Part I-Chapter 2-Corruption on Display — Cleveland County Style!!!

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<u>Editor's Note:</u> A couple more questions/issues related to the PART 1 Article involving the foolish CC Commissioners and their phony and foolish lawsuit to stop the 500 Acre Solar Farm off New Prospect Church Road.

In Part 1 of this article that has already been published <u>Robert A</u> described some ideas and opinions regarding how the CC Commissioners would have been incentivized into stopping the construction of a Solar Farm on 500 acres off New Prospect Church Road. (Perhaps one should also go back and read Part I of this article.)

In Part I <u>Robert A</u> (And the Shelby Star Press Release) had no tangible information or theory on any other reason except out and out bribes paid to the Commissioners, but no specific reason for paying such bribes to the commissioners to stop the Solar Farm. That has changed.

Just after this original article was published, <u>Robert A</u> had occasion to drive from Shelby to Cherryville down Highway 150. This took <u>Robert A</u> thru the intersection of the New Shelby Highway 74 By-pass that is sunder construction where it intersects Highway 180 and the two Round-a-bouts on Highway 150. Robert A immediately realized the proximity of the Intersection of New Prospect Church Road and Highway 180 that was very very close to the intersection of Highway 180 and the New 74 Bypass.

The implications are clear: It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1. Housing in Charlotte is very expensive and development is heading West from Charlotte.
- 2. New construction of housing (and even the new Catawba Casino) are being constructed just off Interstate 85, Kings Mountain Exit 10 and Exit 5.
- 3. Taking Interstate 85 South from Charlotte to Exit 10 9highway 74, and heading West on Highway 74 to the Highway the 150 exit, going west on Highway 180 for a short distance to the New Prospect Church Road intersection and turning North on New Prospect Church Road takes you right there to that 500 acres that was originally planned for a Solar Farm.

Additionally, folks, remember that 10 acres of land near the Casino that land speculators bought for \$667,000 and later sold to the Casino for \$47,000,000 (\$47 Million Dollars)??? (over \$46 Million dollar\$ PROFIT) And a former CC Commissioner being one of the land speculators who has profited LARGE in such land wheeling and dealing because of his insider knowledge and political influence???

Therefore, it is no "wild-ass-guess" to conclude and predict that the Cleveland County "Robber Barons", whomever they might be, have put the Commissioners up to this whole "permit expiring" affair with refusing to extend the Solar Farm Permit and the Commissioners favorite Robber Barons swoop-in to purchase the Solar Farm's 500 acres at farmland prices. And paying off (bribing in some way) the commissioners in the process.

Note that Leopards can't change their spots!!! And, "Skunks" can't change their smell!!

That is <u>Robert A's</u> Opinion and he is sticking to it!!!

Stay tuned for Part II.