County Tax Bills Set to hit the Roof Next Tuesday Night!!!

<u>Robert A</u> has written many articles and made his own personal calculations regarding the new Property Revaluation performed in early 2025 and regarding the effect of the <u>ever-escalating</u> costs of the <u>New Cleveland County Justice Center Project and other poor financial and management decisions. <u>Robert A</u> has predicted that Cleveland County is financially "<u>BROKE</u>" especially because of the <u>ever-rising costs of the unnecessary New Justice Center Project that has been multiplied by the incompetence and bad management decisions of the Cleveland County Commissioners Kevin Gordon, Deb Hardin, Johnny Hutchins, and Doug Bridges.</u></u>

But, folks, that is now <u>old news</u> that was presented in detail by <u>Robert A</u> at the proper times for the citizens, taxpayers and voters to speak out to their elected officials and demand for the "Right" financial decisions to be made intime to head off huge tax bill increases. And <u>Robert A</u> will not bother to repeat those warnings in this publication.

Besides, the Recommended FY 25-26 is out now and all the **PROOF** that Robert A was right all along has come out in PRINT from the Commissioners now for all to see. No more Robert A predictions and no more conclusions and extrapolations are necessary.

The Rubber has Hit the Road!!!

- YOUR tax bills are going up.

The Top of Page 10 of the Recommended FY 25-26 budget states:

The chart below outlines the expected revenue changes in the FY 26 budget with the largest two increases being in property tax revenue and EMS billing revenues.

- The Recommended FY 25-26 budget that was "hailed" as being "balanced" is NOT balanced by a \$45,000,000.00 difference between Revenues and Expenditures. (Revenues \$195 Million\$\$ Spending \$240.3 Million\$\$) (Folks, when you take in \$195 Million and Spend \$240.3 Million-YOU are BROKE!!)
- All kinds of FEES have gone up to the tune of <u>around</u> \$4,000,000.00.
- Page 10 of the 167 Page Recommended Budget clearly states the following: "The chart below outlines the expected revenue changes in the FY 25-26 budget with the largest two increases being in property tax revenue and EMS billing revenues." And too much more to mention!!! How many times does Robert Ahave to say, I told YOU so!!

Folks, Robert A has said enough about CC Being Broke and YOUR Tax Bills are going up significantly. <u>Robert A</u> has attached several pdf pages of the FY 25-26 Budget Revenues and Expenditures along with this article. YOU can look over them for yourself.

Also, here is the link to the entire FY 25-26 Budget.

It is 167 Pages long and packed full of interesting stuff as you wade through the BS and Propaganda.

You can also come to the June 3, 2025 Commissioner's Meeting and sign up to speak (for or against) the Budget Public Hearing. You will have 5 minutes each to tell Commissioners Kevin Gordon, Deb Hardin, Johnny Hutchins and Doug Bridges how much you appreciate them emptying out your bank account to pay for an unnecessary New Justice Center Project while leaving CCS Schools with 60 to 80 year old schools with leaking roofs and not teaching our students how to read, write and do numbers.

Or maybe you can appeal to Commissioner Tony Berry, the only one with any sense, to VOTE NO on raising YOUR TAX BILLS.

Actually, since Commissioners Deb Hardin and Doug Bridges are up for re-election, (the 2026 Primary Elections are only NINE months away), perhaps <u>Deb Hardin and Doug Bridges</u> will see the light and will join <u>Tony Berry</u> and vote NO to this monstrosity of a FY 25-26 budget. Only THREE votes AGAINST and this sorry budget is history.

And Kevin Gordon and Johnny Hutchins are just Cartoon Characters!!!



Kevin Gordon



Johnny Hutchins

FOLKS, Turnout This coming Tuesday Night (June 3, 2025) at 6:00 PM and let Deb Hardin, Doug Bridges and Tony Berry know the Citizens, TAXPAYERS and Voters of CC do NOT want higher TAX Bills. This will be a Public Hearing and YOU have 5 minutes to speak!!! (Don't Forget to sign up before the meeting starts!!!