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SENSELESS SPENDING BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS *Fulton County Commissioners Fail to Find Solution*

On January 27, 2016 Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Krause of Teamsters Local Union No. 992 in Hagerstown, MD filed two contractual grievances with the County of Fulton for the County's failure to **abide by** the agreed to terms and conditions of the contract between the County of Fulton and Teamsters Local Union No. 992. **The total monetary value of the two contractual grievances amounts to \$506.00.**

The elected County Commissioners have refused to resolve the two outstanding monetary grievances. Instead, the Commissioners have decided to side with special interests of the court system over the hard working constituents of the County who elected them. The Commissioners have further decided to **spend potentially thousands of hard earned taxpayer dollars** for an outside attorney to fight the Union over these two contractual grievances.

As a result of the Commissioners' irresponsible actions in connection to resolving these two contractual grievances the Union has filed for binding arbitration to resolve both grievances. The bottom line is this will cost the constituents of the County of Fulton **potentially thousands of unnecessary taxpayer dollars** due to what the Union views as sheer incompetence on the part of the County Commissioners.

To date, the County Commissioners have already spent **unnecessary amounts** of taxpayer dollars fighting these two contractual grievances. Although the grievances amount to barely over \$500, the County Commissioners have found money to retain a private law firm to challenge these grievances. As a result, it appears that the Commissioners are willing to spend thousands of hard earned taxpayer dollars for a **very costly arbitration** to avoid paying two grievances worth \$506.00. This is being careless with the tax payers' tax dollars. The County Commissioners need to be transparent with the constituents who elected them as to why they want to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars rather than simply paying the \$506.00 they owe contractually.

The real question is how much more taxpayer dollars will the County Commissioners spend fighting the collective bargaining agent of the dedicated men and woman who protect our community. As a reminder, during the first contract negotiations the County Commissioners in 2005 spent tens of thousands of tax payer money fighting the Union and the seven (7) County employees. To find out how much tax payer money has been spent to date on the two contractual grievances and how much tax payer money the County Commissioners will spend on the two contractual grievances moving forward **file a Right to Know Request** with the County business manager.

The Commissioners need to do the job they were elected to do. The Commissioners need to use taxpayer dollars to resolve the real problems of the County, to lower taxes, and to improve the lives of the constituents who elected them. Finding solutions to real problems is what good leaders do.

We look forward to sending a message to these County Commissioners next Election Day when the Teamsters will stand together with the constituents of the County of Fulton and repay those elected County officials who sided with special interests groups over the hard working men and woman who elected them. The constituents can no longer be ignored. We will remember, you can count on it.

The hard working men and women of the County of Fulton deserve better.