



A Circular for the McCroskey Township

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The Memo

Somehow state and local officials still haven't gotten the memo: the American people are tired of an intrusive government justified by numerous absurdities involving fake news, fake science, fake wealth, fake experts, and fake law.

You would think that the notion of property "rights" would not require government-issued "permits" to use them, but somehow, we are told that our rights come from the government's good graces.

I guess in an age when it is no longer considered an abuse of language or common sense for men to insist that they can have babies, we shouldn't be surprised that our laws reflect the notion that "rights" mean "privileges" and "property" means "by permission only."

And when news commentators with a straight face tell us that the Legislature's ratification by statute of the Governor's "state of emergency" for "All hazards prevention and mitigation" (see EO #2022-04) is really "streamlining" state agencies to make them more efficient - I start to get nervous like the farmers in East Central Idaho who woke up one morning last year to find that they were forbidden to irrigate their crops. And just like that, out of the blue, they were being dragged to Idaho's bureaucratic guillotine.

"Efficiency" for state bureaucrats really means dispensing with your constitutional rights that get in the way of what they want to do. And the

"state of emergency" now exempts them from personal lawsuits for their malfeasance.

I haven't heard a peep about all of this from our district legislative delegation. It might be a good idea to give them a poke to see if they are awake. Or, they might be in on it. I don't know. Followers of the "Q-Anon cult" think this martial law business is a great idea.

Commissioners Are Getting an Education

Reports published in the *Gazette-Record* the last two weeks tell us that a lot of people are confronting the County Commissioners about their sneaky ways. (Go to the newspaper's website, or find links at our site: savebenewahcounty.com).

Scores of people have shown up to complain about the zoning and building code plans. The Commissioners pretend that they are not serious, just, you know, "taking a look."

They will politely listen to the people, and then, when nobody is looking, pass them anyway. We might need to do a referendum.

Are you willing to sign a referendum petition?
Are you willing to stand up for your freedom?

I have an email address. It's ok to contact me for details or questions: jwstivers1@gmail.com

The \$30,000 Driveway Approach

In case you hadn't noticed, our local terrain is pretty rough - not flat like Kansas.

If you buy 10 acres, chances are your ingress and egress will not match-up very well to the public right-of-way. And if you are like most people who have bought their place in the woods, you want your privacy, so the homestead might be 1000 feet in.

Can you afford to build a fancy road for the county's fire trucks? Probably not.

But that shouldn't matter. You bought a 4-wheel drive and laid 2 inches of gravel and cut down some trees to access the county road. You picked a high spot so you don't have to wade a creek to get in and out.

Sorry, the county wants you to ditch it, put in a culvert, create a wide line of sight (for them), and then lay at least 4 inches of packed gravel.

It's going to take dozer work. "There you go, Ma'am, here is a bill for \$30,000."

What if you say "No"? What is the county going to do? Lock you out of your land? Fine you? Oh, they would like to do that!

You have a constitutional right of ingress and egress. Are they going to fine you for exercising your constitutional rights?

The Governor's Emergency Czars

Go to: savebenewahcounty.com for this article. There is a lot more content there than what can fit into this newsletter.

Next Issue: More Updates on the 2025 Legislative Session, More on County Business, and Have You Started Your Garden Yet?

If you missed the previous newsletters, you can find them at savebenewahcounty.com. James Stivers, Editor/Publisher jwstivers1@gmail.com

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