



Ex-White House Press Chief Recalls Gag Order on Drones

By Jack Kenny, February 25, 2013



Robert Gibbs, former Press Secretary for President Obama, said Sunday that he was under orders during his White House years not to discuss or even acknowledge the existence of a "drone program," involving the use of remote-controlled, unmanned bombers, in the war on terror. The drones have become the subject of controversy, mainly because of their use in targeted killings of suspected terrorists, including American citizens.

Gibbs, who was the President's press secretary from January 2009 to February 2011, discussed the gag order on MSNBC's *Up* program after host Chris Hayes played a video clip showing Gibbs and current White House Press Secretary, Jay Carney, dodging reporters' questions about the drones. Whenever he heard such questions, he said, "I realized I'm not supposed to talk about it," describing each incident as a *Wizard of Oz* moment.

"Here's what's inherently crazy about that proposition," he said. "You're being asked a question based on reporting of a program that exists. So you're the official government spokesperson acting as if the entire program — pay no attention to the man behind the curtain."

Gibbs's revelation was not the first time the Obama administration's efforts at keeping the drone program a secret have been described in terms of a children's story. On January 2, Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, issued a summary judgment in favor of the U.S. Department of Justice, denying Freedom of Information requests by the *New York Times* and the American Civil Liberties Union for documents related to the government's use of drones for targeted killings. A year and a half after the *Times* had filed its request with the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, the OLC denied it, saying in a letter: "The very fact of the existence or nonexistence of such documents is itself classified." In her summary judgment, Judge McMahon wrote:

The Alice-in-Wonderland nature of this pronouncement is not lost on me; but after careful and extensive consideration, I find myself stuck in a paradoxical situation in which I cannot solve a problem because of contradictory constraints and rules — a veritable Catch-22. I can find no way around the thicket of laws and precedents that effectively allow the Executive Branch of our Government to proclaim as perfectly lawful certain actions that seem on their face incompatible with our Constitution and laws, while keeping the reasons for their conclusion a secret.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), on Friday repeated his determination to delay the confirmation of White House counter terrorism advisor, John Brennan, as head of the CIA until Brennan answers questions regarding the drone program and whether it may be used to target American citizens within the United States. Brennan refused to answer that question during a confirmation hearing by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"The idea that you get a trial before a jury and a judge if you're accused of a crime is something that we've had in our history through English history and US history for 800 years," Paul said in an interview on the Fox News *Happening Now* program. "It is a very important part of the Bill of Rights due process. So what we're talking about is not killing someone with a grenade launcher on their shoulder. We're talking about someone eating at a cafe in Boston, or in New York, and a Hellfire missile comes raining in on them."

"There should be an easy answer from the administration on this," Paul insisted. "They should say, 'Absolutely no, we will not kill Americans in America without an accusation, a trial and a jury.'"

The targeting of American citizens became a hot issue after it was learned that Anwar-al-Awlaki was targeted and killed by a drone strike in Yemen in September 2011. The American-born al-Awlaki was an American citizen who U.S. officials described as an "operational leader of al Qaeda." Soon after, another drone strike killed al-Awlaki's 16-year-old son, also in Yemen. On March 5 last year, Attorney General Eric Holder defended the use of drones for targeted killings as a necessary measure in the war against terrorists.

"Any decision to use lethal force against a United States citizen — even one intent on murdering Americans and who has become an operational leader of al Qaeda in a foreign land — is among the gravest that government leaders can face," Holder said in a speech at Northwestern University Law School in Chicago. The Attorney General said, "A U.S. citizen who is a senior operational leader of al Qaeda or associated forces may be targeted under three legal principles."

First, the U.S. Government has determined, after a thorough and careful review, that the individual poses an imminent threat of violent attack against the United States; second, capture is not feasible; and third, the operation would be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable law of war principles.

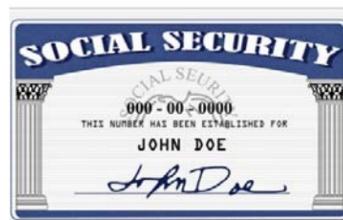
In the same speech Holder denied that an American citizen not engaged in combat against his country is entitled to be brought before a magistrate for trial. He implied that a review of the individual's case by the President or others in the executive branch meets the Fifth Amendment requirement of "due process of law."

