. And, certainly NOT the institutional bureaucracy of the CCS establishment. Every decision that the CCS School Board makes and every action that the CCS School Board takes should have this sole purpose as the #1 "guiding principle" upon which CCS and the CCS School

Board must operate. Without exception!!

That the student's parents, taxpayers and citizens of Cleveland County are responsible for providing the students (their children) and the funding for CCS. The CCS School Board, CCS Administration and CCS employees must treat all students, parents, taxpayers and citizens with all due courtesy, attention and respect in all matters related to CCS and ALL forms of student affairs and issues. Especially bullying and Critical Race Theory in all of its variations and forms.

Now, the Nov. 21, 2022 School Board Meeting reportables:

First, it should be stated that several items of interest soon became and would become obvious to Robert A during the course of the meeting. Therefore, some parts of this article are out of sequence to allow a better description of their "happenings."

The School Board Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen, during the meeting opening and out of sequence with the "preliminary" agenda, noted that a planned in advance inspection from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in Raleigh had taken place at several CCS Schools and provided a preliminary report. Luke failed to note that DPI is part of the bureaucracy in State Government in Raleigh that oversees North Carolina Schools. A bad report from DPI regarding CCS is also a bad report on DPI itself. A good report from DPI regarding CCS is, therefore, a good report on DPI and their entrenched bureaucracy. Such reports have little to no credibility and comparison with reality. Nor should they. However, CCS School Board Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen stated the following about this preliminary report: "This visit by DPI is another example of CCS cultivating excellence every day." As Robert A would eventually look around the School Board meeting room and see several of the five Democrats that were defeated in the 2020 School Board Elections; Robert A immediately smelled a rat. Robert A would soon observe that this meeting was a sham and a

scam. Read on!!!

Next, the conceit, stupidity and downright divisiveness of the Post 2022 School Board elections are brought into focus within the Public Participation part of the School Board Meeting Agenda. Which came directly after the Meeting Agenda was adopted. Note that Robert A did NOT sign up to speak during this Public Participation. Part 1 of this series of articles describes Robert A's suggestion on how to best resolve the \$Multi-Million\$ HVAC Projects at Kings Mountain and Shelby High Schools. Since the School Board did NOT amend the agenda to allow discussion of his common sense solution and save \$Millions, Robert A had nothing else to say about the matter at this school board meeting.

However, Samantha Davis, President of Parents Against Bullying, signed-up for Public Participation and had plenty to say. Totally spoiling, for a moment, Luke Queen's fiction that all was well at CCS.

This is exactly what Samantha Davis spoke to the School Board:

"This has been a long time coming...

I Prayed, I Prayed for many years that you all would listen to me. I Prayed that you would stand up for our minority children, our special needs children and our bullied children. I Prayed for better days. Days without the heartache of seeing my children as well as others be bullied and retaliated against (at school). Days when this school board would do what is right for every single child. Days when you all would listen to us parents who so many times cried out to you for help. I never stopped praying.

Mrs. Green and Mr. Hunt, I remember when you two became members of this school board. I remember thinking, 'Finally we have someone that will help our minority Children.' Finally, I believed that I could breathe a little easier because you knew what it was like to be a minority.

Yet, you did NOT stand up for our minority children. You did

not do anything about the injustices against our minority children. You did nothing.

Mr. Glover. Sixteen years. Sixteen years of you bullying other school board members, sweeping things under the rug, mocking and laughing at parents who would speak up at school board meetings. Sixteen years of you thinking you are invincible and better than us all.

We the people have voted. It is time to say goodbye and good riddance. I Pray that you never have to feel the pain that I have felt and many other parents have felt because school board members truly didn't care."

Many in the audience, including Robert A, applauded the brave, heartfelt and unfortunately 100% true statements just delivered by a truly concerned parent. Robert A suggests Samantha Davis and four other brave and fearless parents sign up to run for the CCS School Board in 2024. It would be nice to say to Robert "Luke" Queen, Joel Shores, Ron Humphries, Rodney Fitch and Greg Taylor "Goodbye and good riddance" in November of 2024.

Stay tuned folks, the silly, shameful and even CRAZY shenanigans by the School Board have just begun!!!

There were the Agenda Item 8.03 HVAC Project at Kings Mountain and Shelby High

Schools that was described in detail in Part 1 of this series. When Danny Blanton asks some questions to the Chairman about this Agenda Item and got "growled at" by Chairman Luke Queen. Dr. Blanton just voted against the motion. Of course, it was an 8-1 vote and Dr. Blanton was the only NO vote.

Dr. Blanton also voted against approving the minutes of a previous meeting. Dr. Blanton explained to the full board that the minutes were not correct. But they voted 8-1 to approve the minutes without asking any questions about the "correctness" of the document that they had just approved.

Dr. Blanton also voted against approving the CCS Personnel Report in another 8-1 vote. Always 8-1 votes.

Dr. Blanton also voted against approving the calendar change at Turning Point Academy in another 8-1 vote. If there is any consistency in any Cleveland County Schools School Board Meetings, it is Dr. Danny Blanton will vote against ANYTHING that has the stench of corruption about it. And when he is NOT satisfied that the issue at hand is in the best interest of the students, parents and taxpayers of Cleveland County. That is in total agreement with the US Constitution-American Style MO that Cleveland County voters want to see more of. And the 2022 School Board Elections clearly gave that mandate to the candidates in that election. Dr. Danny Blanton and Dr. Ronnie Grigg understand that MO and that very strong mandate given by the results of the 2022 School Board election. Anybody else on the School Board that refuses and refutes that MO and mandate will soon be told "goodbye and good riddance" at the 2024 elections.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, Robert A gives 2-1 odds that School Board Members-elect, Aaron Bridges and Walter Scott Spurling, will likely follow the leads of their Rogue Republican supporters and practice the Yellow Dog Democrat MO. Robert A and the Citizens of Cleveland County would love to be proven wrong about that.

Folks, as the November 21, 2022 School Board gets on down to the end of the Agenda. Where the Superintendent gives his reports and the School Board members make their comments, this meeting made a sharp-right turn, deep into the Twilight Zone. Robert A says that for all his attendances at School Board meetings, Commissioner's meetings (except for the July 12, 2022 Commissioners meeting) and even the Cleveland Community College Board of Trustee "sex-pot" meetings (fuckshannon69 scandal), has he ever seen such a thing as what Robert A is about to describe.

