

EDITORIAL



THE GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE GRANT COUNTY ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY DELIVERED AN "APOLOGY" LETTER TO MR. AND MRS. VOLK TODAY

By Gregory Bruce - November 19, 2014

The Grant County Commissioners (Keith Payne, Don Roth and outgoing Bill Koch) along with the Grant County Assistant States Attorney Todd Schwarz (remember him ? - the guy who let the NAZIS in Leith off with a slap on the wrist) wrote an apology letter to Mr. and Mrs. Volk which was delivered today.

On Monday of this week Mrs. Volk attended the commission meeting and presented her and her husband's position. Mr. Volk called in by telephone and was placed on speaker in front of almost a dozen citizens. Mr. Volk was unyielding about his perception of the matter and would not give in to what sounds like to this writer more political rhetoric coming from the commission and the assistant states attorney. Mr. Volk and his wife, like all citizens have the right to speak out against what I refer to as 'bullying' by the commission and the assistant states attorney and they did so on Monday.

It is the opinion of this writer the commission and the assistant states attorney have long sought to silence and keep people in Grant County in the dark. One simply has to recall the Leith fiasco and Craig Cobb (the Nazi) and how they tried to convince the tiny town of Leith and its citizens to disband the town and let it come under their rule. This would mean those people who live there would have little or no say in what happens to their community. The town fought back and as a part of the city government myself, we won.

It is high time the people of Grant County got their heads out of the sand or where ever else their heads may be and attend these commission meetings and make their position known. I know I will be there for the meetings which are held on the 1st Tuesday and 2nd Wednesday of each month with broadcast quality video and photography to record and upload to this website and YouTube for those who cannot be there.

In the lobby of the courthouse after the meeting and in the presence of myself, Colleen Volk and incoming County Commissioner Alton Zenker Bill Koch said he had nothing to do with authorizing the letter and that it was all Todd Schwarz's idea. This just goes to demonstrate that Grant County government officials have no idea what each other is saying or doing.

Our county auditor Kelly Bachmeier (since she resigned) should give up her office and salary and benefits now rather than April 1st of next year and not be considered for any position in this county government as the shenanigans she and the commission pulled during the election was shameful. This would allow the newly elected auditor to take office early and rid the county of some of the shame.

Jennifer Wells should remain as Deputy County Auditor and Reva Weekes, who has been in training and is taking the tests to take over the Tax Director of Grant County should be allowed to do so.

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Grant County, North Dakota Assistant States Attorney Todd Schwarz

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Randy and Colleen Volk finally receive their apology letter

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Grant County, North Dakota Commissioner's Meeting

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Grant County, North Dakota Auditor Kelly Bachmeier

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Craig Cobb, Kynan Dutton And Deborah Henderson Terrorizing Citizens Of Leith, North Dakota

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This entire debacle reminds me of what Clint Eastwood said at the Republican National Convention of 2012 and why it mimics the Grant County government officials:

Mr. Eastwood was quoted saying...“President Obama is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people,” Eastwood told The Pine Cone this week. “Romney and Ryan would do a much better job running the country, and that’s what everybody needs to know. I may have irritated a lot of the lefties, but I was aiming for people in the middle.”

We, in Grant County are being hoaxed and need one hell of a lot more transparency from the commissioners and the rest of those in the courthouse than we are getting today. There are some that are calling for a 're-call election' of Keith Payne and Don Roth and I for one agree. Our new commissioner Alton Zenker got my vote and surely has my support as I know he will do a much better job.

And yes, I do irritate the lefties with this website and editorials but I do try to publish the news and the photos and the videos without editorializing.

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