"The Constitution guarantees due process, not judicial process," Holder said. While the attorney general spoke of circumstances "sufficient under the Constitution for the United States to use lethal force against a U.S. citizen abroad," FBI Director Robert Mueller, appearing before a congressional panel two days later, said he did not know if Holder's rationale might also be used to justify targeted killings of Americans in the United States.

"I have to go back," Mueller said when the question was put to him by Rep. Tom Graves (R-Ga.) "I'm not certain whether that was addressed or not."

While members of Congress have been pressing the administration for some sort of accountability regarding the president's "kill list," lawmakers could resort to "the power of the purse strings" to legislate a ban on the use of funds for extra-judicial killings at home or abroad. The Congress could also make its own determination of whether deliberate targeted killing of individuals not personally engaged in combat falls within what Holder called "law of war principles." In recent decades, however, the Commander in Chief has been given free rein to wage war whenever, however, and with whomever he pleases with minimal accountability to, much less interference from, the Congress of the United States.

Galveston Co Social Security opt out: Solution for SS and health care?



By David Smith, August 10, 2009

The original Social Security Act looks nothing like the version we now live under. The original program was only supposed to tax the first \$3,000 in

earnings with employers and employees both paying 1% of this figure into the program. And with 16 payees to every recipient the program was viable and effective for a generation, perhaps two.

But in the late 1970's the birth rate had plummeted, life expectancy had soared and Social Security taxes were inadequate for the demand placed on the system by benefits recipients. So Congress did what they do in such situations--they raised taxes!

Today, individuals and employers each pay 6% on the first \$108,000 in income. But not in Galveston, Matagorda and

Brazoria Counties in Texas! For the original Social Security Act also included a provision for local governments, including cities and counties, to opt out of the Social Security system.

In 1979, Galveston County Attorney, Bill Decker, approached the County Commissioners Court and Galveston County Judge (basically mayor of the county), Ray Holbrook suggesting that the County look into creating its own private retirement plan for County employees. Galveston County did its research and ended up selecting Houston businessman Don Kebodeaux to put together a plan, finding that no such plans existed on the market at that time. Kebodeaux brought in Rick Gornto, an actuary or financial statistician, to create and assist with running the plan. Gornto still runs the plan today.

After several presentations to County employees from streets and clerks to department managers on up to the County Judge himself, the Commissioners Court and County employees voted to launch the plan and opt out of the Social Security Administration. The Commissioners Court voted unanimously to support the opt out and employees, after hearing presentations from both the Social Security Administration and the County's private plan administrators, voted 4-to-1 to opt out of SSA. Even Galveston's labor unions were supportive of the new plan when they saw what it was capable of.

In 1980 the County officially opted out of SSA and the new plan went live on January 1, 1981. Today, current County Judge James Yarbrough says, "We like our system a lot!" Ray Holbrook says, "County retirees receive 2-3 times what the SSA pays *and* participants are able to leave their assets in the plan to survivors. They also receive disability and life insurance under the plan. In fact, the surviving spouse of one Commissioner who passed away in the late 1990's received over \$250,000 between her husband's plan contributions and his life insurance benefits.

So promising was this plan that Matagorda and Brazoria Counties south of Houston also opted out of Social Security, and many other Counties including Houston's Harris County began looking into joining this system or at least creating their own. However, in 1983 Congress voted to eliminate the opt out option and increased Social Security tax rates.

Holbrook said that Galveston County elected to invest funds in annuities with an option to invest funds in bond assets. Matagorda also elected to provide an option to invest funds in stocks though Galveston never chose to do so. Holbrook says that he paid into Social Security for 27 years and 14 into the County's private plan and his benefits payments were approximately equal.

Participants were eligible to select one of three options for benefits payments, including a one-time, lump sum payment, or payments over 5 or 10 years or the balance of their lifetimes. Holbrook selected 10 years and has received all of his benefits at this point.

Holbrook says that Congress realized that more Counties were about to opt out of SSA, further rendering the program a failure, when they closed the opt out option. He also stated disgust that he learned that Galveston County's Congressman at the time, U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont, voted to close the opt out provision. It was not for many years afterward before Holbrook learned of Brooks' support to close the provision.

My purpose in broaching the topic of Social Security and Galveston's opt out program is two-fold. First, to illustrate that meaningful and *effective* alternatives exist for retirement planning in the private markets. And secondly, it is to question whether the current effort to privatize [health care](#) insurance will be able to outperform private industry. After all, the President is promising that his program will outperform industry, provide low-cost alternatives for consumers and increase efficiency in the industry.