Stay tuned folks. This Twilight Zone style episode that happened at the end of the November 21, 2022 School Board meeting will be brought to you in Part 3 of this series of articles. You readers will have to decide for yourself if this type of deliberate, fake and questionable behavior that was obviously, preplanned, choreographed, orchestrated, led and delivered by CCS Superintendent Dr. Stephen Fisher, Robert “Luke” Queen and the Rogue Republicans, belongs at School Board meetings??? Or, anywhere else in County Government?

Nov 21 School Board Meeting Separated the “Wheat” from the Chaff!! Only Dr. Danny Blanton wants to do what is right!!! Report and Commentary by Robert A

The November 21, 2022 CCS School Board meeting, led by Chairman Robert “Luke” Queen, was soooo very typical. Even though it was the first School Board meeting after the 2022 School Board Elections where the Sales Tax Increase Referendum-supposedly going to school projects was overwhelmingly defeated by the largest of margins and the LAST three Democrat School Board members were also defeated by almost as much margin as the Sales Tax Increase Referendum. Only incumbent School Board Member Dr. Danny Blanton, the lone Republican school board incumbent, won re-election with the highest vote counts of all eight school board candidates. Four

Republicans and four Democrats. Also, Dr. Ronnie Grigg won election handily. Drs Blanton and Grigg were the only candidates for the School Board recommended by Robert A, although two other Republicans won election to the School Board. Making the School Board 100% Republican as soon as Drs. Blanton and Grigg and the other two Republicans are sworn-in at the December 12, 2022 School Board meeting.

Hopefully Republicans Aaron Bridges and Walter Scott Spurling will join in with Drs. Blanton and Grigg in doing what is best for education, our children and the taxpayers regarding the running and operations of Cleveland County Schools. There is much to be done.

It should also be noted at this point that the dirty, nasty and ugly Rogue Republican effort to defeat Danny Blanton failed in the 2022 Republican Primary School Board elections. And then failed again in the 2022 General Elections. And failed miserably, with Dr. Danny Blanton coming in as the top vote getter on both occasions. Followed closely by Dr. Ronnie Grigg on both occasions.

Common sense would have indicated that the Rogue Republicans; Robert "Luke" Queen, Ron Humphries, David Allen, Kevin Whisnant, Pam Keller, Rodney Fitch, Greg Taylor, Joel Shores, Wes Westmoreland, Guy Smith, Hayden Soloway and others would have learned this simple lesson. That the will of the people in Cleveland County was overwhelmingly behind Drs. Danny Blanton and Ronnie Grigg. That the Cleveland County Education system was broken badly and needed to be fixed. And the people in Cleveland County had full confidence in Danny Blanton and Ronnie Grigg, over everybody else, to be the leaders in the monumental task to fix CCS.

But, NOooo!!! The Rogue Republicans still have a majority on the School Board, as shown at the November 21, 2022 School Board meeting, and they intend to pull Danny Blanton down. Even if they have to destroy CCS and the education of ALL the

children of Cleveland County in the process. (Remember this thought for later!)

The beginning of the November 21, 2022 School Board meeting started about 24 hours earlier when Robert A received the advanced notice of the school board meeting and an incomplete agenda of that meeting. Agenda Item 8.03 caught Robert A's watchful eyes. The title of Agenda Item 8.03 is MEP/HVAC Projects at Kings Mountain and Shelby High Schools. Note that the HVAC systems for ALL four CCS high schools, according to CCS Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen need total replacement. For an experienced Engineer involved with large and complex HVAC Systems, like Robert A, this means, that for all four of the CCS High Schools HVAC systems needing total replacement at exactly the same time, CCS has totally mismanaged system maintenance or that the CCS School Board Chairman Luke Queen is a fool. Or much of both. Especially since the replacement of the Kings Mountain and Shelby High School HVAC bids came in at \$24 Million. Way more than CCS had funds for.

Another obvious indicator of corruption in this was that only ONE Bidder, Beam Construction, had bid on this work. From Robert A's 42 years of Engineering experience any project close to \$24 million in scope will bring out bidders from far and wide. With only ONE exception. Since preparing such bids are expensive for the potential bidding contractors to prepare, any hint of past or present favoritism to one particular contractor is enough for all the other competitive contractors to not waste their time and money on bidding on projects that they have no chance of getting in the first place. Or. bid so high that if you accidentally win the bid because the favored contractor was way too greedy, you will not come up short on the project. Robert A had the rare and accidental opportunity to review a Request for Qualifications that CCS recently sent out to various contractors. It was obvious to Robert A that (1.) CCS does not have the proper staff skills to prepare such documents to start with, (2.) The

CCS prepared RFQ was too full of extraneous and vague requirements for any Contractor to bid on without inside information and, (3.) Beam Constructions was the only bidder and CCS finagled the legal process so that Beam got the job. But only after two downsizings (scope reductions). From \$24 Million to the figure of \$6.316 million, that CCS had funds for.

Robert A told you all that to tell you this: From a facilities operation and maintenance perspective, Incompetent leadership rules at CCS. (From an education standpoint, according to test scores, Incompetent leadership rules at CCS there too. But that will be a story for another article.)

Let's examine the Maintenance Department chain of command at CCS. From the Maintenance Director to the School Board.

1.Maintenance Director: Chip Childers Experience and training in Roofing. No experience and training in Facilities Operations and Maintenance or HVAC known to Robert A.

2.Director of Operations and Maintenance and HR, Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Jennifer Wampler Experience and training, School Teacher, Principal No Experience or training in Facilities Operation and Maintenance PhD in Education of some sort.

3.Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Fisher Experience and training, School Teacher, Principal, Superintendent No Experience or training in Facilities Operation and Maintenance. PhD in Education of some sort.

4.School Board: All except for Danny Blanton: No experience or training in Facilities Operations and Maintenance. Luke Queen have College degrees in Civil Engineering, but no experience in Facilities operations and Maintenance.

5.School Board: Danny Blanton. Many Years of hands-on experience and on the job training in Facilities Operations and Maintenance at Cleveland County Schools.

