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And TIFFS**

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ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN ONLY GOVERN WHEN THE VOTERS FAIL TO DO IT

This is an open and continuing newsletter of opinion and views to both members and supporters of Greene County's Citizens for Property Rights and all our fellow citizens who value their freedoms

See the ugly total reality of Zoning, which up until now has just been a word, on the CFPR homepage click on the link to the Zoning Ordinance adopted by neighboring Owen County (Spencer, IN) in 2003. Read it folks, and see what total property control really looks like.

A reporter from a local newspaper in which I wanted to write some things contributing to public discussion told me that if I wanted a "soapbox", I should start a web page. The more I thought about it the more I realized what a good idea it really was. So, here it is folks. Read on, and if you don't like the opinions you read here, you're only a couple mouse clicks away from something else; after all, it's a free country, OR IS IT? Maybe you should read on, you might be surprised. The most recent entries are at the top.

I will continue to add to this newsletter occasionally and plead with you to volunteer to help us reach more voters by phone or donate on our website. Every first class stamp that I can buy with your donations will reach another household of registered voters to join our growing numbers. Send the link to our web page above to everyone you know. Our problem with county government begins and ends at the polls. It's time the people of the county decide what will happen and I pray that enough of you are willing to act, and if so, call me anytime. Don't just agree, but rather take action and help. Talk to your neighbors, friends and even strangers. Send our web-link to all those you know. Volunteer to help and/or donate. Take action now and do whatever you can. Thank you.

Zoning Misery #1: (Do you really own your property, or do you just pay the taxes on it?)

1.3 - Prohibited Uses and Acts

Except as provided in these regulations, no building, structure or premises may be used for any purpose other than those permitted in the Zoning district in which the building, structure, or premises is located. No land or lot area may be reduced, diminished, used or developed except in accordance with all applicable provisions of these regulations. No building or structure may be altered, erected, constructed, installed, moved, replaced or maintained except in accordance with all applicable provisions of these regulations.

The involuntary seizure of private property (eminent domain) by the County approved TIFF district in Scotland is being planned. A TIFF district is also being proposed for the City of Linton to finance the ridiculous annexation plan of over 600 acres of farmland (45 households) advocated by the GCEDC. With TIFFs and their land seizures, a Comprehensive Plan, and its Zoning all near, the true magnitude of the misery our elected officials have worked for two years to bring us begins to take shape. You won't like it.

My apologies to all our prior members that I have not kept this website up to date, but as you can see from this lengthy update I have tried to keep up with events. I will be more dedicated now and add a little less a little more often. And now that events are beginning to become more public, now that officials have to cast votes and no longer can deny what they are doing, I think the time is right to restart our campaign to elect officials who use good sense and have respect for their constituents. Just nine months from now, May 2010, we may begin replacing the officials who do not stand with the voters, those who do not realize they are not elected to do what they think is right, but what the voters think is right, those who are gullible enough to be swayed by ridiculous ideas and promises. There are 10 people in the county solely responsible for our current conditions: 3 Commissioners, and 7 County Councilmen. 7 of the 10 are Democrats, and all three Commissioners are Democrats. All of these officials have consistently voted for and worked hand in hand with the Greene County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC) to help achieve their agenda of government control of property which they call "Planning". Oh, would it be nice if we still had the officials we had in the early 70s when this monster last reared its ugly head. Party affiliation is meaningless, both parties are dinosaurs and completely disconnected

from the voters. Don't attend silly and meaningless public meetings set up by the "Zoning Advocates" only because the law requires them, but do be sure to attend the most important meeting at the polls on May 5, 2010, the only meeting where you are actually heard. Don't be a "red" or a "blue" voter, but rather be a "Red, White & Blue" voter for your freedom and rights. We need more voters dedicated to freedom. Join us. Volunteer to help. We need help and donations to start a mailing campaign, and volunteers for a phone campaign. I would like to urge all those of you who are interested in your county, your family, your friends and neighbors; please consider running for public office, you are desperately needed. We can get rid of these people folks, and only you can do it! Help us.