Unfortunately, the government is a dismal failure at managing the Veteran's Administration and military health care, and Social Security would have gone utterly bankrupt in 1983 had it not been for the tremendous tax increases mentioned previously. Just how willing are you to believe that government can succeed in health care where it has been such a failure in retirement planning?

Also, the insurance provisions in Galveston County's plan show that private plans *can* be implemented as a part of private retirement accounts to provide the benefits seniors need at the end of their lives that will be more customized

Gun Makers Boycott Governments Hostile To Second Amendment



By Tim Brown, February 16, 2013 freedomoutpost.com

In a turning of the tables, liberty minded gun makers and companies that supply firearms, accessories and ammunition have determined that they have had it with anti-gun governments at the city, state and Federal levels, even if it means lost revenue. Several companies have announced that they will no longer be supplying equipment to hostile governments, police forces or first responders. New York and California have become the prime targets, making an example of out-of-touch politicians who continue to trample upon the Constitutionally protected rights of their citizens to keep and bear arms.

Breitbart compiled a list of statements from several of these companies:

LaRue Tactical

Effective today, in an effort to see that no legal mistakes are made by LaRue Tactical and/or its employees, we will apply all current State and Local Laws (as applied to civilians) to state and local law enforcement / government agencies. In other words, LaRue Tactical will limit all sales to what law-abiding citizens residing in their districts can purchase or possess.

Olympic Arms

Due the passing of this legislation, Olympic Arms would like to announce that the State of New York, any Law Enforcement Departments, Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders within the State of New York, or any New York State government entity or employee of such an entity – will no longer be served as customers.

In short, Olympic Arms will no longer be doing business with the State of New York or any governmental entity or employee of such governmental entity within the State of New York – henceforth and until such legislation is repealed, and an apology made to the good people of the State of New York and the American people.

Extreme Firepower Inc, LLC

The Federal Government and several states have enacted gun control laws that restrict the public from owning and possessing certain types of firearms. Law-enforcement agencies are typically exempt from these restrictions. EFI, LLC does not recognize law-enforcement exemptions to local, state, and federal gun control laws. If a product that we manufacture is not legal for a private citizen to own in a jurisdiction, we will not sell that product to a law-enforcement agency in that jurisdiction.

Templar Custom

We will not sell arms to agents of the state of New York that hold themselves to be "more equal" than their citizens.

As long as the legislators of New York think they have the power to limit the rights of their citizens, in defiance of the Constitution, we at Templar will not sell them firearms to enforce their edicts.

Templar Custom is announcing that the State of New York, any Law Enforcement Departments, Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders within the State of New York, or any New York State government entity or employee will no longer be served as customers.

York Arms

Based on the recent legislation in New York, we are prohibited from selling rifles and receivers to residents of New York. We have chosen to extend that prohibition to all governmental agencies associated with or located within New York. As a result we have halted sales of rifles, short barreled rifles, short barreled shotguns, machine guns, and silencers to New York governmental agencies.

Cheaper than Dirt

Recently, companies such as LaRue Tactical and Olympic Arms have announced that they will no longer sell prohibited items to government agencies and personnel in states that deny the right to own those items to civilians. It has been and will continue to be Cheaper Than Dirt's policy to not to sell prohibited items to government agencies and/or agents in states, counties, cities, and municipalities that have enacted restrictive gun control laws against their citizens. We support and encourage other companies that share in this policy.

Alex Newman at The New American writes:

The recent surge in companies refusing to do business with lawless governments hostile to citizens' rights may have been partly inspired by Ronnie Barrett, owner and CEO of Barrett Firearms Manufacturing. His company, which produces among the most popular .50-caliber weapons in the world, refused to sell the firearms to officials or agencies in California after lawmakers there some years ago banned civilian ownership of the high-caliber guns.

"It's hard to believe we live in such a dark time that gungusomeone has actually banned a single shot rifle. But as you will see, this is the cleverest of all gun bans, and the end goal is civilian disarmament, the confiscation of your tools of liberty, your rifles," the respected CEO wrote in a piece at the time explaining his company's boycott. "Barrett cannot legally sell any of its products to lawbreakers. Therefore, since California's passing of AB50, the state is not in compliance with the US Constitution's 2nd and 14th Amendments, and we will not sell nor service any of our products to any government agency of the State of California."

