



Commissioner Don Helfeldt

7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Dec. 22, 2012

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Thank you for your community service and support.

James Pullen
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Commissioner Al Butler

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Wildwood, FL 34785

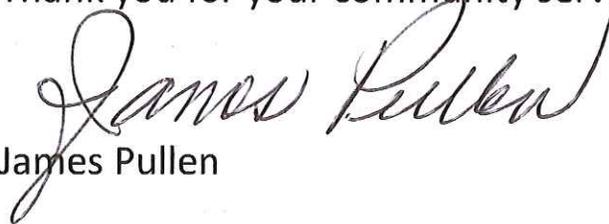
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From: Arnold, Bradley
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Holley, Karl; Webb, Connie; Collins, Sandra
Subject: FW: Application of Sumter County Outdoors, LLC

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

-----Original message-----

From: "Gilpin, Doug" <Doug.Gilpin@sumtercountyfl.gov>
To: "Arnold, Bradley" <Bradley.Arnold@sumtercountyfl.gov>
Sent: Fri, Dec 28, 2012 14:58:29 GMT+00:00
Subject: FW: Application of Sumter County Outdoors, LLC

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From: Harvey Lasky [<mailto:harveylas@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 9:11 PM
To: Gilpin, Doug
Subject: Application of Sumter County Outdoors, LLC

Re: Application of Sumter County Outdoors, LLC for Special Use Permit

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1. Our property values, which had decreased substantially during the recession, are starting to make a comeback and the approval of this "entertainment" park will destroy any value that we have, thus further reducing the tax roles of the county;
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7. When we all purchased here the property in question was to be another residential development compatible with ours, this plan totally destroys said compatibility.

Sincerely,
Harvey Lasky and Dorothy Lasky
8819 NW 21st St, Wildwood, FL 3478
Phone: 352-815-0063

Pipkin, Lisa

From: Harvey Lasky <harveylas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 9:17 PM
To: Breeden, Garry
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Collins, Sandra

From: Gertrude C. Dickinson <true@atlantic.net>
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 8:19 AM
To: Hahnfeldt, Don
Subject: Proposed Entertainment Park on 44 and 475

I absolutely object to the "Entertainment? Park?" proposal. Even though I do not live in that area, I frequently travel on 44 through that area to medical providers, businesses and gasoline etc. The intrusion of sound would be absolutely devastating to me and would definitely affect my health. 475 is the route that I travel to Oxford and 466 to The Villages for many beneficial activities.

You appear to have knowledge and understanding in various areas that should send red flags that this project is one that will negatively impact the land, animal life and especially human life. Sound intrusion to the degree emitted by unruffled internal combustion engines and other loud instruments of pleasure can result in human as well as animal casualties . The land destruction in that sensitive area is also to be seriously addressed. (It has not been).

The need for greed and love of money is the main objective. The need to satisfy the adrenaline drug addiction of those who want this form of insanity entitled "entertainment" is the basic objective and motive. Complete disregard for land, animal and human life is taking place as you promote the insane motives of a few addicted money lovers. Moral integrity must be used by all involved.

I absolutely object and wish to have my name added to the 25 victims of this form of abuse, torment and torture. Please send me copies of the letters from those who objected. Also , read my comments that I have sent to the other commissioners.

May the Christian God reward you according to your decision.

The new health care guidelines set in place by the Federal Government under President Obama must be taken into consideration by the states, cities and the counties. All must provide for conditions that create healthful climates. Noise can be a health hazard to many people and thereby needs to be addressed accordingly. Provisions have been made to accomplish this within the Florida Constitution and an Act of Congress. Counties are manipulating these provisions so that by applying liberal interpretations they can satisfy a selected group at the expense of others not in that selected group. The health of all the people must be taken into consideration. Watered down and possibly rationed health care must be considered regarding this issue.

ANYTHING THAT PRODUCES AN EXPOSURE TO LOUD SOUND FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME CAN BE APPLIED TO THE RESEARCHED RESULTS STATED HERE CONCERNING AUDITORY RECRUITMENT

The time period depends on the sound produced and the condition of the hearing of the individuals affected.

