



Collin County Republican Review

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CCRMC Monthly Newsletter

April Meeting:

Thursday, April 21, 2011

6:30 PM Social; 7:00 PM Meeting

Make a note on your calendar for Thursday, April 21st, 7 PM CCRMC meeting

Speakers for April: CC Fusion Center: Director: Kelly Stone; Deputy: Jason Lane should be a great presentation on "readiness" and maybe a little Homeland Security.

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Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 21 —CCRMC Meeting
Fusion Center
- May 19 —CCRMC Meeting
Elizabeth Ames Jones—US Senate Candidate
- June 16 —CCRMC Meeting
Russ Verney
- No Meeting in July

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For those of you who have not yet sent in your membership dues, now is the time to renew. Send your **\$25.00** membership dues or **\$35.00** advertising fee

All dues and fees are due on an annual basis in January of each year



Message From the Prez

Jim Bortzfield President, CCRMC

Greeting Fellow Republican Gentlemen;

If you missed the CCGOP Lincoln Day Dinner, you missed a good event. CCRMC had two filled tables near the stage to hear Congressman Allen West. The new venue was superior to the hotels in the past and I understand that over 750 attended. Congrats to the CCGOP and Joy Flavil for a great event. Maybe next year Texas BBQ would be more identifiable meat however.

As I watch the dance in D.C., I must muse over the rhetoric from both parties. I recently saw a CBO estimate that off shore drilling could reduce the deficit \$1.3 trillion over 10 years. Yet, the Obama administration has stopped all drilling. I recently saw this piece credited to Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). I have not verified it, but I know there is some truth. Some should pay a fair share. Some who leave operations in the U.S. versus outsourcing, should get an advantage. But, does Congress have the guts for tough decisions or is all a show for 2012?

Should we bail out JP Morgan Chase when they outsource customer service to India? What jobs did that save?

At what point do we get mad at the right issues and make tough changes? I am way too tired to fight for Oprah's tax rate and see the national debt keep growing.

Keep working hard, come to meetings and get involved. We can make a difference starting NOW by working hard from the grass roots CCRMC! We have about 6 months to get organized and ready. Primary candidates will start announcing in October and have to file by January for the March primary.

Get involved. Come to the meeting April 21st!

Jim Bortzfield

SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS' GUIDE TO CORPORATE FREELoadERS

- 1 **Exxon Mobil's** 2009 profits totaled \$19 billion, yet according to its SEC filings, the company received **A \$156 MILLION REBATE** from the IRS. **PLUS, IT DIDN'T PAY ANY FEDERAL TAXES.**

- 2 **Bank of America** made \$4.4 billion in profits last year. This was after it received **A \$1 TRILLION BAILOUT** from the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department, and **A \$1.9 BILLION TAX REFUND** from the IRS.

- 3 **General Electric** has made \$26 billion in profits in the United States over the past five years. It's also received **A \$4.1 BILLION TAX REFUND** from the IRS. **GE HAS CUT A FIFTH OF ITS AMERICAN JOBS** in the past nine years, and is boosting jobs overseas—where tax rates are lower. And where it can continue evading U.S. taxes.

- 4 **Chevron's** IRS **REFUND LAST YEAR TOTALED \$19 MILLION**, but its 2009 profits came to a whopping \$10 billion.

- 5 **Boeing** received a \$30 billion contract from the Pentagon to build 179 airborne tankers. It also received a **\$124 MILLION REFUND FROM THE IRS.**

- 6 **Valero Energy** made \$68 billion in sales and received a **\$157 MILLION TAX REFUND** check from the IRS. Over the past three years, it has received a \$134 million tax break thanks to the oil and gas manufacturing tax reduction.

- 7 **Goldman Sachs** paid **1.1% OF ITS 2008 INCOME IN TAXES.** Yet it made a **PROFIT OF \$2.3 BILLION.** And guess how much it received from the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury Department? \$800 billion.

- 8 **Citigroup** profits last year totaled more than \$4 billion. But it paid zero dollars in federal income tax, and **RECEIVED A \$2.5 TRILLION BAILOUT** from the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury.

- 9 **ConocoPhillips'** profits from 2007 through 2009 totaled \$16 billion. **BUT IT WAS STILL AWARDED \$451 MILLION IN TAX BREAKS** because of the oil and gas manufacturing deduction.