Gun rights activists celebrated the decisions of the four companies to stand up for the rights of Americans. Analysts expect more firms to stand up soon, noting that otherwise, gun owners may choose to purchase from other manufacturers in the future. Across America, state governments, sheriffs, and even some city and county governments are working hard to protect the right to keep and bear arms regardless of any unconstitutional federal "laws" or edicts from President Obama to the contrary. Activists say it is time for all gun makers to join the effort or potentially face a boycott themselves.

While the big three manufacturers of firearms that sell to the New York Police Department, Glock, Smith & Wesson, and Sig Sauer, have not come on board, Freedom Outpost, as well as, Guns Save Lives encourage them to do so.

Not only is the Federal government out of its mind concerning Second Amendment restrictions, but so are the states, including more Democrats in New Jersey putting together a package of 20 sweeping gun-control bills this week with a vote scheduled for February 21. While some naively think that Christie would veto such legislation, don't hold your breath. Not only has he called for gun control to be a national discussion, but New Jersey has the second toughest gun control statutes in the country. While not enacting new gun control measures, he has not set out to repeal them either, claiming that the existing laws are sufficient.



FL. It is excellent. I would like to get some copies to distribute in Steinhatchee every time it comes out. I am not able to make it to Perry very often."

- "According to a Perry newspaper the Taylor County Council is pushing Agenda 21. Those council members need to be exposed, removed, financially and personally They are the enemy. No matter how well meaning and deluded they supposedly are, they will keep coming back to destroy us. Don't give them a second chance."

- "Reading your little newspaper filled my heart with hope. There is precious little of that here in America today. I picked up a copy of APN at Deal's Famous Oyster House and I was thrilled to see it there. Good for you! Please keep doing what you are doing. America needs people like you to stand up and say 'no more'!"

Talk of 'Sequestration' is a Cover for Growing the State

By Marilyn Assenheim, February 22, 2013, politicaloutcast.com



Politicians love to make up words to cover up what they're really trying to do. It's no different with a big word like "Sequestration." Ask the guy on the street what it means, and he'll just stare back at you. All he knows is that

President Obama is trying to help the little guy, and that's all that matters. It's the evil Republicans who are at fault. "Keep your eye on the Sequestration card while I grow the economy, tax more of your tax money, and buy more votes. Just follow the Sequestration card." It's a politician's game of Three-card Monte

A look at today's headlines is, at best, to embark on an excursion to the twilight zone. Perhaps it is more like an enforced, bad LSD trip. Leading all the rest (and there are a legion of stories) seems to be the Lyin' King's version of sequestration. This lunatic ride we have all found ourselves prisoner on is a lulu.

Our Dear Leader has been lying so blatantly about just this one issue that, had he suffered Pinocchio's curse, his schnozola would have rivaled the length of Great Wall of China. "Teachers will be laid off." You know, all of the *federally* hired teachers. "Firefighters and EMT personnel will be laid off." All of the *federally* employed firefighters and emergency personnel, whoever they are. They don't exist!

The narrative claims an obstructionist Right will once again have impeded the President's tireless work on the budget. The work he was apparently beaver away at while on his second vacation since January, 2013 (separate from his wife's vacation) in the company of his authentic faithful companion, Reggie Love.

As if this wasn't enough doublethink to have shoved down one's throat, the President claims to be fighting demon sequestration tooth and nail. Reality alert: Sequestration is, lock, stock and barrel, the President's plan. Sequestration is, exclusively, the President's brainchild. The President's and no one else's. Just check speeches the President made in 2011; the country would be ruined without sequestration. Absolutely. He said so.

Sequestration was never the Republican Party's idea, even though beltway Republicans are drooling to do the President's bidding. With the exception of Senator Rand Paul. Senator Paul correctly pointed out that **sequestration, means a reduction in growth, not cuts to existing spending.** A complicit, mainstream media will never allow that fact to be made public by them.

Congressman Boehner also wants to throw sequestration back in the President's lap. Unfortunately, typically, Speaker Boehner takes a good concept (albeit late) then fouls it up. Yes, he admits that sequestration is entirely the President's invention. Yes, Mr. Boehner states that the President "broke" the economy and should be the one to fix it, but he is still gluing himself to the President's false premise; Boehner proceeds as if sequestration deals with cuts to existing spending rather than reduction in spending increases. Some people never learn.