6.Robert A: Degree in Nuclear Engineering, Minor in Mechanical Engineering. 42 Years of Professional experience and

leadership positions in Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering as: Operations Engineer, Facilities Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Design Engineer, Power Piping Engineer, Construction Engineer, Purchasing and Bid Evaluation Engineer, HVAC Consulting Engineer, Lead HVAC Design Engineering Supervisor for Westinghouse AP1000 Nuclear Plant Construction in the United States.

From the above noted levels of expertise, the top four levels of leadership (lack of) at CCS (Except for Danny Blanton) are completely incompetent in even discussing technical issues related to HVAC operations, maintenance and installations at Kings Mountain and Shelby High Schools as related to the November 21, 2022 School Board Meeting, Agenda item 8.03. They just don't have a clue.

Realizing all of this incompetence and \$Million\$ of wasted Taxpayer dollars that would surely materialize, Robert A quickly developed a plan to help CCS and the School Board. If they were even smart enough to realize that they didn't know what to do in the first place. Robert A's plan was simple enough that even a child could figure out what to do.

First, Robert A knew that the so called "Scope Reductions" actually meant that a full replacement of HVAC equipment plan was OUT THE DOOR for CCS funds available and the project had become a Maintenance Project.

1. So, Robert A Googled "How should school districts manage HVAC needs?"

2. After spending just a few minutes, Robert A found a link to an article that fit exactly with what CCS should do under these circumstances. Robert A provided the link as well as copied the pertinent recommendations onto a simple document. The recommendation was to bid-out for an HVAC Preventative Maintenance Contract.

3. Now, Robert A, knowing how lazy and incompetent the School Board under Robert "Luke: Queen are, went on to the next step. Finding an appropriate industrial HVAC Contractor for CCS to

reach out to. Note that the School Board would rather feed much taxpayer dollar\$\$\$ to Beam Construction and Beam Construction does NOT do maintenance contracts except to farm them out and charge management fees, Robert A found an HVAC industrial contractor that was close and worked directly with the customer. Robert A added the link to that HVAC Industrial Contractor who specializes in Preventative Maintenance as well as added their information to Robert A simple document.

4. Robert A put all this together in a little simple five-page large print document, Links, info and instructions.

5. Then, Robert A emailed all this 30-minute tops document that fit all of CCS's needs to all the Full School Board under the title "Suggestions to resolve Agenda Item 8.03 MEP/HVAC Project Proposal for KM High and Shelby High."

At the November 21, 2022 School Board Meeting, the School Board Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen refused to even bring up this Million\$ of dollar\$ suggestion. Then called for a motion to approve giving the work to Beam Construction. The vote was 8-1. Only Dr. Danny Blanton voted against this boondoggle to feed unearned income to Beam Construction. And got growled at by Luke Queen in the process.

This was exactly what Robert A expected the School Board (except Danny Blanton) to do. Forget the results of the 2022 School Board Elections. Forget the will of the people of Cleveland County. Waste tons of taxpayer money on corrupt schemes when doing the simple, but right things would be simple, proper. legal and ethical.

The lines have been drawn. There are FIVE school board members up for re-election in 2024. Robert "Luke" Queen, Joel Shores, Ron Humphries, Rodney Fitch and Greg Taylor. All Rogue Republicans. The majority. And we have all seen how they have turned to the Dark Side and all have to be defeated in the 2024 School Board elections to get rid of them. Let's start recruiting their replacements NOW. Carefully selecting them to keep the Rogue Republicans OUT from control. It is doable

folks.

Now, Robert A says stay tuned for Part II of this article. The rest of the November 21, 2022 School Board meeting is even more strange and sickening than this part. By the time the end of Part II of this article is published and read, Citizens might be ready to start signing up to run for the School Board. Maybe the Commissioners too. With 2024 marking the return of President Donald Trump into National Politics, voter turnout in Cleveland County will hit record highs.

Part 2: Cleveland County Citizens are BROKE!! Cleveland County Leadership has BROKEN US!!! Eye Witness Report by Robert A

On November 12, 2022 Robert A published an article titled *Cleveland County Government Going Broke!!??* Please go back and re-read that article. Robert A was wrong about that article. But only in the sense that things are much, much worse than Robert A had thought.

Remember the Cleveland County Manager has previously reported that the County unemployment rates were only 3.4%. But the worker participation was 61%. Meaning that the actual unemployment rate was over 39%. So, which was right???

Folks, go back to the November 15, 2022 Cleveland County Commissioners Meeting video. In the DSS Report, you will, like **Robert A** did, realize that not only is the County going broke and spending recklessly and trying to raise taxes and fees and whatever to raise money, the Citizens of Cleveland County are suffering badly too. **Only the citizens don't get to write checks on the County like the County gets to write checks on the citizens.** The citizens only get to sign up for **WELFARE**.

Totally due to failed Commissioners policies and actions. Wasteful spending, high taxes and low regards for taxpayers and citizens. Many struggling just to survive on a day to day basis. All clearly driven by Commissioners low regards for Cleveland County Citizens and taxpayers. That low regard that shows up in almost all the decisions that the Commissioners make.

Here is the proof:

The CC-DSS Director Katie Swanson, in her presentation, told the Commissions that **ONE THIRD** of Cleveland County residents are on **MEDICAID**. Note that one third of Cleveland County residents equals 33,333 people. Men, women and children. Medicaid is the provider of health care to poor, poor people. People that are NOT even on the first rung at the bottom of that ladder to economic self-sufficiency. And the last time I saw numbers on how many people are on Food Stamps, the number was over 20,000. Down from 25,000. Which was probably a bookkeeping error or some change in how that number was counted and dropped so significantly. Also, other County information blames that 20,000 to 25,000 citizens on

Foodstamps as being from the total lack of jobs or the jobs that are held by some of those 20,000 to 25,000 people are very low paying jobs caused by those citizens not being properly educated or trained for better paying jobs. So, those undereducated and undertrained Cleveland County workers cannot travel to surrounding counties and states for better paying jobs. And, those better paying jobs that might exist in Cleveland County are filled by residents of surrounding counties and states (SC) who travel to and fro' Cleveland County every day. (Note: What to do to improve Cleveland County Education and Cleveland County Economic development will be a topic for discussion on another day.)

