Part I-Corruption on Display – Cleveland County Style!!! Follow the MONEY!!!

Folks, there is an "old humor" here in CC in the form of a question. **The Question, posed in a Cleveland County context is this!!!**

Question: How can you tell when CC Commissioner Chairman Kevin Gordon is "lying"??? ("Lying" being in the form of a deception)???

The "punchline" *answer* is: "WHEN HIS MOUTH IS MOVING!!!"

Taken another way this Old HUMOR can take another more modern form:

How can you tell when CC Commissioner Chairman Kevin Gordon is trying to deceive the Citizens, voters and Taxpayers in Cleveland County???

The punchline answer is:

He sends TWO (2) *Press Releases* to the Shelby Star!!

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Now, folks, the jokes, the games and the deceptions stop right here. The rest of this article talks about **three** things:

1. **Corruption (Scheming)**
2. **Corruption(Lying, Codewords)** and
3. **More Corruption (with intent to Deceive!!)**

(1)Putting up Solar Panels on Cleveland County Farmland appears to be a very lucrative business.

Instead of a hard scrabble daylight-to-dark life of hard work tilling the soil, putting in a crop, tending to that crop, harvesting that crop and hopefully selling that crop for enough ca$h to pay off all the expenses of raising that crop; Now, all one has to do is call-in the Solar business people and let them do all the work of installing the solar panel, let the panels collect the rays of the sun and turn those rays into electricity, and the farmer lounges around for years and years drawing lease payments for around 40 years. **It appears to be a good deal if you can get it.**

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Note that last sentence. "It appears to be a good deal if ***YOU*** can get it."

And, remember, this is good ole Cleveland County. The land of corruption, more corruption and **MORE CORRUPTION**. In Cleveland County, the good deals go to or through the CC Commissioners, ***NOT YOU!!!*** The YOU's that get into the good deals in Cleveland County are the family and friends of the CC Commissioners, Or, perhaps the ones who pay off the biggest amount of $$$_

So, now let get to the details.

The March 25, 2025 ***Shelby Star*** (that's **YESTERDAY)** publishes an article titled "**Cleveland residents who support solar farm question Lawsuit by county"** You can read the ***Shelby Star*** at any CC Library or at the link provided below:

https://www.shelbystar.com/story/news/2025/03/25/cleveland-county-residents-seek-support-for-solar-project/82568574007/

Robert A will stick to the pertinent facts and obvious conclusions.

Facts:

- Back in 2020 Cleveland County (the county) issued a Permit to certain Cleveland County individuals and Brookcliff Solar to construct a solar farm on 500 acres that the individuals owned off New Prospect Church Road.
- As is often the case, new enterprises often take more time to get started THAN originally estimated. And the Permit expire before ALL the "arrangements" could be made.
- So, the individuals and Brookcliff Solar reapplied for a new permit and the foolish CC Commissioners under the leadership of Chairman Kevin Gordon refused to approve an extension or a new permit.
- The individuals and Brookcliff Solar filed a legal action against Cleveland County and Superior Court Judge Todd Pomeroy ruled in favor of the individuals and Brookcliff Solar, basically stating that the individuals and Brookcliff Solar could continue with the Solar Farm construction project whether the original permit had expired or not.
- The double-foolish CC Commissioners have appealed the Order from Superior Court Judge Todd Pomeroy to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. A process that take

years for the Appeals Court to decide and maybe even more years if either the County Commissioners or the individual and Brookcliff Solar appeal the NC Appeals Court ruling to the NC Supreme Court.

- Records allege that the Cleveland County Commissioners have already spent ***$40,000***of taxpayer dollar$ on lawyer bills just to begin to try to stop something that the Commissioners originally approved in the first place.

Obvious Conclusions:

- Since CC Superior Court Judge Todd Pomeroy has already ruled ***AGAINST***the CC Commissioners foolish notion that they can do damn well anything they please, no matter what, despite the Commissioners foolish determination to build a NEW Justice Center that will cost taxpayers at least $400 Million Dollar$ plus interest; great weight must be placed on Judge Pomeroy's correct decision to reject the Commissioners foolishness. Something the NC Appeals Court will also be prone to do.
- Therefore, it must be totally concluded that the foolish CC Commissioners must be acting in someone else's best interest who are NOT the individuals that were first involved and Brookcliff Solar. And, that this someone else must be paying off the foolish Commissioners in some other way, Cash bribes, etc. for the Commissioners to stop the original individuals from their own best interests.
- Or, the foolish commissioners are just vain and stupid. Perhaps the original individuals and Brookcliff Solar have refused to pay the Commissioners ca$h bribes or refused to provide sexual favors that others are willing to do.
- Or, who knows what.
- **The only obvious thing here is that Commissioners Kevin Gordon, Johnny Hutchins, Doug Bridges, Deb Hardin (and**

what about Tony Berry???) are practicing LAWFAREagainst Cleveland County citizens and other businesses. And, using Cleveland County Taxdollar$ to do it

Stay Tuned Folks. Part II will describe a second recent Shelby Star Article related to the Corruption in CC governmental operations that dovetail exactly with this Part 1 article. Since it is close to tax bill calculating time, Robert A doesn't want to overload you citizens and taxpayers with too much bad news all at one time.

Note that Part !! will be titled:

2. ***Garbage Hauling is BIG BUSINESS. And especially for whoever does the Hauling???***

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