Some right-wing pundits point out that the Republican Party will work almost as tirelessly as the President claims to in order to prevent sequestration. Doubtless that is true. The majority of Republicans in office today seem to have spines made of Jell-O. They have proven, over and over, that they will cave in to appease a left-wing that doesn't want their cooperation. Why allow the Right any credibility when it is so easy to perpetually lie about them? To keep them, forever, as the bad guys? Orwell's invention, Big Brother, would be proud.

What the pundits don't seem to perceive is that sequestration, first and foremost, guts the military. Wednesday, the Lyin' King announced, with mock distress, that there will be 800,000 civilian personnel cut from the military's roles by March 1st. This would realize the President's ___ dream; he gets to decimate the military . . . again, all the while bemoaning the evils of sequestration at the top of his lungs. This is precisely the scenario he yearns for. For America? It's a lose/lose situation. For our Imperial President? Chalk up another win. With our representatives' able assistance.



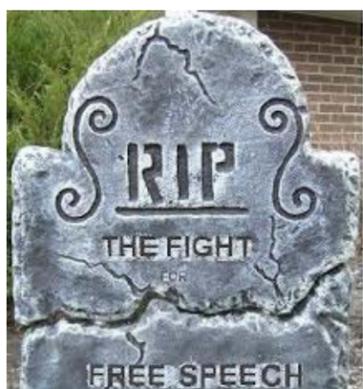
Nation's Top Expert on Private Property Rights To Speak In Perry



Dr. Michael Coffman will be speaking in Perry on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Perry Woman's Club. Event starts at 6:00 PM and is open to the public.

Dr. Michael S. Coffman received his BS in Forestry and MS in Biology at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff, Arizona, and his Ph.D. in Forest Science at the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho. He taught courses and conducted research in forest ecology and forest community dynamics for ten years at Michigan Technological University, a leading forestry school in the Midwest. Until 1992 Dr. Coffman was a manager for Champion International, a leading forest and paper products company in the United States. He was responsible for millions of dollars of research on global warming and became intimately involved in such national and international issues. Dr. Coffman is currently President of Environmental Perspectives, Inc. (EPI) and CEO of Sovereignty International Inc. a 501(c)3. He provides professional guidance and training in defining environmental problems and conflicts, and developing solutions to specific issues as well as the hidden dangers of international treaties and agreements that threaten our Constitutional protections, especially property rights. He played a key role in stopping the ratification of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Biodiversity Treaty) in the U.S. Senate one hour before the ratification vote. He has written five books exposing the environmental phenomenon.

Limiting Free Speech?



It has been reported earlier in this newspaper that Taylor County belongs to the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the National Association of Counties (NACo). FAC is a charter organization of NACo.

Considerable information and documents were presented to the Commissioners about their involvement with the U.N. Sustainable Development program. The Commission did not choose to drop membership in these programs but wrote and approved a non binding resolution against Agenda 21. The numerous documents

presented to the Commission clearly show a paper trail of how FAC and NACo support the U.N. program at a local level.

Mr. Chris Holly, the Executive Director of FAC, attended and presented their position on Agenda 21 at a Commission meeting on December 18, 2012. When asked by a citizen why they (FAC) had an Agenda 21 organization listed on their website, he replied that he didn't know but would find out. They promptly scrubbed this group from their website.

Quoting from the Taylor County Website the County Administrator's bio:

His community service includes a variety of leadership positions including the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties Foundation, Board of Trustees for the Florida Association of Counties Trust, President of the Florida Association of Rural County Administrators, Chairman of the Florida Association of County Managers, Alternate Member of the Board of Directors for the Gulf Consortium, Taylor County Economic Development Council, Taylor County Tourist Development Council, Taylor County Chamber of Commerce, as well as past offices including Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Learning Systems Institute at FSU, Charter President of Taylor County Toastmasters, and Chairman of the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners. (emphasis added)

On November 29, 2012 a group of County Managers, Assistant Managers and others gathered for a workshop in Sarasota, FL, to establish a new group called Association of County Managers. This group was formed in collaboration with FAC. Clearly the County Commission took the position to strengthen its ties with FAC.

Fast forward to February 28, 2013 at the County Commission workshop, Agenda item 9. The Commissioners and the County Administrator discussed rules to deny citizens from coming before the Board as an agenda item if they have already rendered an opinion. Apparently citizens have only one shot at making their case regardless if new information is brought forward. It appears the only subsequent communication before the Board is during the three minute public comment section of the meeting.