Auditory Recruitment is a condition that can allow the sound to be increased and become excessive and cause

excessive discomfort, stress and a health hazard

I, Gertrude C. Dickinson have this disability.

I chose to live in a restricted development that would afford me the right to live comfortably. The restriction of residential only, not residential rural, gave me the comfort of knowing that sound intrusion would not be a problem. The noise abatement provision in the constitution would provide me with the avenue to address noise intrusion. The restriction that the flood plains were not allowed to be filled also gave me the comfort of knowing that the development would not change. The development is in an isolated area away from all sources of sound intrusion that would seriously affect me.

Sumter County with the assistance of a few State Agencies decided to override those provisions of the deed contract and the State Constitution that allowed me to maintain the quality of life that the Constitution of the State of Florida guarantees. The property that I chose within the development is basically isolated from other neighbors with the exception of one property. The owners of that property were given permission by Sumter County and State Agencies to violate the provisions of the deed contract causing me the discomfort that I have been subjected to and have had to endure continuously. This can not continue! I am now 81 and considered among the elderly.

I am an elderly person: with auditory recruitment.

Collins, Sandra

From: Arnold, Bradley
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 10:24 AM
To: Holley, Karl; Webb, Connie; Collins, Sandra
Subject: FW: A Culture of Warriors

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

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From: "Gilpin, Doug" <Doug.Gilpin@sumtercountyfl.gov>
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Sent: Fri, Dec 28, 2012 14:57:37 GMT+00:00
Subject: FW: A Culture of Warriors

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From: Gertrude C. Dickinson [<mailto:true@atlantic.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 7:57 AM
To: Hahnfeldt, Don; Gilpin, Doug; Burgess, Don; Gary Breedon; Butler, Al
Subject: A Culture of Warriors

A Culture of Warriors with Guns

Information that details what “sound vibration” is and how sound vibration affects the human body and most specifically the mind is readily available.

History has revealed that sound vibration has been used by many cultures to create warriors who will destroy human lives without remorse during engagement in wars. The U.S.A. military apparently engages in some of those same techniques utilizing “sound vibration” to prepare soldiers for combat. The soldiers are exposed to the continuous bombardment of loud sound vibrations throughout each day of training to facilitate the conditioning of their minds to accept the actions that they will take against other human lives.

However, if thoughtless community leaders arrange situations that will bombard the psyches of emotionally-disturbed children and adults with extremely loud sound vibrations, they are creating time bombs waiting to go off. In addition, if these thoughtless leaders also bombard these same damaged psyches with visions of violence presented as “entertainment”, they are adding fuel that could eventually explode into actions that are disastrous.

Sumter County is proposing to use a 1,000 acre property for an "Entertainment Park". They plan to include activities that will create constant bombardments of extremely violent high decibel sound vibrations with the possible addition of visions of violent actions. The continuous exposure to both could eventually encourage the same activity that has occurred in Connecticut as well as in other states.

Don't blame the guns. This country is creating the conditions that result in the various shootings and killings that have been taking place in this country. We now have a civilian culture of warriors that we have produced. Then we blame the weapons that those warrior children and adults use against us. Adrenaline drug addiction has become a dangerous hazard to our society.

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Collins, Sandra

From: beatriz@mbkelectric.com
Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2012 10:20 AM
To: Butler, Al; Gilpin, Doug; Burgess, Don; Breeden, Garry; Hahnfeldt, Don
Subject: Mud Bog / Pit / Bowl]

Al Butler
Doug Gilpin
Don Burgess
Garry Breeden
Don Hahnfeldt

Gentlemen,

On January 8th you will be asked to make a very critical decision affecting all of us in Sumter County, not just the 100s immediately surrounding the location off of CR475 & SR44 identified to occupy the Sumter County Outdoor Mud Bog/Pit/Bowl.