Updated August 6, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

I've just read the newspaper account of the Commissioners meeting on August 3, 2009. The Commissioners unanimously, (remember that word), approved the Greene County Comprehensive Plan. The rest of the article, and apparently the meeting was dedicated to explaining that the Plan was not Zoning. They are right, the plan is not Zoning. The plan is Step#1 to Zoning. Step#2 is forming an Area Planning Commission. This will be done in the near future (again, a unanimous vote). The Commission's job is to develop land use controls (a Zoning ordinance), which is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Step#3 is the Commissioners adopting the Zoning Ordinance, (once again a unanimous vote). Now say what you will, or think what you want, but in my view, to have one of our Commissioners or Councilman offering the public reassurance after what they have done is laughable. For over two years now the elected majority (Democrats) have worked consistently both by funding the GCEDC at the rate of nearly \$100,000 each year of the public's money and by the Commissioners hiring them to work on economic development issues to reach the point we are at now. Only the Commissioners, (3 people,) can pass Zoning. What the Commissioners did on August 3, 2009 is the reason we endorsed the Republican candidates for Commissioner in November 2008. Our position has not changed. Without a Comprehensive Plan the law does not allow Zoning, and there will not be a Comprehensive Plan without Zoning soon to follow despite what you may be told. Would you like to have some fun with these people? Call your Commissioners and ask them if they would publicly and forcefully proclaim that they will not vote for Zoning under any circumstance, "Yes, or No". Then, sit back and enjoy all the squirming, more even than a barrel full of snakes, and this is what you will hear: "I would have to look at the ordinance and judge it then", "I would do what the people of the county want", "I would do what I think is right", "I will do what is best for the County", or any one of a dozen other meaningless statements. Translation: They will vote for Zoning as soon as possible. It is my opinion that the elected Democratic majority is inseparably joined with the GCEDC and has been for the last two and one half years. Time is growing short now but my biggest concern now is not stopping Zoning, but rather in repealing it. In my view Zoning was decided in November 2008 by a poorly informed electorate, and kept uninformed by both the candidates and the media, and they are still uninformed now about what is yet to come. In every case where the people have a choice and are informed about Zoning, TIFFs and other plans like them, they are turned down, always by a wide margin. Help us start electing the right people and begin that process.

Updated July 25, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

I'm sorry to say that the involuntary seizure of land (eminent domain) has begun in the TIFF district, which includes the city of Scotland. It won't be the last. I understand that 7 parcels of land are targeted and appraisers have already visited some or all of the properties and some owners have been contacted. The people in this area have already lost land to the I-69 right of way. That issue has nothing to do with the county, rather the State and Federal government. Now comes the County though, to take whatever they want from what land is left, then through "Zoning", they will have complete control of all land they do not seize. This tragedy visited upon several families is just the beginning, the tip iceberg of misery that is being brought to you by elected officials of your Greene County Democratic Party, whose majority votes consistently cast in both the Council and by the Commissioners have created this monstrosity called a TIFF. In a TIFF you live in an area, which is apart from your normal government, an area where you have no rights or representation, and no legal recourse to the actions of the TIFF. All those I talked to had no idea about this. You know, most people live secure in the knowledge that their government will do them no harm. We are all comfortably used to that in this country and most of us feel assured of our rights, freedom, and security in our lives and homes. But it isn't really true anymore and when your elected representatives do something like this it is up to the voters to stop it and they alone have the power to do so. Will you do it? Your elected officials, the Greene County Economic Development Corporation, and the Redevelopment Commission are all jointly and cooperatively responsible for this. I will not state that citizens were lied to by anyone for that would be accusatory in nature and not proper. But I will say strongly that truths not told has the same effect as lies. I also would say to those of you local citizens who volunteered to serve on these boards and commissions out of a sense of service, do you think it is right that your fellow citizens and neighbors, or yourself, should have their property involuntarily taken from them? If you don't think so, then have the grace and dignity to resign, and if you do not, then remain to become a willing and knowing part of it all and make no references to your county, fellow citizens, or friends and neighbors, for with friends and neighbors like you, they have no need of enemies. Look into your life, into your family, into your home and most importantly your conscience and if you sense something is inherently wrong with this, disassociate yourself from it. You are being used by outsiders for their own gain or.....do you agree with them: which will it be??