Failed Policy?



Enterprise Florida, INC. is a public-private-partnership commonly called a PPP that was established in 1992 by our Florida Legislature. This PPP was to focus on economic development with significant public resources that could deliver high quality jobs. One has to question how this organization was formed in that most PPPs are illegal according to Article 7, Section 10 of the Florida Constitution. Beyond this problem, Enterprise Florida has failed to accomplish its goals according to a February, 2013, report by Integrity Florida.

What this report examines is the results of current policy that has resulted in years of failed objectives, waste, and at least the appearance of conflict of interests. We have to ask – what are Florida taxpayers getting in return? Here are the key research findings from the report:

Key Research Findings

1. Enterprise Florida has failed to meet its job creation objective: In 1992, the Florida Legislature created Enterprise Florida with an initial objective of creating 200,000 highwage jobs by 2005. After operating for twenty years and despite negotiating more than 1,600 transactions involving economic development incentive agreements worth more than \$1.7 billion, Enterprise Florida reports that only 103,544 jobs have been delivered since 1995 – half of their original target and eight years beyond its original target date.

2. Enterprise Florida has failed to obtain its required level of private sector support: As a public-private partnership, Enterprise Florida is expected to obtain private sector support to help pay for its costs of operation. The Florida Legislature required Enterprise Florida to obtain 50% private sector contributions by Fiscal Year 2000-01. As of Fiscal Year 2010-11, more than 85% of Enterprise Florida's funding comes from government and less than 15% comes from the private sector. Enterprise Florida: Economic Development or Corporate Welfare? - February 2013

3. Enterprise Florida has the appearance of pay-to-play: Enterprise Florida, while subject to the dominion and control of the Florida Legislature, collects on average \$50,000 each from corporate members for about half of the seats on the organization's board of directors. Several Enterprise Florida board member companies received incentive agreements and vendor contracts following negotiations with Enterprise Florida staff during the 2012 fiscal year giving the appearance of pay-to-play.

4. Enterprise Florida has apparent conflicts of interest: The Enterprise Florida Board of Directors and the organization's staff have a relationship that may be a conflict of interest. Enterprise Florida staff bonus pay of nearly \$500,000 (\$427,500 for staff, \$70,000 for President/CEO) in 2012 was provided by Enterprise Florida board member companies that were also Enterprise Florida vendors and others that were recipients of incentive deals in the 2012 fiscal year.

5. Enterprise Florida is picking winners and losers: A number of executed agreements detailed in the 2012 Enterprise Florida Incentives Report demonstrate clear state government favoritism of some companies and industries. Enterprise Florida issues unnecessary benefits packages to entice businesses that should already be attracted Florida's business friendly environment. These benefits are not necessarily enjoyed by competitors across an industry or all businesses moving to or expanding in Florida.

Key Policy Questions

1. Will the Florida Legislature hold Enterprise Florida accountable for failing to deliver on its job creation promises?
2. Does the Legislature view the current use of tax and cash incentives as an appropriate way to encourage a strong business market or are these tools being used just as corporate welfare?
3. Does the Legislature endorse the Enterprise Florida incentives strategy of picking winners and losers in the marketplace? If so, what evidence exists to demonstrate the statewide economic benefit created by such practices?
4. Why doesn't Enterprise Florida provide the public with an online database that includes a full accounting of all taxpayer resources committed to incentive deals, vendor contracts and vendor payments along with results achieved since the organization was created?
5. Why does Enterprise Florida not utilize the state of Florida's official vendor bid system and publicly disclose all of its vendor contracts and expenditures?
6. Should the Legislature impose a moratorium on future incentives or tax breaks for economic development until there is independent and credible evidence that the strategy has a net benefit to taxpayers and is an appropriate way to encourage business growth?

Quote of the Day

"This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!" ~Adolph Hitler, 1935, on The Weapons Act of Nazi Germany

Florida Bills to support

Please call Florida Senator Bill Monford (850-487-5003) and Representative Halsey Beshears (850-274-1084). Support and co sponsor

- SB 584 and HB 901 Conservation Bill.
- SB 92 and HB 119 Surveillance

FLORIDA JUSTICE



By Julian Heicklen
February 24, 2013

Several Orlando Tyranny Fighters were distributing Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) pamphlets on the sidewalk connecting the parking lot to the

Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, FL, on various occasions. Chief Judge Belvin Perry, Jr. objected to this display of free speech, so he issued two court orders forbidding the distributions.

