

## EDITORIAL



### **COMMISSIONER ROTH OF THE "GOOD 'OL BOYS CLUB" IN GRANT COUNTY GETS ANOTHER CULVERT ON HIS PROPERTY**

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It looks like if you are a Grant County Commissioner you can approve work done for yourself even if you pay for it.

According to an unnamed source Grant County Commissioner Roth claims the need to use the section line road (60th Street East) to move cattle saying there is no access to their pasture when it hasn't been used in decades and that there is access from the east but Roth just doesn't want to drive around to use it.

Additionally the 40,000 ton gravel pile the county paid for two years ago sits on the Morris Haase land and has yet to be used on the county roads.

Now the commission is ordering a measuring of the gravel pile they purchased from Fishers Sand & Gravel of Dickinson, ND the summer of 2014. In addition to that they want to have samples taken to ensure the gravel is up to 'class' standards for the roads they plan to eventually use it for.

Randy Volk, the owner of the land where the gravel is currently at told this writer that he spoke with Grant County road supervisor Dave Reineke who told him the commissioners ordered this inspection on Heartland Engineering's recommendation at a cost of approximately \$1,000 to the taxpayer.

One should question that; did the commissioners or the states attorney read the contract closely when they purchased the gravel? The contract, according to Mr. Volk said the specifications for the gravel are in the contract and there is no need for further testing thus wasting the taxpayer money all over again.

And so the saga of no gravel on county roads continues while pork barrel special interests of government officials gets passed and done!

Instead of relying on the few county employees to work on the roads and pay out their salaries with benefits it seems more appropriate that taxpayer dollars would be better spent contracting the work out even if it does cost a little more. At least the gravel would be spread and the government wouldn't be in the business of maintaining roads when they can't do it in the first place. There are plenty of contractors who would love to have the work.

Lastly, this is just a few of the many reasons why there has been a movement to recall Commissioners Roth and Payne and remove them from office.

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40,000 Ton Haase Gravel Pile In Northwest Grant County - May 2015



Randy & Colleen Volk In Front Of The Gravel Pile Of 20,000 Tons Grant County Purchased From Fishers Sand & Gravel - August 2014

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