Updated July 5, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

Now let's talk about the annexation issue in the city of Linton. I do not live in Linton, but I'm a taxpayer in Grant Township, which would be affected by this and all Grant township residents would have their taxes raised to make up for the lost revenue. As I understand it, the proposal is for the city to annex 632 acres nearly all of it cornfield. A net gain of about 45 households would be

added to the city's tax rolls as a result. This is absolute lunacy. However, there are two key things that must be considered to understand this proposal. The first consideration is the annexation laws regarding "contiguous" territory as shown below. "(1/8) of the aggregate external boundaries of the territory coincides with the boundaries of the annexing municipality". For this reason, rather than take a narrow strip of land along Lone Tree Road and both sides of Highway 54, which is what they want, something approximating a rectangle is necessary. If annexed, an area must be provided with city services within 3 years. How this will be accomplished, or when, has not been specified as far as I have heard. I have heard some mention that 2 million dollars is to be spent. Folks, 2 million dollars would not pay the interest on developing city services for 632 acres since if it is annexed it would become residential land and as it is built on the city would be responsible for providing the services.

Secondly, and much more importantly, now that we're talking about money, we get to the meat of the matter. The city can create a TIFF district. (Read further down in this column for general information regarding TIFFs). Now it all begins to make more sense. A TIFF would give them unlimited money and dictatorial control over all the property within the district, allowing them to take whatever property they want for whatever reason according to the "Plan", and then do only what the law says they have to do, but also whatever else they want to do no matter how ridiculous or expensive and all of it is paid for (by who?). For all of you folks in the annexed area and also in the city of Linton, be assured that the city, knowingly or not, is not going to do anything **FOR** you; rather they are going to do something **TO** you. If the people in the annexed area can't pay the bill for this folly, then everyone in the city limits will have to. And lastly let me say to you that if you live in the annexed area and you own land along Lone Tree or Highway 54, you may not be living there any more, ask the residents of Scotland. Better yet, ask your elected city officials or maybe they should ask the GCEDC.

And in the background for all of this, as usual, is the Greene County Development Corporation (GCEDC) attending the meetings and acting as advisor just as they did for the County Commissioners when the TIFF in the I-69 Corridor was created. And I say again, your elected officials from your Greene County Democratic Party are again hand in hand with the GCEDC and helping with its agenda of government control of people and property. As I have said before, the only solution for this is the voters. If you as a voter do not do your job, they win. Will you allow it? Only the Democrats are making all this happen and maybe that's just because they are the majority. Republicans, take heed though, and stand with the voters, as you should. We desperately need new elected leaders, and I say to you that if you know a Democrat, who is loudly by words and actions protesting the loss of your rights, vote for him, by all means. For the rest who vote actively against your rights and also to those who passively stand idly by and say nothing, they do not represent you: defeat all of them. The city of Linton in my opinion is the home nest of the GCEDC and would be an excellent place to start a political cleansing and passing through all the little towns in between to finish finally at the courthouse and reclaim your rights and freedoms which are slipping away. To all the voters who love their rights I say, "Do you have time"? Your rights and freedoms are running out of time. Those who will not fight for their freedom will not have it or keep it. Do something, join us, help prevent Greene County from becoming another in that long list of counties all over the country victimized by this tragedy.

IC 36-4-3-1.5

Contiguous territory; determination

Sec. 1.5. For purposes of this chapter, territory sought to be annexed may be considered "contiguous" only if at least one-eighth (1/8) of the aggregate external boundaries of the territory coincides with the boundaries of the annexing municipality. In determining if a territory is contiguous, a strip of land less than one hundred fifty (150) feet wide which connects the annexing municipality to the territory is not considered a part of the boundaries of either the municipality or the territory.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.308, SEC.1.

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Let's look into the mind of an advocate, that is, a "Zoner". They will tell you that they want to make things better and provide growth and jobs. They will tell you they know how to do this. You must simply surrender your property and freedom to them and "they" will take care of you. They will also say that all people opposed to their claims are "uninformed", "need to be educated", or "simply don't understand". Their arrogance is astounding. You cannot be against them, without also being branded as somehow defective or inferior as a person. To paraphrase their argument. "If you don't give me a million dollars to gamble with, I will not share with you the many millions I will surely win. Only and idiot would not agree with me". How can you argue with that? Let me say to the relatively few of our rather naive and simple-minded citizens who think they favor this; how blind, how ignorant, how gullible can you be? Can you not just drive just 40 miles in any direction and see that other counties victimized by this are no different than they were except for having less freedom and money. In the middle of a nationwide, indeed, a worldwide economic crisis with jobs and property disappearing everywhere, these "Zoning Advocates" claim they can create an economic utopia. You local folks who favor this nonsense really need to get out more and look around, especially out of this county. You may notice now that I am responding to you the same way the "Zoning Advocates" respond to everyone who opposes their ideas only I'm not being polite about it. Do you like it? The "Zoning Advocates" are your allies, nice folks, huh? By the way, I have a couple bridges I'd like to sell. Let me know if you're interested.