PLEASE keep in mind these very **common** scenarios as you decide the future for all of us:

- A teenager at a concert at Redneck Yacht Club in Puta Gorda found her car smashed by a monster mud truck, whose owner thought he had permission to destroy the car.
- A couple was arrested at the St. Lucie Mudjam in March for fighting while watching girls dance on stripper poles mounted to ATV's. Note that owners of this event did not bring in stripper poles (common at mudding events), guests did.
- A quick Internet search of Okeechobee Mudfest reveals photos and videos of girls with breasts bared! This is a recipe for the wrong elements to come into Sumter.
- When a young man was critically injured in an ATV accident at Mudfest, it took over an hour for a medical helicopter to arrive to his aid amongst the chaos.
- A toddler was backed over and killed by his aunt last year at Hog Waller Mud Bog. A horrible accident amongst the chaos.
- A Pasco County teenager fatally stabbed a man at Horse Hole Creek as they argued over engine revving. His father was also involved in the fight.
- Drinking is a common scene among the attendants at these events, including underage drinking.
- Thousands of people drinking at these events and then driving on our roads.
- Surrounding neighborhoods will be invaded by these drunkards seeking to explore in their stupor.
- Our property values will plummet and for most of us it is all we have left.
- Water supply will be affected in the most urgent way possible: Pollutants and extraction.
- Noise levels will be unbearable and constant.
- Dust Pollution and pollution in general. We have a natural habitat that will be forever affected!!
- Hog Waller Mud Bog & ATV in Putnam County sits on 750 acres surrounded by 1000's of acres of emptiness.
- etc....

Please, we are begging you; DO NOT elect to bring untold crime, pollution and financial devastation to so many of us. The revenue to the county that this venture will bring in will

never come close to compensating for the greater loss and cost to our beautiful Sumter County.

Thanking you in advance for choosing to send this venture back to Ft. Myers where they belongs.

Beatriz and Michael Roberts

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Subject: FW:

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From: Natalie Carroll [<mailto:natbcarroll@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2012 4:12 PM
To: Gilpin, Doug
Subject:

Commissioner Gilpin,

I am writing you today to express my concern for the Sumter County Outdoors development that is proposed on CR 475 and SR44 in Wildwood. I live in the adjoining subdivision and am very displeased at the proposed venue. The residents here in our neighborhood moved here to a beautiful, quiet area to live in peace and enjoy our families, neighbors, horses and peaceful serenity. If this venue is allowed, it will strip those things away from us.

It is understandable that these investors who bought the land in question want to get a faster return on the investment they made but there are also MANY other land owners awaiting the same thing who's property values will be ruined if this venue is allowed. There will be increased traffic, pollution, noise pollution, dust and an impact on wildlife. Not to mention that this mud bog will be drawing off of OUR wells when they are trying to create mud and filling airboat race tracks as well as providing water for vehicles, camping and the likes. What will the county do when they have an adverse affect on our water supply? A mud bog, airboat race and concert amphitheater do NOT fit in this area. I don't believe that there is any way for this company to contain the noise they will be emitting. On a clear night, we can hear the trains moving through Wildwood, the cars on the interstate and even the airboats on the river MILES away. Luckily those noises are quiet enough that they don't disturb our peace... but we certainly can hear them. Nobody can convince me that being less than a mile away, they will keep a 7500+ guest amphitheater from disturbing the peace of all the surrounding property owners. This area was built as an area for upscale homes and horses... how can one possibly try to put this venue in such a place? It is absolutely the wrong place! There are horse trails (built for homeowners... for nothing but horses) that run along the borders of said property. ATVs, airboats, swamp buggies and mud trucks don't combine well with most horses!

We are also concerned about the safety of our roads. There WILL be alcohol at this facility (whether the venue sells alcohol or claims to ban it or not) and that will lead to drunk drivers on CR 475, SR 44 and I-75, possibly on my quiet road NW 102nd Blvd. When campers decide to venture out, what will keep them from jumping fences and coming into

our neighborhood. Who will repair our private road when trucks with large trailers pull into our neighborhood looking for the venue and have to turn around, tearing it up? Unfortunately, several properties in our neighborhood as well as other adjoining subdivisions are owned by people who invested for retirement or other purposes and they don't currently live in the area. This creates an imbalance of representation at any hearing or meeting.

