

A Better Elbert

Republican Strategy Keeps Rolling On!

Kahl Forrington does not like Robert Thomasson so much she submitted the same letter to the editor three weeks in a row to three different newspapers. Even though the letter is a complete fabrication, she has unwittingly provided the Elbert County Republicans with the only talking point that they have.

So where are we really? If you read the Elbert County financial documents they clearly state that we have as much as a \$5 million shortfall. The BOCC, after getting a slap on the wrist by former commissioner, John Dunn, refused to heed his warning. Instead of tightening their belts, the BOCC spent an additional \$400,000 on the justice center for additional security features. The BOCC then released nearly \$700,000 for crushed asphalt paving. As if this wasn't enough spending the BOCC then paid \$350,000 for a matching

grant on the new health facility. Don't get me wrong, these were all worthy items, but do you know how we are going to pay for all of this? If you don't, then you're in good company because the BOCC doesn't know either.

Hope Goetz is advertising that she has a balanced budget. With all due respect for Commissioner Goetz, the only way she can balance the Elbert County books is with a teeter-totter. The county is selling off all of our road and bridge equipment. The county has not filed any amended budgets to account for shortfalls. The BOCC's "on-retainer-game-show-life-line," Mark Scheffel is on his way to the State Senate and with him goes any real understanding of just what has been going on in Kiowa. The list of bad news goes on and on.

Unfortunately there is even more bad news. The Dow falls 777 points in a single day making the prospect of liquidating Elbert County assets to cure shortfalls a grim

decision. Our water resources are under siege. The Master Plan is being made irrelevant by BOCC policy moves. No prospects, no jobs, no leadership. Elbert County Republicans have risen to the occasion by coming out with three uninspired candidates with no detailed platform to solve our problems. Their mantra is, "Issues? We don't have no stinkin' issues! Protect your family and friends from Robert Thomasson's audacious attempt to talk about things that are important! Vote Republicans because more of the same is good enough!"

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