The "Zoning Advocates" have ruined the cities with their ridiculous rules and interference with the legitimate rights of property owners raising housing and building costs for owners and renters alike. Jobs and businesses are disappearing at record rates and property taxes and housing costs are through the roof in these high tax, high regulation areas. Many of the people who now live in Greene County moved here just to get away from that misery and will tell you so if you ask them. Housing costs and taxes in Monroe County are an example. Zoning in a rural county, whose largest city is about 6500 people is insane. Remember "THOSE" zoners have "THEIR" plan and of course, "THEY" know best. All "THEY" need is "YOUR" property, "YOUR" money, and most importantly, "YOUR" freedom and rights and they promise you a wonderful world.

Let's talk about living with Zoning. There are some simple-minded people who think that Zoning will make their neighbor mow their grass more often or some other ludicrous nonsense. Zoning is not about your neighbor dummy; it is about you. Should you decide to improve, build new, or build on to your own property, you must pay a fee for a "permit". Then some "half-wit" appointed by the county would come out and tell you how you must proceed with your building to meet their specifications. In some jurisdictions they will even tell you, which "approved" contractors you must hire, and believe it or not, in some other jurisdictions there is even a charge per square foot for construction. It makes sense though; after all, someone must help support these parasites that crave control over other people's property and lives. I'd rather pay for them to be on welfare where they cannot damage other people's lives. In the early 1970s an effort was made to impose Zoning on Greene County. That effort failed. Thank goodness for us all that at that time we had elected officials with good enough sense to see Zoning for the socialism it really is. I'm sorry to say though, that now I don't think we have them anymore. Join us and help to elect the officials we need and defeat all those who do not support your constitutional right to be secure in your home and property. "Zoning Advocates" offer you protection from your neighbor, but I do not fear my neighbor, rather I'm terrified of my government, for they are the true danger. Freedom always dies from within, not from without and certainly not from next door. Help us to protect you, your family, and your friends and neighbors from the real threat: your government!

Updated June 25, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

More now on TIFFs. One need only go to the Internet to find out how TIFFs have victimized so many areas, cities, and counties in all the States that have them. The abuses and outright fraud in many cases have prompted many State Legislatures to begin putting limitations on them. Consultants and other advocates who create TIFFs rely on the ignorance and gullibility of local elected officials and voter apathy and ignorance. Many promises are made and it all sounds too good to be true, and folks, it IS too good to be true. On a rare occasion though, ignorance does not rule. One such case was in Richmond, IL. [Richmond, IL TIFF](#). In that case the elected officials educated both themselves and the voters about what a TIFF was and how it worked. A non-binding citywide referendum was proposed. Before that vote could be taken though, the town officials voted not to go forward with the TIFF anyway. Even though the TIFF was already rejected by the town officials, the referendum, which was already on the ballot, was also overwhelmingly rejected by the voters. This is prime example of advise and consent, the way government should work in a Democracy and unfortunately not the way it worked in Greene County. Did our Councilmen and Commissioners educate themselves about what the GCEDC was proposing before the Council voted more funding and the Commissioners voted to create the TIFF? I think not. This would also mean they cast a blind and ignorant vote, which would mean to me they should not be in elected office where their actions out of ignorance affects so many. On the other hand, if they did know all the details, why didn't they advise the public? In either of these cases, they did not represent the interests of those who elected them and the people of the county were very poorly served. Many people were told that their property taxes would be frozen, and yet no one went on to say that they would rise dramatically later because of the TIFF. Many were told that their property values would rise. Sure dummy, that's how they get your money. I want my property value to go down. Many were told that if a sidewalk were to be built, consent would be needed. No one said the Redevelopment Commission running the TIFF could just take any land they wanted. Speaking of that commission, the advocates and consultants select local people (the law says so) to serve on this commission. They take advantage of their lack of understanding and desire to accomplish good things for the county. But, be assured that the advocates and the consultants are driving this bus, not the local yokels. A TIFF starts out with a balance of \$0.00 and at the end of its life it must be \$0.00. Not one penny comes into the TIFF, rather every dollar spent belongs to the property owners and they will spend the next 30 years paying increased taxes for it. And all of this is to support efforts to live out a dream of a bunch of country bumpkins, which in the vast majority of cases does not come true. The "Planners" and predatory consultants they hire, aren't here to help, they're here to feed. They and the contractors now have a living on the taxpayer's money. It's like watching an episode from the old TV series "Green Acres", and though it is comedic, sadly, it isn't funny; it is tragic for so many. Greene County desperately needs new elected officials. Join us in our efforts to elect some.