I pray that you and your fellow commissioners will take the citizens of Sumter County into consideration as well as the proper, fitting use for the property. A mud bog doesn't belong in the middle of several nice neighborhoods. Just look at the current layout and use... it has been subdivided for a nice neighborhood too. Would you want to listen to airboats and loud concerts when you were trying to enjoy your time at home?

Thank you for your time.

Merry Christmas,

Natalie Carroll

Bar C Saddlery

352-572-2983

<http://www.barcsaddlery.com/>

Pipkin, Lisa

From: Chuck Tennant <cftennant@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 5:03 PM
To: Breeden, Garry
Subject: Sumter County Outdoors Project

Commissioner Breeden:

I would like to register my deepest disapproval with the proposed Sumter County Outdoors Project. I am an executive in the financial services industry, and my wife and I own 10 acres of property adjacent to the project site. As property values have declined in the past 5 years, we have been seriously considering expanding our ownership to the lots adjacent to ours in The Preserve. It seems very clear to us that this project would have a serious, negative impact to the 90 owners of our equestrian community. And it would certainly remove any thoughts of expansion on our part. In fact, we would regretfully need to walk away from the area entirely.

I would really hate to see that happen. I would much prefer that the county seek other opportunities to attract businesses that would complement communities like The Preserve.

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I have been networking with the other owners in our community, representing about 50% of the lots and growing, and we are all unanimously against the project. Please consider this when you and your fellow commissioners contemplate approval next month. Please vote no.

Best Regards,
Chuck Tennant

cc: Sumter County Commissioners

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cc: Sumter County Commissioners

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From: Arnold, Bradley
Sent: Sunday, December 30, 2012 6:37 AM
To: Holley, Karl; Webb, Connie; Collins, Sandra
Subject: Fwd: SUMTER COUNTY OUTDOORS, LLC – 1000 ACRE OUTDOOR PARK
Attachments: Gilpin.Ltr.pdf

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Subject: SUMTER COUNTY OUTDOORS, LLC – 1000 ACRE OUTDOOR PARK
From: Ivonne C <itell@aol.com>
To: Doug.Gilpin@sumtercountyfl.gov
CC:

Dear Honorable Commissioner

Please see attached letter regarding the above-referenced matter.

PLEASE VOTE NO.

John and Ivonne Caldwell
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

December 29, 2012

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
The Honorable Doug Gilpin, Chairman
District 2 Commissioner
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, Florida 34785

**RE: SUMTER COUNTY OUTDOORS, LLC – 1000 ACRE OUTDOOR PARK
PROPOSED LOCATION: HIGHLANDS OF OAK HILL AT NW CORNER
OF CR 475 & CR 44**

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are residents and homeowners in Oak Hill, a residential community which abuts the above-referenced location for the proposed Outdoor Park. We chose to live in this rural County and community chiefly because of its quiet and peaceful nature. We chose this particular location because it is surrounded by protected conservation land, Lake Panasofkee, and the natural beauty and wildlife indicative of this area. We have invested our savings and life in this County and are proud to be part of this burgeoning community.

Sumter County Outdoors, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, which we would like to point is principally located in North Ft. Meyers, Florida and NOT anywhere near Sumter County (see FL. Corporations Online printout enclosed), is proposing a zoning change/variance in order to install, operate and maintain a 1000 Acre Outdoor Park *less than 1 mile away from our home*, as well as many other homes, farms, and horse ranches in the area. This Outdoor Park would include open air staging for a 10,000 seat amphitheater, 4x4 and ATV track areas, 4x4 and ATV mud holes, tractor/truck pull area, air boat track, helipad area, etc. If you are interested in seeing an example of a similar park, please go to the following website: <http://www.devilsgardenmudclub.com> You will be able to see videos of the type of events that take place and hear the noise that such events produce. Please note that the park that I have linked you to is located in Clewiston, Florida and is located at least 8 miles away from any type of development. They had the sense in Clewiston to locate it far away from any development to minimize the disruption that such a venture brings.

