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Confusion Or Corruption ? 9/16/25

Regarding the County budget, over the last several Commissioners Court Meetings we have seen nothing but confusion and a lot of unanswered questions.

Incompetence Or Corruption ?

At the last two Court meetings when I have discussed the millions and millions of dollars of debt in Burnet County, the County Judge has twice stated on the public record that the debt is twenty two million dollars. There are records that show on 9/30/24, the total liabilities for Burnet County was almost thirty seven million dollars. If you subtract the debt due within the FY 2025 of seven million, three hundred, and eighty two thousand dollars, the total debt is twenty nine million, five hundred, and eighty eight thousand dollars. Why will the Judge not make a public statement that addresses the issue of the seven million, five hundred, thousand dollar difference in those conflicting numbers ? Will no one on this court speak about a difference of seven and a half million dollar debt figure ending ? Do we start the new fiscal year $29.5 Million or $22 Million in Debt ?

With all this confusion, in the Judges mind is twenty two million dollars of debt acceptable ? Is twenty two million dollars in debt acceptable to the four commissioners ?

There are things that the County Commissioners Court are responsible for that are required by State law.

Budgeting for appropriate funding of the Burnet County Sheriffs Department is one of those things, and probably the most important.

Continually finding ways to irresponsibly waste taxpayers money on things not required by State law is not good policy.

Hiring the wife of a County Commissioner to manage the Burnet County Human Resource Department for over five years in violation of State Nepotism laws is not good policy.

Establishing a “Slush Fund” of one hundred thousand dollars to pay for County employee “appreciation” parties is not good policy.

Stealing money from the taxpayers to pay twenty two thousand dollars for a retaliatory investigation disguised as an "audit" of the Sheriffs Department is not good policy.

Paying Placer, a.i. twenty eight thousand dollars for a program to spy on unsuspecting citizens while they attend events in Burnet County is not good policy.

Voting yourselves pay raises, year after year, while consistently under performing in your jobs is not only really bad policy, it also shows very poor leadership and a complete lack of conscience, humility, or integrity.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY BUDGET THAT INCLUDES PAY RAISES FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, OR THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACROSS THE BOARD PAY CUT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR ALL SIX OF THESE MEN.

Five Bumbling Bureaucrats or Corrupt Public Officials ?

Burnet County Total Liabilities 9/30/24	$36,970,365
minus long term debt due within the year	$7,382,387
sum total Liability balance end of FY 24	$29,588,018
County Judge's stated claim of total debt	$22,000,000
difference between Judges Claim of current ending debt FY24 and total liabilities minus long term debt minus debt due in FY24	$7,588,018

BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,813,714
Investments	50,434,276
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	1,796,213
Due from other governments	2,006,386
Due from others	1,387,057
Prepaid expenses	444,200
Capital assets not being depreciated	2,107,584
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	33,897,156
Total assets	102,886,586
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred loss on bond refunding	835,566
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	149,926
Deferred outflows related to pension	3,041,584
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,027,076
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	2,950,116
Accrued interest payable	51,287
Due to others	129,186
Claims payable	7,302
Unearned revenue	102,437
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Long-term debt	7,382,347 ?
Total OPEB liability	26,537
Due in more than one year:	
Long-term debt	22,499,472
Net pension liability	2,788,690
Total OPEB liability	1,032,991
Total liabilities	36,970,365
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	188,161
Total deferred inflows of resources	188,161
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	19,225,963
Restricted for:	
Debt service	3,424,510
Road and bridge	4,188,628
Health and welfare	664,144
Grants	895,992
Law enforcement	158,502
Public safety	606,443
Courts programs	259,122
Elections	41,593
Records management	798,220
Technology	51,955
Unclaimed capital credits	117,625
Unrestricted	39,322,439
Total net position	$ 69,755,136

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.