

Irresponsible Management Of The Taxpayers Money

Burnet County is **Millions and Millions of dollars** in Debt. In the last Court meeting, the County Judge stated that the debt was **\$22 Million** even though there are records from Sept. 30th 2024 that show the total county liabilities to be almost **\$37 Million, a \$15 Million Dollar difference ?**

In Fiscal year 2024 Burnet County spent **\$9.6 Million dollars** more than the county took in.

In spite of this debt, in the six months since Bryan Wilson was installed as County Judge there have been votes to approve almost a million dollars to renovate the Courthouse Annex building, hire attorneys to represent Burnet County with the ONCOR/ LCRA Power line project, and also add two new county court positions at over \$200,000 in annual salaries for the two positions, while the court refuses to pay to add four additional Sheriffs Deputies to an understaffed Sheriffs Dept.

In every vote to spend more money there is never a dissenting vote from any of the commissioners and almost zero discussion or debate between the five members of the court. Five men vote yes. Always unanimous approval, time after time. Why ?

There never seems to be any discussion about why the Court should NOT spend money. Never any discussion about paying off debt or reducing the debt burden in Burnet County.

Never any public statements about a plan to pay down or pay off the taxpayer's debt. Why ?

Do any of the five men on this court even know what the exact amount of the counties debt is ? How much debt is enough debt ? How much debt is too much debt ?

In the minds of these five men is there a limit to the debt burden they so easily vote for ?

It is only common sense that a private citizen cannot continually spend more than they make, and a private business cannot continually take on debt or monthly expenses that exceed the profitability of the business and expect to stay in business for very long.

What is very clear is that not one of the men on this court seem to have even the slightest concern when they spend the taxpayers money.

These five men have a fiduciary responsibility to the people of Burnet County.

These five men are expected to act as responsible adults when making decisions about how to spend taxpayer's money.

How can they have the audacity to vote themselves pay raises year after year, when they continually fail at their jobs and prove they are not responsible adults ?

- In Sept. 2024 the court voted to borrow an additional **\$5 million dollars** on a short term bond.
- In a six year period ending in 2023 a grand total of **\$99,400 dollars** had been spent on “Employee Appreciation Parties”. The yearly average was almost **\$14,000 dollars**.
- In 2023 **\$38,000 dollars** was paid to Evergreen Consulting for a wage survey to justify large pay increases that this court has voted in for themselves over the last three years
- In September 2023 the court contracted with Baker Tilly for a “forensic audit” that cost **\$21,200 dollars**.
- In the last two years, the Burnet County Court paid over **\$48,000 dollars** to Placer Labs for GEO FENCING or SPYING on the unknowing public during public events.
- In early 2025 almost **\$900 thousand dollars** was spent on new electronic voting machines, despite the objections of the taxpayers.

In 2024 the books were closed on two separate Federal COVID Relief Grants that the Burnet County Commissioner’s Court voted to accept totaling over \$9 Million Dollars. Where did that money go ?