The proposed Outdoor Park just does not fit the characteristics and agrarian nature of the area that this company has chosen as its proposed site. If you are not familiar with the

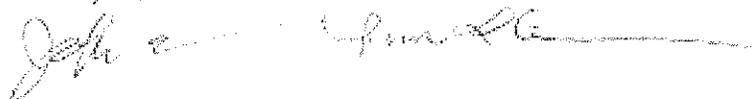
area, I urge you to please find some time before your meeting on January 8th, 2013 and come see for yourselves where this park would be built. It is a residential rural community which boasts equestrian activities and horse trails. The wildlife in this area is incredible. There are deer, bobcats, armadillos, gopher tortoises, birds, squirrels, woodpeckers, wild turkeys, alligators and bears inhabiting this area. Hence the reasons why this area is not currently planned/zoned for these types of activities. We are not sure where all the wildlife will go with all the noise, congestion and disruption that this park will bring. Likely, many of the animals will be displaced or killed by the increased traffic. We are also extremely concerned of the affects that these motorized vehicles leaking oils, gas and pollutants will have on our soil and groundwater and air.

As citizens and homeowners who are personally affected by this Outdoor Park if it is approved, we urge you to please OPPOSE it. This business venture will only benefit the owners of the venture and not this County or its residents. As residents of the area, what it will bring us is: excessive noise, increased traffic, degradation of the wildlife and tranquility of the area and will greatly devalue our property. We currently pay over \$2300 a year in property taxes, and we can assure you that when the property values in this area decrease because of this business venture, this County will be taking a big hit on the revenue it is collecting from us, as well as from all the other numerous homeowners in this area.

Lastly, I have enclosed a copy of an article, "Sumter Looks for Tourism Boost" that appeared in the Daily Commercial on December 24th, 2012. The article states that Sumter County is mostly rural but has one of the fastest growing populations in Florida. The article notes that officials showcase the natural beauty of the area and highlight the county's birding, watersports, and fishing to attract tourists. Currently, the County itself is working on a Wayfinding Signage Master Plan, designed to build upon the Sumter County Tourism Plan. The article states that "according to the County's Master Plan, inspiration for design (of the signs) comes from a variety of sources *including characteristics of Sumter County itself – reflecting the rustic, rural and agrarian nature of the county.*" Before voting on January 8th, 2013 please seriously consider how this Outdoor Park fits into the characteristics and nature of this particular area. It just does not.

As residents of this County, we are not opposed to development, we just believe that there is a proper location for every venture. You would not allow a gentlemen's club to be built next to a church or school. And as such, there is a reason why this County's current plan does not allow for this type of venture in this area. **WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE VOTE "NO" AND PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO REPRESENT.**

Thank you,



John & Iyenne Caldwell
Encls.



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Sumter looks for tourism boost

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As one of the fastest growing counties in Florida, Sumter is planning some new events and trying some new tactics officials hope will boost tourism.

Officials are trying several approaches, such as hosting a Civil War Re-enactment, a 5K Cowboy Mud Crawl, posting new rustic signs directing travelers to various destinations and highlighting the county's birding, watersports and fishing.

Deb Barsell, director of Sumter Count Community Services, was one of the speakers at a recent Sumter County of Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

"We just have so much natural beauty here," said Barsell, pointing in the direction of Lake Panasofkee. "And we want to show all of it off."

Andy Cripps, chamber executive director, said the 574-square-mile county is mostly rural but has one of the fastest growing populations in Florida, citing numbers from the Florida Office of Economics and Demographics Research.

He said the number of businesses are increasing, especially with the addition of Brownwood in Wildwood, a planned shopping and commercial development of 1.2 million square

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"They are going to look great," Barsell said.

Collins, Sandra

From: Arnold, Bradley
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 8:07 AM
To: Holley, Karl; Webb, Connie (cwebb@sumterclerk.com); Collins, Sandra
Subject: FW: Proposed Airboat/Mud Bog/Monster Truck "Park" on CR-475

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CC:

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Thank you,
Chris Swinney

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Ocala Heart and Vascular Institute

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Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Collins, Sandra; Webb, Connie (cwebb@sumterclerk.com); Holley, Karl
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21st December, 2012.