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In the controversy of renaming roads and eliminating Rural Route addresses, which by the way, is also mandated for Zoning as shown below, it is ridiculous that CR200 which is parallel to CR300 would be renamed Persimmon Lane or Apple Valley road or some other wacky name. As in a town where 2nd street is next to 3rd street and has been that way for 200 years, it is unbelievable that anyone would come up with something this stupid. I can see no reason why 8750 South CR200 wouldn't be the same as 8750 Persimmon Lane. Since all of the commercially available mapping software available today identifies roads in most states and many of Indiana counties by numbers it's unbelievable we would do this. Since the Commissioners can rename the roads, why not stick with the numbers as the name. Now when they are done, the 911 dispatcher will know where you are but no one else in the entire world will be able to find you. While we're at it why don't we rename Linton and Bloomfield Hooterville and Bugtussel. With some of the elected officials we have it would seem appropriate.

IC 36-7-4-405.5

Conversion of rural route addresses

Sec. 405.5. (a) This section applies to a county where any territory contains rural route addresses.

(b) Each plan commission shall develop a plan for converting rural route addresses within the county to numbered addresses under section 405 of this chapter.

(c) This subsection applies to a county or part of a county that is not under the jurisdiction of a plan commission. The county

executive shall develop a plan for converting rural route addresses within the county (or part of a county) to numbered addresses under section 405 of this chapter.

(d) A plan adopted under this section must specify a date by which the plan commission or county executive intends to complete the conversion of rural route addresses to numbered addresses.

As added by P.L.3-1995, SEC.153.

Updated May 20, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

Tax Incentive Financing, TIFF Districts. You think this is a good idea. Do you know anything about it? Go to our Homepage, [Citizens for Property Rights](#), click on "Laws and Statutes" and read the actual law. The TIFF statutes passed in most states including Indiana were designed to economically develop and revitalize "blighted" areas or areas in need of development with much abandoned property in the inner cities. This law has since been perverted and used by Zoning advocates and the army of predatory consultants that support them as a money machine. It is being used to generate both money and control for these people. Did you know that Greene County was "blighted"? Here is basically how it works:

1. A governmental authority (County) creates a County Redevelopment Commission and appoints members.
2. The Redevelopment Commission creates a TIFF district with geographic boundaries and a development plan.
3. All property in the district has its property taxes frozen at the current rate.
4. The TIFF Commission is responsible for executing the plan and handles all business details involved.

The next steps expose this for the scam it really is.

5. The TIFF Commission has the power of Eminent Domain (They may seize anyone's property for the plan)
6. The planned improvements and construction go forward, paid for by 30-year bonds issued by the commission.
7. After improvements are made, property is reassessed and a much higher rate because of improvements.
8. The property owners and their heirs then pay increased property taxes for 30 years to retire the bond debt.

The TIFF law is extensive and complex, but I believe I have accurately reduced it to a relatively simple and fairly accurate explanation and any minor discrepancy does not change its basic nature. The net effect is to allow elected officials to spend huge amounts of money they do not have and hand the bill for it to the property owners. If the debt is so large that the TIFF property owners cannot pay it, a special assessment is levied on everyone in the county outside the TIFF district.

Effectively, a TIFF is a form of dictatorial parallel government with no limit to its power and in which you have no representation, and which is responsible to no one, and has the authority to do things that even the governmental body, which created it, cannot do. In the end the property owners are handed the bill for the plan no matter how reasonable or ridiculous it was and without regard to cost or effectiveness. The increased property taxes on you and your heirs for 30 years will be used to pay for improvements to land that you and the other property owners do not even own assuming your land is not seized before that by the TIFF. This misery is brought to you compliments of the elected officials of your Greene County Democratic Party whose consistent votes helped the GCEDC to create this monstrosity. Believe it or not, the US Supreme Court upheld this. And you just thought that in this country you were free.