So, 33,333 people are on Medicaid and only 20,000 of those 33,333 people are on Foodstamps. Why the difference? Well, says Robert A. it is all in the counting. Medicaid counts all the people, men, women AND CHILDREN. Foodstamps are actually only issued to adults, often in regard to children, but still only issued to the adult parents, guardians or other caregivers of children. Children are too young to shop for groceries themselves, etc. So, the numbers make sense. 33,333 on Medicare and only 20,000-25,000 listed recipients of Foodstamps. 13,333 children, more or less, makes sense in that context. Still, around one-third of Cleveland County Citizens are the poor among the poor living in Cleveland County. That large, percentage of citizens on Medicare and Cleveland County Schools also reports lots of kids are on "free-lunch" programs. And often the meals these kids get at school are their only meals of the day. Which means lots of food stamps the parents get for those children are used for other things. Like buying drugs. It is a well-known fact that Food Stamps are the currency of choice for drug dealers in Cleveland County. But that too is an article for another day. But remember this, Foodstamps to feed children and free school lunches to feed those same children means that taxpayers are

paying twice to do the very same thing-feed children and the poor. If the Commissioners had their “eyes on the ball,” they would require DSS to redirect the cost of Free Lunch meals at school away from the parent’s Foodstamps allocations when they are not feeding their children at home. A clear FACT, and yet again a topic for discussion for another day. Note these “articles for discussion on another day” are indeed complex, but these issues have NEVER been discussed, or even mentioned, by the Cleveland County Commissioners. NOR were they discussed or even mentioned during the November 15, 2022 Commissioner’s Meeting presided over by Chairman Kevin “Mad Dog” Gordon. Even though the DSS Director and many DSS Employees were right there at that meeting. Basically, the Commissioners did what they always do. They thanked DSS “for all that you do.” The Commissioners apparently don’t give a “whit” for the bottom third of Cleveland County’s citizens.

It is certain that, Chairman Kevin “Mad Dog” Gordon doesn’t care. All Gordon talks about in Commissioner’s workshop meetings is raising taxes and fees on citizens. Higher Fire taxes so he can take over all the various volunteer fire departments in the County. Like he did with the Rescue Squads.

Charge “fees” for mandatory Fire Code inspections. Pass “Noise” ordinances so he can have his neighbors arrested.

And Folks, that was that. For now!!! Stay tuned!!

Watch Commissioner Gordon plot and plan to take more \$\$\$ from CC Taxpayers:

Commissioners put Taxpayers in “Hock” for Million\$ Refused to Pay EMS properly for years of Overtime pay!! CC Lawsuit about to go to US Supreme Court next month!! Report and commentary by Robert A

Robert A just happened to see an article in the Charlotte Observer titled: Krispy Kreme to pay workers over \$1 Million for “widespread” overtime law violations. This was a reminder that our good ole Cleveland County Commissioners refused to pay many, many Cleveland County EMS workers their proper overtime pay and got a Federal Lawsuit filed against them (us taxpayers) in the process. A Federal Lawsuit that has yet come to trial because the Commissioners don't want it to go before a Jury. Apparently thinking that they, the Commissioners, would lose if they went to a jury trial. So, they keep on trying legal shenanigans as long as they can. Filing one legal action after another to delay the process and cost the EMS workers tons of money in lawyer bills along the way. Hoping to drive them into bankruptcy before any trial can take place. Or, at least discourage them, such that the EMS workers would settle for pennies on the dollar of what they were owed. This is a common lawsuit tactic.

The latest shenanigan, after the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the Cleveland County Commissioners, is the Commissioners have appealed the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling to the US Supreme Court. The first action before the US Supreme Court is scheduled for this coming December. 2022. Just days or several weeks away, depending on when in December the case is heard by the US Supreme. **Robert A** predicts the US Supreme Court will NOT waste their time on this case and just uphold the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling—that the case be remanded back to the US District Court in Asheville for a trial based on the facts of the case. A trial on FACTS is a trial the Cleveland County Commissioners will surely lose. A trial where facts are facts. Instead of the changing narrative that is the Commissioner's MO when they get caught in one of their lies. And tell other lies to cover-up for the first set of lies.

But, the facts in this case are the Commissioners set the schedules for EMS workers to work. 24 hours on duty, 48 hours off duty. Which results in overtime on a regular (maybe weekly) basis. The Department of Labor sets the calculations of overtime hours by law. And, by law, the Commissioners have to pay according to the rules that have been laid out for overtime pay.

However, the Commissioners' reckless spending habits, The Fair, the ALWS, The LeGrand Center and about everything else is financially mismanaged. And when things got "tight," the Commissioners took it out on the EMS workers rightful pay. Just like Krispy Kreme did. And, just like the Krispy Kreme legal action, the Commissioners (no, we the taxpayers) will ultimately have to pay.

And, the Commissioners will never say a word about it to the citizens of Cleveland County. All you will hear from the Commissioners is another sales tax increase referendum, supposedly for school construction, but will actually go to pay off lawsuits. Or something along those lines. Another property revaluation. Something. All the while reckless spending continues like always. If the Casino debacle is any indication, somebody is lining their own pockets and everybody in County Government is keeping the secrets from the taxpayers.

Folks, when this particular EMS Employee, who was fired later as retaliation for filing her lawsuit to begin with, finally wins her case, there are about 70 other EMS employees that will also file a Federal Complaint against Cleveland County. And they will also win their cases. Then the Commissioners will have to pay them all. At Taxpayers' expense.

All Robert A has left to say is that if He were a Commissioner when this was happening, He would make sure that all the proper laws were followed and County employees were paid what they were supposed to be paid. Robert A would learn from previous lawsuits and previous problems and complaints and fix them immediately. Robert A wouldn't go around lying about how great things are. Robert A would be making things be great by finding problems and fixing them immediately. Big problems or small problems, no matter. Find'em and fix'em. All done with transparency and fiscal responsibility. No shares of the Kings Mountain Equipment Supply Company (or anything similar) would ever have Robert A's name on them. No bribes and no payoffs either. And Robert A would be paying attention enough such that no other commissioner or county employee would do such a

thing for fear of being “told-on by Robert A. And prosecuted too, when caught. No more secret wheeling’s and dealings allowed by anybody. That’s the way it is supposed to be. And three new “right” commissioners elected in 2024 could ensure that things would begin to be done as they are supposed to be done. Immediately!!!

