

**Despicable duping**

***Letters to the Editor***

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For the past nine months Curry County commissioners have focused their energy on how to “Dupe and Deceive” the citizens of Curry County into approving a Tax Levy.

This despicable behavior became nothing less than a circus October 2 at the commissioners’ meeting when elected county officials paraded up before the cameras to pledge their support for the November 5 Tax Levy. Officials and staff attending the meeting outnumbered citizens 16 to 3.

Those attending were provided a preview of commissioner Smith’s “Wild Rivers Coast Review” that will be inserted into property tax bills being mailed around October 7. This “Special Edition” is dedicated to the November 5 Tax Levy and includes the state’s alternative (HB 3453) should voters fail to approve the measure. This threatening alternative states an income tax may be imposed by commissioners without a vote of county electors.

Two weeks after defeat of the May 21 Tax Levy commissioners went on a hiring spree. June 11 they transferred \$950,000 into the county general fund from road fund reserves which total nearly \$35,000,000. What followed were six promotions and 10 new hires including four deputies. The funds could have been transferred a year earlier and double the amount but that would remove “fear mongering” and “intimidation” from the commissioners’ bag of deception.

For more information, including details of the one-year agreement commissioners recently signed with the Teamsters union, go to <http://www.currycountytaxes.com/>. Check out HB 3453 and HB 4175 at the top of the page for the truth.

Don’t be “Duped.” Vote NO Nov. 5.

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