Both TIFFs and Zoning are promoted and created by people who want to use your property and money to try to live out their own economic fantasies, whatever they are, and derive a living and sense of power for themselves. They rely on two things. First, elected official's ignorance and gullibility, and second, on voter apathy and ignorance about what is happening. You must understand that to the "Zoning Advocates" and others who run these schemes, there are no individuals or people, there is only the "Plan". You, your life, and your life's work, and your family, mean nothing, for only the "Plan" matters. We now have one TIFF in Greene County near Scotland, and heads up to all you folks in Linton, you're next. More on this later.

Updated April 2, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

At a recent meeting the Greene County Commissioners voted to establish a plan commission, which will conduct a study and host a public hearing to recommend action on the Greene County Comprehensive Plan. The members of this commission are selected from the commissioners themselves along with members of the County Council and five citizens. The commission's recommendation must be acted on prior to September 2009 and the Commissioners must vote whether or not to adopt the plan by that time. Since the Commissioners themselves, who voted to contract the GCEDC to work on economic development and members of the Council, who have consistently voted to fund the GCEDC, who helped develop the plan, you only need just one guess how that is going to turn out. Here again, the elected officials of your Greene County Democratic Party who now have all the commissioners seats and four of seven council seats and are continuing to work hand in hand with the GCEDC to accomplish their agenda of control and even seizure of private property through Tax Incentive Financing Districts at the expense of everyone's freedom and rights. Although the law regarding this is very extensive and difficult to completely understand, to establish Zoning involves at least three basic steps:

1. Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan
2. Establish and Area Planning Commission (perhaps the plan commission already named can serve this purpose).
3. Adopt a Zoning Ordinance drafted by or recommended by the commission.

In my view you may rest assured that these three votes will be 3-0 in favor cast by the elected Commissioners of your Greene County Democratic Party and the ugly tragedy of Zoning and government control of your property and lives will come to our county and we too, will be victimized as so many other counties in this and other states have been.

Let's not stand idly by and allow this to happen. I think Zoning was made inevitable in the last election. Without any credible or objective forum or media in this county to advise and inform the citizens of all the issues most voters were unaware of this threat. Only the 2 Republican candidates for Commissioners, whom the Citizens for Property Rights endorsed, specifically and publicly rejected Zoning and any other form of land-use controls or governmental interference with the rights of property owners. But, take heart folks, because of what is going to happen in the upcoming months there will be no one unaware from now on. Join CFPR today and become another of the already over 1600 voters determined to cleanse our county of this Socialist scourge and all elected officials who caused and supported it, including all those elected officials who stood idly by, remained ignorant, and did not protest it, or speak on behalf of the voters they should represent.

Updated March 15, 2009 (read down further for past commentary and opinion)

In looking at the November election results it's obvious that we came close to electing our candidates for Commissioners and all of our recommended candidates for Councilman were elected, one of them by only one vote. The Commissioners races were decided by less than 1200 and 500 votes respectively. With about 13,000 votes cast it is clear that our 1600 voters were decisive. I intend that we become not just decisive but in fact the majority in the next election. We intend to grow much more than our current numbers. Our efforts in the last elections were by far the most accurate indication of what the voters want and by a majority of more than 9 in 10, they all rejected Zoning or other controls or governmental interference in their lives. Our job now is clear and the same as before. Defeat all candidates and officials who do not support the freedom and rights of the county's citizens. Stop funding for and dissolve the GCEDC and end its threat to everyone's rights. Probably 75 percent of the people who live in this county are not even aware of this threat and don't even know what the acronym "GCEDC" stands for. As I stated earlier, Zoning advocates rely on voter ignorance and apathy. Without a public forum or media objectively available to everyone we must rely on each other. Spread the word, join us, donate, and volunteer to help us reach others. It costs 2 first class stamps to reach a voting household by mail with a return envelope for membership information. More importantly, it costs far less to do it by phone and nothing by email. Send our web link to all email addresses you have. Talk to everyone you know and advise them of this. Please volunteer to make calls or donate money to send mail and be sure to refer everyone to our website or our phone number for those without Internet access. Volunteer for any other help you may be able to provide or suggest. We could also use help with organizing, web design ideas, and legal expertise. Though we are a PAC and can advocate for issues or candidates, there are legal limits to be observed. Those who will not fight for their freedom will neither have it nor keep it. Don't sadly look back later and wish you had done something. Don't tell anyone or me "you don't have time". Your freedoms and rights don't have time left, so do something. Help us.

