

# Hey Titus County Commissioners, The Good Times are Over!



We are fortunate to have 2 large power plants in Titus County, but due to Obama's war on coal, their value is down over 50% and going lower, taking a large chunk out of the taxable property base of Titus County.



In spite of this, just like in Washington DC, the Titus County Judge & Commissioners have refused to cut spending. They have increased property tax rates each of the last five years to ensure their revenue.



County employee benefits are treated as sacrosanct. Their medical insurance plan appears to meet the Obamacare definition for 'Cadillac' plans. Without changes it will likely cost us over \$100,000 in penalties in the near future.



The County employee retirement plan has been trimmed slightly, but with 200% match on contributions, it is still much more than those of nearby counties, and 4 times that of the typical private plans where 50% match is common.



During and since the recession, Titus County has continued to hand out pay increases, especially to elected officials. The 2015-16 budget contains yet another pay increase and a tax increase.

The Titus County Republican Party Executive Committee wishes to formally express it's disappointment and dismay over the proposed 2015-16 budget. Rather than planning responsible budget cuts to offset plunging property values, the majority on the court plans pay hikes and another tax increase.

We are disappointed with the Republican members of the court who are going along with this travesty. We strongly support Commissioner Al Riddle's attempts to engage in responsible budgeting. The TCRPEC urges citizens to contact their own Commissioners (listed below) and let them know what you think.

There are public hearings on the proposed Titus County 2015-16 budget, in the court room on the 2nd Floor of the court house. The public needs to be there.

**Hearing - Monday September 21st at 9.00 AM**

**Hearing - Thursday September 24th at 6.00 PM**

**Vote to approve - On Monday September 28 at 6.00 PM**

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Phillip Hinton, Precinct 3 Commissioner **903-563-9153**

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Brian Lee, County Judge, **903-466-6666**

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