Folks, Stay tuned to Robert A’s writings about three of the “right” kind of commissioners being able to do what is right and proper for Cleveland County as well as the citizens of Cleveland County. There are five Commissioners and three commissioners would make a majority. Only thing is, it will be 2024 before three commissioners are up for re-election. And three “right” commissioners could only then file for office. Including, perhaps, Robert A.

Folks, Also note that the fractious School Board Elections of 2022 are over and Danny Blanton and Ronnie Grigg were winners. Danny Blanton has 9 year experience on the School Board. Seven Year more experience than Robert “Luke” Queen, Joel Shores. Greg Taylor, Ron Humphries and Rodney Fitch. Ronnie Grigg has already shown his willingness to act as a problem solver by arranging a trip to the Greenville County Schools (SC) to learn ways to provide healthy and nutritious meals and still meet all the Federal Record Keeping requirements. Something Luke Queen refused to even listen to. Folks, call whoever you can think of on the School Board and recommend them vote for Danny Blanton as Chairman and Ronnie Grigg as Vice-chairman. CCS students are in an Educational Emergency and only a BIG change in School Board leadership can turn things around.

Massive Data Dump on Kings Mountain Casino Coming ASAP!! Eddie Holbrook, David Dear, Commissioners and Others!! Start to finish Data and information provided by Robert A and others!!

Over the years Robert A and others have accumulated much information and data involving the Kings Mountain Casino, Eddie Holbrook, David Dear, the other Cleveland County Commissioners involved, County Managers, their financial partners, friends and associates, extremely large campaign contributions, and other financial irregularities that deviated from sound business practices as well as North Carolina and Federal law. Things like the American Legion World Series Baseball, Inc, the secret sale of the Cleveland County Healthcare (Hospital) system for pennies on the dollar of its actual worth, The Cleveland County (so-called) Economic Development Partnership. The LeGrand Center operations. The Earl Scruggs Center. And last but not least, the Foothills Shooting Range.

Then, we will put out the seemingly scandalous shenanigans regarding the Shelby Thread Trail, Rail Trail and other real estate shenanigans. The old Shelby Farmer's Market maybe.

Some of the information has already been "mined" by other

media outlets and published by THEM. That is good. The word needs to be gotten out as wide-spread as possible. So wide-spread that NOTHING can be covered-up any longer. Therefore, we give full permission to any news organization, persons and entities (Including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), The Cleveland County Sheriff and District Attorney too) that cares to use the information, records and data that we have found that will help expose and possibly prosecute those that for so many years of improper and likely illegal actions have cheated Cleveland County out of so many opportunities and so much taxpayers hard earned treasure. Cleveland County Citizens and taxpayers are tired of being so poorly represented and betrayed so often and for so long. And treated so poorly in the process.

This data and information is being gathered up as we speak. And will soon be ready for all to see. It is somewhat hard to say this, but most of this data and information has been previously published and the tainted officials have just lied out of it. That folks, is on YOU and ME. ME for not speaking up loud enough and YOU for not listening good enough to hear and understand. Perhaps this time around YOU, ME and all of US will be more receptive to the truth and less receptive to lies from those who have been elected or appointed to positions of Trust in Cleveland County and elsewhere. This time around, perhaps WE ALL will be paying better attention to what is going on around US!!!

Robert A believes all this corruption will not stop until someone is led off to prison in handcuffs. And become occupants in this new \$250 Million\$ Jail and "Justice Center" Wouldn't it be déjà vu if David Dear, Eddie Holbrook and a few others become the new jail's first occupants. That would

indeed be a sight to see.

Bernice Speaks: Calls for Demonic Robert “Luke” Queen To “do us a favor and Stay in Hiding” Comment forwarded by Robert A

My good source, Bernice, sent this comment in regard to Robert As article titled “Much, Much More has to be done to the School Board and CCS.”

Question:

If Robert Queen’s letter is PUBLIC then WHY is the PUBLIC receiving redacted/blacked out details? Robert Queen, you sent your attack letter to Danny Blanton demoralizing and demeaning him, hoping to hurt him. Your demonic attacks backfired and brought Patriots, Taxpayers, and Parents to the forefront defending Danny Blanton, and rightfully so!

The citizens of Cleveland County are sick of your blatant attacks towards Danny Blanton. You are ‘listening to the beat of low brain folks in the CCGOP’ who are and have been IN HIDING due to the attacks towards ‘selected Republicans’ Danny Blanton and Ronnie Grigg for OUR CCS Board of Education. The great citizens of Cleveland County showed you

and CCGOP a thing or two about 'the pulse of the people' that voted for OUR school board.

You used to speak to me but now you, and those LIKE YOU, as has been named in this email, are of the same demonic blood, yes, that's harsh, but true. You and those like you who look down their nose at me are known here in Cleveland County. Do us all a favor and stay in hiding.

Editor's Note: Bernice is 1,000% correct. There is NO place for Robert "Luke" Queen on the Cleveland County School Board.

**Citizens have Much, Much More
to do with the School Board &
CCS!! Get Rid of Rogue
Republicans, And, Danny
Blanton for Chairman!!
Reminders and suggestions by
Robert A**

The 2022 School Board Elections have been over and done with for one whole week. In just two election cycles the CCS School

Board has gone from 8-1 Democrat to 9-0 Republican. Other School Boards across North Carolina and the USA have also made significant changes to their School Boards, but not so much as Cleveland County, NC. However, there is still big trouble in Paradise. The Cleveland County School Board is NOT one big happy family. And CCS education is in a dire emergency mode and not getting any better.

The problem can be laid right at the feet of one person on the School Board. Chairman Robert "Luke" Queen. The person who led the charge for transparency in the 2020 elections, only to completely forget it the instant he is elected and sworn in. And he took the other four newly elected Republican school board members: Joel Shores, Rodney Fitch, Ron Humphries and Greg Taylor right down the tubes with him. Right now, each of these five Republicans each have only two years of school board experience. CCS Superintendent Stephen Fisher leads them around like five little sheep who don't have a clue what they should be doing and how to do it.