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To all those who supported our efforts in last November's elections, I would like to express my thanks and remind everyone that although we did not achieve all our goals, we did have an impact and our hard work did not go unnoticed. Now after the holidays and the winter have passed we must renew our efforts to preserve our freedom and rights against the threat of Zoning and centralized government control of our property and lives. We now have a Democratic majority in county government. There are three Democratic Commissioners and a four to three Democratic majority on the County Council. And now, they alone are responsible for whatever happens in our county. CFPR recommended the two Republican candidates for Commissioner in that race and unfortunately, they did not win. Each of them expressly rejected Zoning as does the majority by far of the voters, but lacking any way to communicate with enough voters, they're position on the issue was not made known. In fact, the other candidates avoided the issue or claimed ignorance or lack of knowledge. In my opinion the decision for Zoning was made last November. To all of you who voted Democratic in that election I say now; you voted for Zoning even if you didn't know it. To our three elected Democratic Commissioners I say, "prove me wrong...or prove me right...you will do one or the other soon and everyone is watching. It is now our job now to reach enough voters in upcoming months to form a coalition of voters for freedom that cannot be overcome by apathy or lack of awareness on which the Zoning advocates relies. Primary elections are coming up in May 2010, not far off. Let's get ready and start electing the right people for the right reasons and end the apathy and ignorance that Zoning advocates thrive on.

Our website is now even more important since I've noted the Greene County Daily World now no longer allows comment or postings from its readers or individual citizens on the Greene County Economical Development Corporation's column written by the GCEDC director. There was overwhelming opposition to the GCEDC agenda of control of people's property and many readers repeatedly rejected the propaganda in the column. The director, who has no journalistic credentials, is allowed to write a continuing column advocating planning and controls. In fact, I have not seen anyone writing opposing views to this organization anywhere in the paper, except for the occasional Letter to the Editor. It seems to me the Pied Pipers of Socialist Zoning and control has a friend indeed. And I might add that I think that any media, printed or otherwise, which is not an open forum for all, is just a mouthpiece for a few. It's refreshing to know that speech cannot be deleted here just because the powers that be do not like it. My subscription to this paper expired; perhaps you should think about yours.

In a related matter, the Greene County Council and its newly elected members met recently. The Council approved another \$90,000 of additional funding for the Greene County development Corporation (GCEDC) again this year. This revenue was from

Riverboat gambling and although there were so many other very good uses for the desperately needed money, the Democratic Council members saw fit again this year to spend it instead to continue supporting the GCEDC. The vote was 4 to 2 along party lines in favor with 1 member not present. Much to their credit, and for which the voters of the county should be very grateful, the 2 Republicans voted against funding the GCEDC. Here again, the four Democrat's solidarity has shown both theirs and likely their party's continued support for the GCEDC and it's agenda of centralized control of people's property and lives. CFPR has called in the past for the discontinuing of funding to this organization, which threatens everyone's freedom and yet again the Democratic members of the Council continues to spend the taxpayer's money to deprive the people of their rights. In May of 2010, during primary elections, we will have an opportunity to remove 2 of the council members who voted to continue funding the GCEDC to the detriment of everyone's freedoms and rights. And even more importantly, we will also have an opportunity to remove one of the Commissioners.

To those of you like me, whether you are registered as Democrat or Republican, and who, like me, oppose Zoning and its Socialist regimentation, I would say that if you voted in November based on party affiliation, you shot yourself in the foot. You do not owe your party anything, for they no more represent you than I represent the man in the moon. Both political parties in the county are dinosaurs looking for a tar pit to fall in, for they are completely removed from the wishes of the people. I am only hopeful that with enough public participation and pressure that at least one of them could be convinced to act on the public's wishes for a change rather than responding to the few influential and wealthy interests they normally cater to. To the elected officials of both parties whose continued silence so far has been a strong vote for Zoning, I say, speak out; don't let a minority of your party control events. I would remind elected officials, your words are meaningless, only your actions, or perhaps, your lack of actions really count.

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