

TAXPAYER TO TAXPAYER

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Promise To Be An Informed Voter...

*We do have a taxing problem...
worse yet,
we have a SPENDING problem.*

On September 15, 2015 I handed the county board chairman "A Document Proposing Reductions for McHenry County government." It is posted as an attachment on my website at www.electschuster.com.

The point is, as a citizen initiated plan, it spells out 7 examples where county government can begin the process of evaluating decades of "business as usual." It identifies a few programs / services that should be reduced or eliminated. Over the last several years department budgets have been squeezed about as much as they can be; now it is time to tackle the difficult task of making hard decisions.



We are in the last few days before the March 15 Primary Election.

Nothing could be more important to every citizen in the county, and the country, than to know who we are voting for and why we make our choices. As someone who closely follows politics and government, I have never been more concerned over the direction things are headed.

It is for this reason, I implore you to make these last few days count by going to each candidates' website; by calling them; emailing or meeting them for coffee to learn where they stand on issues affecting the actions they will take when elected to the position they seek. Ask how they plan to "fix" the mess we have at every level of government. Be persistent in your questions. Do not let them off the hook with generalities. As candidates, each owes us their time and specific answers.

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Things to consider when choosing McHenry County Board candidates...

Over and over again we listen to candidates claim they will reduce our taxes! Somehow they forget to tell us how they will do that.

We hear current board members taking credit for personally "reducing TAXES by over \$23 million dollars..." AND, for the budget being lower today than it was 8 years ago.

They have NEGLECTED to recognize they've been shuffling the deck... KICKING the can down the road... to make the budget look good. They forget to tell you about documents showing the current tab for needed, and deliberately delayed, capital improvements will surpass \$25 MILLION.

The most devastating elements they ignore are the rapidly escalating salaries and benefits for the 1200 - 1300 county employees. Simply put, we are on a fast track to disaster! Worse yet, is the point that the majority of elected officials who do not know they are headed for financial armageddon.

Then there are those who express a need to cultivate relationships with fellow board members. - That is CODE for... making sure everyone is "on board." The "power brokers" cannot risk have anyone asking questions or challenging their agendas. It is a "code" that fosters an attitude of arrogance witnessed in a news media interview where the county board chairman said of those questioning, that they are "micromanagers" and that they "...will stay a minority because they are *spectacularly inept* at working with other people" (2/5/16 NWH). In other words... IN YOUR FACE... taxpayers!

*Is there any wonder that the public
deplores elected officials and their
government?*