Danny Blanton-for years the only Republican on the School Board, on the other hand, when the 2020 School Board Election came around already had seven years of CCS School Board experience. It wasn't long before Luke Queen resented Danny Blanton for his rapport (a relationship of mutual trust and respect) with citizens, taxpayers, parents and others) with people that hot-headed and elitist Luke Queen completely lacked. It wasn't very long indeed before Luke Queen was unduly criticizing and belittling Danny Blanton at every opportunity at School Board meetings. Although Danny Blanton was correct. Especially when Danny Blanton was 100% correct. Robert A was probably the first to pick-up on Robert "Luke" Queen's resentment and the relationship of Luke's ugly ways of acting out with those resentments toward Danny Blanton. It did

NOT take very long for everybody to realize that Luke Queen had many anger-management issues. Just like his Fireman buddy, Kevin “Mad Dog” Gordon. Two peas in a slightly different pod.

As for Luke Queen, his anger turned into an obsession to get rid of Danny Blanton from the CCS School Board. And Superintendent Stephen Fisher was only too glad to help.

On February 9th, 2022 Luke Queen wrote a five-page letter to Danny Blanton accusing Danny Blanton of violating CCS School Board Policies and even violating North Carolina Criminal law. And about everything in between. Danny Blanton, upon receiving Luke’s ridiculous letter, Danny Blanton brings the letter to the next school board meeting and asks for an explanation and for the specifics of the numerous complaints from Luke Queen. The full School Board refuses to discuss the letter in Closed Session. The full School Board refuses to discuss the letter in Open Session. Since the School Board refused to discuss the Luke queen letter, Danny Blanton refused to provide that letter to any of the other school board members. Luke Queen gets the School Board lawyer to declare the letter, that nobody but Danny Blanton and Luke Queen has a copy of, a Public Record. Then Luke Queen provides his own so-called personal letter to Danny Blanton to CCS s a Public Record and then calls the Shelby Daily Liar and others to request that letter that is now a Public Record. Upon hearing all this, **Robert A** also requests this Public Records letter and immediately receives a redacted copy. That letter is attached at the end of this article for your own review.

Danny Blanton refuses to change his School Board behavior in any way. Certainly NOT to curry any favor or “surrender” to

newcomer Robert “Luke” Queen’s false and silly demands. **Robert A** publishes Luke Queen’s letter to the public. The PUBLIC rallies around Danny Blanton in large numbers. Thus, further inflaming Luke Queen’s already resentful and angry manner to a roaring white-hot temperature.

Next, as the 2022 Republican School Board Primary Elections signups began to get near, Rogue Republicans Robert “Luke” Queen, Dennis Bailey, Ron Humphries, Pam Keller, David Bridges, Kevin Whisnant, Guy Smith, Debbie Clary and others conspire to recruit “their kind” of school board candidates for the sole purpose of defeating Danny Blanton’s 2022 re-election to the CCS School Board. One of their recruits was Ronnie Grigg. Upon learning off the true purpose of his recruitment, Mr. Grigg “told off” the Rogue Republicans and signed up to run for the School Board as an ally of Danny Blanton. Along with Annette Fain.

The Rogue Republicans did manage to recruit enough Republicans to defeat Danny Blanton, Ronnie Grigg, and Annette Fain in the 2022 Republican School Board Primary Election if they could muster up enough Republican votes. The Rogues put up all kinds of political pressure on Blanton, Grigg and Fain. So much so that Annette Fain became too ill and dis-hearted to continue campaigning. However, Danny Blanton and Ronnie Grigg BOTH won in the 2022 Republican School Board Primary Elections. Danny Blanton was the top vote getter and Ronnie Grigg was a close third for the four-seat election.

Since Blanton and Grigg had advanced to the 2022 School Board General Elections, the Rogue Republicans would have to resort to supporting at least two Democrats for the School Board to defeat Blanton and Grigg. As this election was just a week

ago, **Robert A** will not describe again all the dirty tricks pulled by Robert “Luke” Queen and his Rogue Republican pals during that 2022 School Board election.

Except to say that Danny Blanton was the top vote getter and Ronnie Grigg also prevailed. They, along with Aaron Bridges and Walter Scott Spurling will be sworn in as School Board members in December.

Also, in the 2022 school board election process the Shelby 9.12 TEA Party destroyed itself and many, many loyal Republicans are totally PO’d with the Rogue Republican infested CCGOP and WeRCC for causing such an unnecessary turmoil in the 2022 School Board Elections.

All this has been said to say this: Danny Blanton, Ronnie Grigg, Aaron Bridges and Walter Scotti Spurling will be sworn in as School Board Members next month. **ALSO, a new Chairman and Vice Chairman will be selected. And troublemaker Robert “Luke” Queen must NOT be chosen as the Chairman.**

Robert A provides the following recommendations and the good reasoning for the recommendations.

Danny Blanton has nine years’ experience on the CCS School Board. Luke Queen, Ron Humphries, Joel Shores, Rodney Fitch and Greg Taylor each have only 2 years’ experience. Ronnie Grigg, Aaron Bridges and Walter Scott Spurling have zero

years' experience. CCS has just gotten through the COVID lockdowns and EDUCATION at CCS was at an emergency low level before COVID. CCS is an Emergency, Emergency low level how and a CCS School Board has to be led by an experienced and level headed Chairman. Danny Blanton fits that bill and Robert "Luke" Queen does not. Danny Blanton has to be selected as the School Board Chairman.

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Ronnie Grigg has supported Danny Blanton and NONE of the other Board members have supported Danny Blanton because of misplaced political attitudes and their involvement with dirty tricks. Ronnie Grigg is devoid of such petty and distrustful motives. Ronnie Grigg has to be selected as Vice Chair.

Also, and perhaps most important of all, there is Robert "Luke" Queen's accusatory letter against Danny Blanton that has to be investigated and resolved. As previously stated, this letter (Attached) is damaging and defamatory toward Danny Blanton. There has to be a resolution for the following reasons:

1. If Queen's letter is **TRUE**, Danny Blanton should be immediately removed from the School Board.
2. If Queen's letter is **FALSE**, Robert "Luke" Queen should be immediately removed from the School Board.

