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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:05 AM

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Subject: Re: Landfill tour

Marty,

This was an effort to do something to allow more people to ask questions, and I'm sure will not be the last such effort. I would imagine any commissioner or anybody else who is not able to attend today could tour the landfill at another time, and will be able to ask any additional questions about any part of this process at any other meetings that will follow.

Your accusation of collusion is 100 percent unfounded, and a completely inappropriate effort to do nothing more than demonize the people who disagree with you on this issue. It certainly does nothing to encourage resolution of an issue that is very serious for Weston County, and you do an injustice to anybody who is making an attempt to find a solution to this problem. In my opinion, that has been your approach since the new commissioners on your board reached out to local governments and began visiting with them to learn more about the landfill issue, and how each of the communities in Weston County is dealing with it.

I could have simply toured the landfill with Mayor James and Engineer Hartley and had my reporter put together a story on that, and that was the original intent. We have already done stories about the operations in Upton and Osage, and I was simply completing the series by having my reporter do a story about the Newcastle Landfill. That interview and tour was originally scheduled for last Friday, but after talking to Greg- and later Bill- late last week, I suggested putting the NLJ's interview and story off for another week so I could put something in this week's paper and give other people a chance to attend.

In a nutshell, this was not intended to be a public meeting. It was a newspaper interview. Greg James and I- and later your chairman- made an effort to turn it into something more valuable through my offer to turn a newspaper interview into an invitation to the public to attend (at no cost to anybody but me) if they have any questions or would like to learn more. For you to accuse myself or anybody else of collusion is patently dishonest, and I hope at some point you will quit trying to govern the county by pursuing vendettas in this manner.

Until you do, you will continue to do a disservice to your constituents.

Bob

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On Mar 26, 2015, at 4:08 PM, mertman@westongov.com wrote:

In my opinion, this is collusion. Plain and simple. And it is not the first time. At least three commissioners would not have gotten their 'subscription' (until today (Thursday) and one gets his mail on Friday after the time listed. If none of us show up (Tony has already stated he is busy), this is why. I would hate for the public to think we, as a BOARD, don't give a damn because we didn't take the time to show up for the tour.

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I need to apologize for not sending an email to everyone. This started out that Greg and I were going to visit with the paper about the landfill. I was going to have to be very generic in my comments because of the diverse opinions of the commission and the fact that we as a group have not decided on anything besides starting the clock to look into forming a new district. Bob (the paper) and Greg were visiting about educating the public and making sure all the entities involved had an understanding of the present landfill and the issue and decided a public venue would be best, I agreed with that. I guess I assumed that the paper would be the notification for that, however looking back I should have kept all of you in the loop as soon as I knew something. Thank you Marty for sending this to all the commissioners.

Bill Lambert

On Mar 25, 2015, at 5:03 PM, mertman@westongov.com wrote:

According the current issue of the Newsletter Journal (March 26, 2015), the Mayor of Newcastle 'has invited county leaders and others interested in learning about the city's present operation to attend an informal tour of the landfill this Friday afternoon.' According to the paper, there will be a tour starting at 3:30 pm though 5 pm on March 27.

Perhaps you all have received an invitation but I have not at this time. Just in case you might fall into the same category as me, I thought I would pass this info along.