The first of these orders (**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2011-03: GOVERNING EXPRESSIVE CONDUCT TOWARD SUMMONED JURORS, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES**), issued on January, 31, 2011, forbids the distribution of any literature on the courthouse grounds which might influence jurors or prospective jurors. Among other things, the **ORDER** states:

“Anyone who is observed continuing to engage in such conduct as contemplated by this Order, after receiving a copy of this Order and being instructed to cease and desist by law enforcement, may face indirect civil contempt of court proceedings. If found to be in contempt of court, penalties include confinement, fine or both.”

The second order was first issued on May 4, 2011, but was corrected on July 14, 2011. The **AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2011-07-01**

GOVERNING DESIGNATED PUBLIC SPEECH AREAS ON THE MAIN ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX GROUNDS states:

“It is prohibited for any person or group to engage in any type of First Amendment activities within the main Orange County courthouse complex grounds, unless the First Amendment activities occur within a designated Exempt Zone, as defined herein.”

It then established two free speech zones where literature could be distributed. These two zones were located where there was no pedestrian traffic. Also there was no enforcement for distributing literature elsewhere on the courthouse grounds unless it was the FIJA pamphlets.

The two orders could have been combined into one. However the violation of one order outside of the courthouse could only be a civil offense, which carries no sentence if violation ceases. However disobeying two court orders becomes a criminal offense, which can result in imprisonment.

Mark Schmidter and myself distributed these pamphlets on separate occasions in defiance of the orders. Both of us were arrested at our distributions. We were denied jury trials in violation of Amendment 6 of the U. S. Constitution. The judge at the trials was Judge Perry, who issued the orders, and also acted as the prosecuting attorney. Needless to say we were both found guilty and sentenced to jail sentences exceeding 140 days.

On appeal, the Florida appeals court found Administrative Order **NO. 2011-07-01** unconstitutional, but that Administrative Order **NO. 2011-03**, which relied on U. S. Statute 40 U. S. C. § 13k to justify its decision, was valid. However U. S. Statute 40 U. S. C. § 13k, which permits banning pamphleteering on court plazas, was found to be unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Grace*, 461 US 171 (1983)

In my case the appeals court ruled my conviction to be invalid, because of procedural error by the court. However it said that I could be retried. That decision also violates Amendment 5 of the U. S. Constitution against double jeopardy.

Both of us appealed our cases. Schmidter currently has two appeals in progress, one on the Florida Supreme Court, and one in the U. S. District Court in Orlando. I have an appeal only in the U. S. District Court. However Judge Perry does not feel constrained to hear what the appeals courts will say.

On February 21, 2013, he had Mark imprisoned to serve his full sentence, even though he no longer is guilty of criminal contempt, and should not have to serve any prison time at all. Actually he is not guilty of any crime,

because the appeals court should have found both orders unconstitutional.

In my case, I was ordered by Judge Perry to appear on February 21, 2013, for arraignment for for my retrial. Now I live in Israel and did not appear. I filed a motion for a temporary restraining order with the U. S. District Court, and sent a copy to Judge Perry. As of this writing (February 24, 2013), I have not had a response from either court.

This is U. S. justice in action. Unfortunately our court cases are not unusual. This is more or less standard operating procedure in the U. S. justice system. It is the reason that the U. S. has become the number 1 prison state in the world. The high incarceration rate is not caused by the so-called criminals; it is caused by the judges, the real criminals in the United States.

U.N.'s Agenda 21 is in your community

Henry Lamb, April 23, 2011



Anyone who reads Chapter 7 of Agenda 21 and then reads his local comprehensive land-use plan will immediately recognize that most of the provisions of the local land-use plan come directly from Agenda 21. More often than not, the elected officials who adopt these plans have never read Agenda 21, and many have never even heard of the U.N. document, signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

The facilitators and professional planners have heard about Agenda 21, but frequently claim that the plan they are working on has nothing to do with the U.N. or Agenda 21. Don't believe it for one minute.

