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The Commissioners' Court Meeting agenda to hire a consultant to produce a Design building package for four projects.

REMODEL THE BUILDING LOCATED ON RIDDLE STREET THAT THE COUNTY JUST PURCHASED, PLUS THE THREE OTHER BUILDINGS THAT THE COUNTY ALREADY OWNS, 1. THE BUILDING WHERE ELECTONS ADMINSTRATOR IS HOUSED, 2 THE COURT HOUSE ANNEX AND, 3. THE COURT HOUSE.

THE PAPER REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY JUDGE AND THE COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO DO THIS, THE TAX PAYERS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE FACTS ! FIRST OF ALL, THIS COMMISSIONER DID NOT AGREE.

THE COUNTY HAS TWO (2) NEEDS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED, IMMEDIATELY, OR IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. "SECURITY" FOR OUR DISTRICT COURTS AND JUDGES, AND ANOTHER COURT ROOM THAT IS "ABLE TO SEAT A JURY" THIS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS A NEED! THE OTHER ITEMS ON THIS LIST SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER TIME.

THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 7000 SQ FT OF VACANT SPACE IN THE ANNEX THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR USES A SMALL AMOUNT OF FLOOR SPACE AND COULD BE MOVED PERMATELY TO THE EXTREME EAST END OF THE BUILDING. THE COST TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REMODELING FOR SECURITY AND ADDING ANOTHER COURT ROOM WILL BE VERY EXPENSIVE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WALLS HAVE TO BE MOVED AND PLUMBING FOR MORE BATHROOMS HAVE TO BE ADDED.

THE CURRENT COUNTY TAX RATE IS 40 CENTS PER THOUSAND, OUR RATE HAS DOUBLED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE COST OF THE LOOP HAS ADDED ALMOST 14 CENTS TO THE RATE.

THE TAXES AFTER ADDING THE COST OF THE " COLLEGE" AND "HOSPITAL" TAX ---WE ,THE TAX PAYERS ---ARE PAYING 65 CENTS PER THOUSAND ON APPRAISED VALVE

THE COST OF THESE PROJECTS WILL COST A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND "CAN" BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER WE GET THE DEBT ON THE LOOP PAID DOWN

I EXPECT THAT THE HOSPITAL TAX WILL INCREASE, SINCE THEY ARE SPENDING 4.7 MILLION DOLLARS ON A FACILITY THAT IS ONLY 2.4 TENTHS MILES FROM THE HOSPITAL THE COLLEGE IS TALKING ABOUT MILLIONS TO IMPROVE THEIR COMPUTER SYSTEM

I SUGGEST THAT TO INCREASE OUR TAX RATE WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT BUSINESSES INTO OUR COUNTY

MOST HOME OWNERS RECIEVED THEIR APPRAISALS THIS PAST FEW DAYS FOR THE COMING YEAR AND MOST OF US HAD A DECREASED VALUE AS WE DID LAST YEAR , BUT OUR TAXES INCREASED NO DOUBT THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN AGAIN THIS COMING YEAR.