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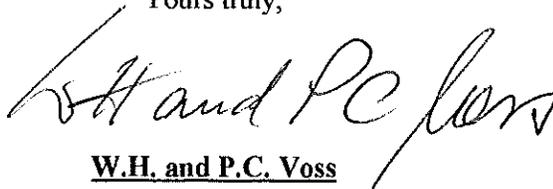
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From: **Mike Steepy** <opposescoutdoors@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: Mud Bog / Pit / Bowl

To: beatriz@mbkelectric.com

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I agree with the attached letter from beatriz@mbkelectric.com. We own property and currently reside in The Preserve at Oak Hill. We have lived in Sumter County for over 10 years and have paid our fair share of property taxes. We bought this property under the assumption that we can ride horses on peaceful riding trails. The development of Sumter County Outdoors would devastate our property values because no horse owner will ever buy this property. Why? Because airboats, tractor pulls, drinking, violent crime, concerts, and other mischief are not consistent with our peaceful equestrian community.

In addition, we don't want it in our backyard.

Have you ever experienced the noise an airboat generates? How about an airboat at full throttle during an airboat race? How about an open exhaust truck during a tractor pull event. Imagine that noise in your backyard. Imagine that noise in an equestrian community.

Also, while you are investigating this issue, check the Sumter County and Lake County court records on Mr. Clifford J. Wittman. His arrest record speaks for itself. He has 15 traffic violations. One of which includes an open container of alcohol. This behavior demonstrates an obvious disregard for the law. Will a County Commissioner award this behavior? Is this the type of person you want in charge of an activity of this magnitude?

Please do not approve of this development.

Thank you,
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On Thu, Dec 27, 2012 at 11:14 AM, <beatriz@mbkelectric.com> wrote:

Al Butler
Doug Gilpin
Don Burgess
Garry Breeden
Don Hahnfeldt

Gentlemen,

On January 8th you will be asked to make a very critical decision affecting all of us in Sumter County, not just the 100s immediately surrounding the location off of CR475 & SR44 identified to occupy the Sumter County Outdoor Mud Bog/Pit/Bowl.

PLEASE keep in mind these very **common** scenarios as you decide the future for all of us:

- A teenager at a concert at Redneck Yacht Club in Puta Gorda found her car smashed by a monster mud truck, whose owner thought he had permission to destroy the car.
- A couple was arrested at the St. Lucie Mudjam in March for fighting while watching girls dance on stripper poles mounted to ATV's. Note that owners of this event did not bring in stripper poles (common at mudding events), guests did.
- A quick Internet search of Okeechobee Mudfest reveals photos and videos of girls with breasts bared! This is a recipe for the wrong elements to come into Sumter.
- When a young man was critically injured in an ATV accident at Mudfest, it took over an hour for a medical helicopter to arrive to his aid amongst the chaos.
- A toddler was backed over and killed by his aunt last year at Hog Waller Mud Bog. A horrible accident amongst the chaos.
- A Pasco County teenager fatally stabbed a man at Horse Hole Creek as they argued over engine revving. His father was also involved in the fight.
- Drinking is a common scene among the attendants at these events, including underage drinking.
- Thousands of people drinking at these events and then driving on our roads.
- Surrounding neighborhoods will be invaded by these drunkards seeking to explore in their stupor.
- Our property values will plummet and for most of us it is all we have left.
- Water supply will be affected in the most urgent way possible: Pollutants and extraction.
- Noise levels will be unbearable and constant.
- Dust Pollution and pollution in general. We have a natural habitat that will be forever affected!!
- Hog Waller Mud Bog & ATV in Putnam County sits on 750 acres surrounded by 1000's of acres of emptiness.
- etc....

Please, we are begging you; DO NOT elect to bring untold crime, pollution and financial devastation to so many of us. The revenue to the county that this venture will bring in will never come close to compensating for the greater loss and cost to our beautiful Sumter County.

Thanking you in advance for choosing to send this venture back to Ft. Myers where they belongs.
Beatriz and Michael Roberts