From the election results, the citizens, voters and parents in Cleveland County trust and respect Danny Blanton to do what is right and what is necessary for CCS students to thrive. No such trust and respect presently exists for Robert "Luke"

Queen. And for good reasons. Perhaps it is time for the Cleveland County Commissioners to reduce the School board membership from nine to five. Keep the newly elected four School Board members. Remove the five 2020 elected school board members, including Luke Queen, and appoint a fifth School Board member to serve until a 2023 SPECIAL school board election can be held for that fifth seat. Note that four or even three school board members represent a quorum for a five-member board. All this is do-able for a group committed to doing what is right for ALL the students at CCS. Whether Luke Queen thinks so or not!!!

Throw out the bad and keep the good. That is the solution for a speedy recovery of a sound basic education at Cleveland County Schools. It can be just that simple as outlined above.

Note that if [Robert A](#) was a Cleveland County Commissioner, he would do what is best for the proper and good education of ALL our children. While watching costs and demanding good behavior from all.

[Queens defamatory letter to Danny blanton](#)

More “Corruption” at KM Casino Reported by Charlotte

Observer!! When will this story finally get to Speaker of the House Tim Moore???

CMS, ALWS, Baseball and the rest of the Commissioners??

Report, Commentary and predictions by Robert A

The Charlotte Observer published another scathing article about the Catawba KM Casino today, November 14, 2022. If you don't subscribe to the Charlotte Observer, Robert A suggests you go to your nearest Cleveland County Public Library this very minute. The article is entitled Former Cleveland County leaders had more ties to firms linked to Catawba Two Kings Casino. Eddie Holbrook, David Dear, Doug Brown and Stuart LeGrand are mentioned by name. Shelby Architect Roger Holland, who seems to get ALL of Cleveland County and CCS architect work, is also shown in one of the articles pictures. Holland is also a Partner with David Dear in uptown Shelby's Newgrass Brewery. And perhaps other things. Maybe including MJ Holdings. The Marijuana growing farms.

The Charlotte Observer portrayed David Dear, Eddie Holbrook, and others as FIGURES IN A COMPLEX WEB. Robert A would probably call them FIGURES IN A WEBB OF CORRUPTION AND DECEPTION. Robert A would also predict that former Commissioner Eddie Holbrook should perhaps thank Robert A profusely for helping defeat him in the 2018 Election for County Commissioner. Otherwise, Mr. Holbrook might end up

spending the rest of his life in prison. That's not to say that Eddie Holbrook won't end up spending time in the pokey anyway. Along with some friends. Maybe, even his wife. Folks, Read that Charlotte Observer Article. Discontinue your subscription with the Shelby Star as they are no longer in Shelby.

Also, the Charlotte Observer has not mentioned anything about County Attorney Tim Moore. Tim Moore is also the NC Speaker of the House and was also representing the Catawba Indians early in their seeking to locate a Catawba Indian Casino in Cleveland County near Kings Mountain. When the Charlotte Observer called Robert A about the KM Casino, they also asked about Tim Moore. Robert A told the Observer Reporter that Tim Moore was one of the original lawyers representing the Catawba Indians regarding the Casino. Tim was also (and remains) the Cleveland County Attorney, Robert A had no direct evidence that Tim Moore had broken any criminal laws or ethical rules to his knowledge, however, Tim Moore had been the one to "open the door" for the Catawba Casino into Cleveland County.

The Charlotte Observer also asked many questions about Robert A's articles about the Catawba Casino, SC Attorney Butch Bowers, Eddie Holbrook, and others. Robert A added much information about the American Legion World Series, Baseball, Inc., and their doings as it is almost impossible to discuss Eddie Holbrook and the Catawba Casino without mentioning Holbrook's ALWS, Baseball, Inc. and how he has drawn in around \$10 Million\$ in tax dollars from the Cleveland County Commissioners with NO accountability and absolutely NO oversight. Something that is still happening to this very day under Commissioner Chairman Kevin "Mad Dog" Gordon and County Manager Brian Epley and the other Commissioners. (***Editor's Note: Commissioner Deb Hardin voted NO to (only) this past***

years budget for the ALWS. Stating that the ALWS gets so much from CC and all the others get so little.)

Robert A has watched the progress of the Catawba Casino in Cleveland County, with the Commissioners' full endorsement without the Commissioners asking for any input from the public about the Casino project. Although the Commissioners received lots of comments from the public after the Commissioners' endorsement, 99% were negative comments. As for the Commissioners, they always seemed to fall all over themselves every time the Catawba leaders came around. It was like Catawba Chief Bill Harris was "Santa Claus" and the commissioners had their long X-Mas wish list of the "presents" they wanted, all filled out and ready. At least that was the impression that Robert A got. Which, in hind sight, was a correct assumption.

With this latest article from the Charlotte Observer that describes all the graft and corruption that seems to be swirling around the Catawba Casino. Especially all the contracts the Catawba Indians have signed that basically pays out so much of the Casino revenue to others, instead of the Indian Tribe, so much so that Robert A predicts the Catawba Casino is history in its present form. The "broke" Catawbas signed their Casino's life away so many times that there will be nothing left for the Indians. And, since benefitting the Indians was the sole purpose of the Casino to start with, the Catawba Casino is done. Over and done with.

EXCEPT under one condition. The one condition that might make any sense. The Catawbas sell out to the Cherokees. Sell-out in such a way that all the Catawba contracts with others are null and void. Then, the Cherokees, who have plenty of money would

end up with the Catawba Casino property lock, stock and barrel. Paying part to the Catawbas and pocketing all the rest. No "contracts" with the gringos. No Revenue Sharing with Cleveland County or the State of NC. Or the Kings Mountain Equipment Supply Company. Or ANYBODY! The Cherokees. always looking out for investments, would invest in themselves. Or a combination of themselves and the Catawbas. What a Hoot that would be.

Perhaps the Cherokees would pay the Catawbas little to nothing for their 17-acre property and then sit on it for years. Waiting for all the widenings of I-85 to be completed. And the I-74 By-Pass. Let all the options on the land around the Casino expire and depreciate. Then step in and buy the properties cheap. All the while laughing at Eddie Holbrook, David Dear, Roger Holland and the other so-called investment partners as they go broke paying for their over-priced land purchase "options" until they finally expire. And then build a Casino. And motels. And restaurants. And, whatever they want.