Gary Lawrence, former director of the Center for Sustainable Communities at the University of Washington, and chief planner for the city of Seattle, told an audience in London:

In the case of the U.S., our local authorities are engaged in planning processes consistent with LA21 [Local Agenda 21], but there is little interest in using the LA21 brand. ... So, we call our processes something else, such as comprehensive planning, growth management or smart growth.

In community after community, the same scenario is repeated. The federal government, through the EPA or the Department of Commerce or the Department of Interior, special grants to communities for the purpose of developing a vision for a greener future and a plan to convert the vision into reality.

Typically, the local government will find a private consultant to “facilitate” the process. The facilitator will identify a local “steering committee,” carefully chosen from people who represent various segments of the community, all of whom are known in advance to be sympathetic to the goals of Agenda 21.

Typically, the advisory group will meet in private to lay out the framework for the process and the goals for the finished product. When this is achieved, public meetings are scheduled to give the appearance of public input and ownership. Rarely are these meetings ever publicized adequately to attract the private-property owners who are most directly affected. Care is taken to see that members of local environmental organizations and social-justice organizations constitute the majority of attendees.

These public meetings are said to be “the visioning process.” The procedures vary slightly from community to community, depending upon the facilitator.

Remarkably, however, the “vision” in every community contains essentially the same elements: restricted auto traffic; bike trails; walkable neighborhoods; integrated housing; high-density urban boundary zones; conservation areas; green belts; and much more—directly from Agenda 21.

Once the vision document is complete, the next step is to convert it into a comprehensive land-use plan, adopted by local elected officials in the form of an ordinance that is enforceable with fines and other penalties. The plans are necessarily so long and complex that few people ever read them, other than the professional planners and enforcement officials. Many, if not most, of these comprehensive plans

incorporate many, if not most, of the codes developed by the International Codes Council. Here are some of the codes: International Building Code
International Residential Code
International Fire Code
International Energy Conservation Code
International Private Sewage Disposal Code
International Mechanical Code
International Fuel Gas Code
International Wildland-Urban Interface Code
ICC Performance Code
International Existing Building Code
International Property Maintenance Code
International Zoning Code
International Green Construction Code

Here's a sample of what to expect. From Chapter 2 of the International Green Construction Code:

CONSERVATION AREA. Land designated by the jurisdiction or by state or federal government, as a result of a community planning process, as appropriate for conservation from development because of the land possessing natural values important to the community including, but not limited to wildlife habitat, forest or other significant vegetation, steep slopes, ground water recharge area, riparian corridor or wetland.

DAYLIGHT SATURATION. The percentage of daytime hours throughout the year when not less than 28 foot-candles (300 lux) of natural light is provided at a height of 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor.

DEMAND RESPONSE, AUTOMATED (AUTO-DR). Fully Automated Demand Response initiated by a signal from a utility or other appropriate entity, providing fully-automated connectivity to customer energy end-use control strategies.

This is a tiny sample of the rules and regulations buried deep within the innocent-sounding comprehensive land-use plans adopted by unaware local officials to achieve the politically correct label of “sustainable community.”

These plans should be rejected, not simply because they arise from the United Nations, but because they infringe personal freedom and private property rights. The implementation of these comprehensive land-use plans effectively transfers to government the right to dictate to individuals what kind of materials must be used in constructing their privately owned homes. The Auto-DR provision defined above actually gives government the right to dictate the temperature in your home, and the ability to enforce it.

This is madness! This is sustainable development! This is Agenda 21!

Local tea parties, 9/12 groups and property-rights organizations must learn about Agenda21 and exactly what their local visioning statements and local comprehensive land-use plans contain. Many groups are forming study committees to analyze their local plans by section and then report back to the entire group. This way, not every individual has to read the entire plan.

If this rush to oblivion is going to be stopped, it is up to private citizens to get informed, get involved and help get into office only those people who truly respect the Constitution and the individual freedom it is supposed to guarantee.

Cheese and Jalapeno Squares

courtesy of Florida's Finest Serves 8-12

1 pound sharp cheddar cheese (grated)
1 pound Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers (grated)
6 eggs
1 (13-ounce) can evaporated milk

Preheat oven to 350°.
Butter well a 13 ½ x 8 ¾ inch baking dish
Place layer of cheddar on bottom of baking dish.

Add layer of Monterey Jack cheese.
Top layer with remaining cheddar cheese.
Beat eggs well. Add milk, blend well, pour over cheeses.
Bake 40-45 minutes in 350° oven.
Cool. Cut into bite-sized pieces.



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