And, during all of this, the Commissioners under Chairman Kevin "Mad Dog" Gordon will be putting out sales tax increase Referendums, raising property tax valuations and property tax rates every year. On top of, requiring Permits and charging taxpayers exorbitant rates for sleeping in their own beds in their own homes. Or Paying for mandatory Fire Inspections. Fees for speaking out at Commissioners meetings. And other such nonsense/

Cleveland County Government Going BROKE!!!!??? Report, Commentary and Bonus material provided by Robert A

First, some facts:

- The Commissioners Sales Tax Increase Referendum failed overwhelmingly, Record Inflation continues,
- Property Values plummeting,
- Interest Rates going through the R00F,
- Job Market Foundering,
- Gas prices increasing again,
- The Commissioners are spending like Drunken Sailors!!! \$425,000 for the American Legion World Series. \$167,500 for the Fair. \$500,000 more for the Shooting Range. \$150,000 for a fence at the Fair. \$1,000,000+ to clean up the mess at the old Doran Mill Property.
- Let's NOT forget the County having to pay up to settle a slew of lawsuits!!! \$500,000+ for the beating death in the jail and other jail related items. The \$1,000,000 lawsuit against EMS for cheating an Ems worker out of overtime pay. Times 70 for the other 70 EMS workers who will file lawsuits after this first one goes before a jury. Right now, the Commissioners appealed to the US Supreme Court rather than go before a jury. Apparently knowing they will lose.
- And, last but not least. The Catawba CASINO will likely be gone shortly!!! To be replaced by a Cherokee run Casino!!!!???? And the Cherokees won't be doing any payoffs to the County or revenue sharing contracts like the Catawba Indians did. Robert A predicts the Catawba and Cherokee Indians will team-up to nullify all the illegal and sometimes secret contracts the Catawba

Indians signed with the Cleveland County Commissioners and even the State of North Carolina to share in on the Indian Casino revenues. And all the bribes the Catawbas have offered to the various officials. Folks, go to the nearest Public Library and read the front-page article in the November 7th 2022 Charlotte Observer about the latest issues with the Catawba Casino. Even Shelby Businessman Doug Brown, "an early Casino Investor" is selling out while selling out is still an option. People like Former County Manager David Deer, Former Commissioner Eddie Holbrook and others may well be facing prison time. If you get a peek at that Charlotte Observer article, check out the pictures that are included. Commissioner Johnny Hutchins appears to be on the far-right side, holding the Ribbon, at the Casino Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Standing there smiling while holding the ribbon as Catawba Chief Bill Harris is doing the cutting. Hutchins appears to be way too close to the "action" to be best looking out for the best interest of Cleveland County citizens. Especially after he is quoted in the Charlotte Observer Article saying that he had "always supported the Casino Project." Yet, Hutchins, Holbrook, David Deer, Brian Epley, Kevin "Mad Dog" Gordon or any other Commissioner have NEVER officially asked the citizens of Cleveland County for their input on whether or not to build a casino in Cleveland County. And for those CC Citizens that did speak against the Casino, the elitist Commissioners just stuck their noses up in the air and refused to comment. Perhaps some more of them will also be facing prison time before this controversy is over.

Now, with all these negative hits on Cleveland County Governments cash flow, just what are the Commissioners doing to offset all these self-destructive acts and balance

Cleveland County's budget. What new revenue sources are the Commissioners, and especially Chairman Kevin "Mad Dog" Gordon thinking about? What schemes to pick Taxpayer's pockets are the Commissioners talking about?

Folks, You will soon be sorry that last question was asked. Right after you get done laughing at MAD Dog Gordon's proposals to pass a County NOISE Ordinance and THEN to require a Permit for **events** held by citizens. An Event Permit that will surely have a cost or fee associated with it.

And what would be considered an event? Anything and everything. Your kid's birthday party held in your back yard? A Christmas Party? A Memorial Day Party? Anything? Everything!!! With a FEE attached to every one of them.

But don't believe Robert A. Watch this video of Mad Dog Gordon at the last Commissioner's workshop. See for yourself!! As Mad Dog disses his neighbor for having a holiday party that keeps MD awake. And Mad Dog wants his neighbors arrested immediately-at 3 AM. Perhaps us citizens can have Mad Dog Gordon arrested for his plotting and scheming to take money out of citizens pockets for his crazy spending. Anyway, watch the video folks. See what our Cleveland County Commissioners are doing when YOU are not watching.

Red Tsunami Hits Cleveland County In 2022 School Board Elections!! Danny Blanton for School Board Chairman and Ronnie Grigg for Vice Chairman!! Report and recommendations by Robert A

Folks, no matter what happened anywhere else in North Carolina or the USA. A RED Tsunami hit Cleveland County in the 2022 General Elections. Republicans were the highest vote “getters” in every race. And by a very large margin.

Especially in the Cleveland County Schools School Board Election. Republicans won all four positions by a very large margin. The top three Republicans were almost tied for number one position. They were all within several hundred votes of each other. And the fourth place Republican was many thousands of votes over the top Democrat candidate.

The CCS School Board is now 100% composed of White Republican men. Some citizens are now complaining about that. But that is the results of this election by A LARGE MAJORITY. And Robert A is just stating a fact.

And, here is another fact. Danny Blanton, the top vote getter in the 2022 Republican Primary as well as in the 2022 General

Election for CCS School Board is will now become the most senior member of the Cleveland County School Board when the new School Board is sworn in.

This very important fact, included with the fact that Cleveland County Schools faces emergency situations with student education due to COVID shutdowns and so many years of Democrat control. THIS upcoming School Board, 100% Republican and all, except Danny Blanton, are newly elected or in their first terms; need to hit the ground running as soon as possible.

There is only one solution to this important issue. This “new” School Board must select Danny Blanton as Chairman and Blanton’s closest “getter done” ally, Ronnie Grigg as Vice-Chairman. And, that is that!!!

Any and all Rogue Republicans must just get over themselves and finally do what is right—for the best education and interest of our children. The students, teachers at CCS and taxpayers as well. And, that is that, too.

So folks, get yourself on Facebook, on Twitter, telephone, “Smoke Signals,” Sky-Writers or whatever else and beat the drums for Danny Blanton as Chairman and Ronnie Grigg as Vice Chairman of the new School Board. Time is short and the importance of this is the highest. Me, you and everybody else must do our part in making this happen. Pronto!

Failure is NOT an option!!!