- 10 **Carnival Cruise Lines** is apparently getting pretty good business: Its profits over the past five years totaled more than \$11 billion. **ITS FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATE, HOWEVER, CAME TO JUST 1.1%.**

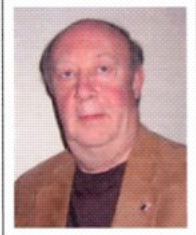


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A Message from Jason Poe—VP Newsletter



The Texas House Redistricting Committee released their proposed map <http://texasgovvote.com/2011-legislative-session/texas-house-redistricting-committee-releases-proposed-map-texas-house-representa-002749> and it appears that Collin County would be involved in that change. You can see a map of the proposed changes for the County here. http://www.courier-gazette.com/articles/2011/04/16/mckinney_courier-gazette/news/122.txt

North Texas made the National news when WFAA’s Brad Watson interviewed President Obama and the uncomfortable exchange it created. http://www.politico.com/politico44/perm/0411/nobody_interrupts_potus_480c750d-358b-487e-8416-24b1e907c727.html

Unfortunately, Texas has also been in the news for the multiple wildfires across the State and the unforgiving conditions that are making it difficult to extinguish them. See the following for just how historic these conditions are and a map of the current fires. <http://www.accuweather.com/blogs/news/story/48596/texas-fire-situation-is-of-his-1.asp>

Some good news as it relates to the health of Collin County as it was ranked the number one in health factors for the State and the conditions that help create that environment. http://scentx.com/articles/2011/04/17/allen_american/news/416.txt

On more of a National level, the US Government plans to sell all of its remaining shares in General Motors at a potential loss of \$11 billion based on the current market price. <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iQ772RYgyZRuijNjN58Syvf8HExw?docId=CNG.862196b5b90a6d3e5734cc272997d1cd.a51>

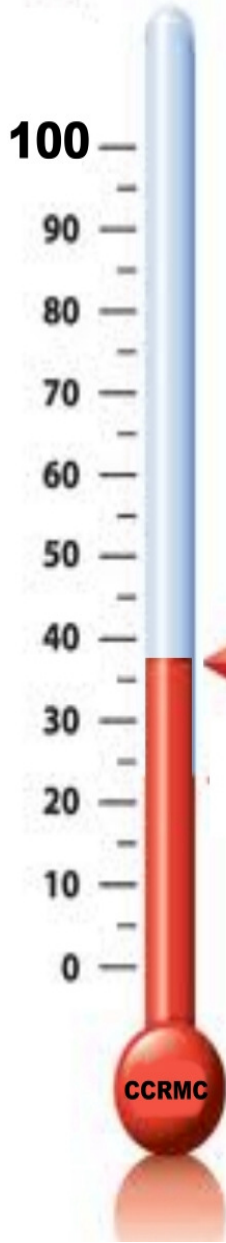
Those loses cannot be good for the Country’s financial health that was recently commented upon by the ratings service Standard and Poor’s. <http://hotair.com/archives/2011/04/18/sp-goes-negative-on-us/>



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Promoting the goals and principles of the Republican Party of the United States, Texas and Collin County, through political education and active support of candidates in the general elections. The CCRMC increases the effectiveness of men in the pursuit of good government through active political participation.



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MEMBERSHIP

Get on board, get your 2011 membership renewal or application in today! A \$25 donation renews your membership, \$30 donation for a new membership.

Also, help out with a business card ad donation (\$35) or sponsorship in the 4th parade float.

The money goes directly into the purchase of American made American flags for 4th of July celebrate freedom celebrations. We use a small part to fund candidate forums for the election and monthly snacks for meetings.

Join today by mailing in your check to the CCRMC or give a check at the next meeting to Riley Hollingsworth or any board member.

Thanks to the members at the left that have paid their 2011 donation!





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Committees—In order to accelerate CCRMC growth and plan for growth, the following committees have been set up for 2011.

Newsletter—Chairman Jason Poe. Members—Keith Williams and Jim Bortzfield

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If you want to help on a committee, speak up!





**A Message from
State Representative Ken Paxton (R - District 70)**

Eminent Domain

In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled in *Kelo v. New London* to allow governments to take private property to give to another private entity for the purpose of economic development. Also in this case, however, the Court ruled that the states would have the ability to pass their own laws to limit eminent domain authority.

In response to the ruling in this case, I co-authored House Bill 279 this legislative session to provide Texans with more property rights protections. This week, my colleagues and I in the Texas House passed the identical companion bill to HB 279, which is Senate Bill 18, to limit eminent domain authority in our State.

SB 18 clearly specifies that private property may only be taken for the purpose of public use. Additionally, this legislation outlines the process for entities exercising eminent domain authority. An initial offer must be made in writing and be based on an appraisal, which prevents an entity from making a low offer with the idea that the land may be taken by eminent domain if the landowner does not accept the initial offer. If the first offer is rejected by the property owner, then a final offer that is greater than the initial offer must be made.

If a property owner refuses the final offer, the condemning entity must petition to condemn the land for public use. The petition must specifically state the public use for which the land is needed, thus eliminating instances where land is taken without current plans for its use. Then, a three-commissioner panel appointment by the county judge will determine the compensation due to the landowner.

In addition to the aforementioned provisions, we amended SB 18 on the floor of the House to add a new trigger to the buyback provision that would give property owners the right to repurchase their property if the initial use of the taken property is not actually for the public use for which the property was originally taken. This provision would apply in all situations.

Additionally, we amended the bill by simply inserting the constitutional term "public use" in place of "public purpose" in the provisions in statute that authorize the use of eminent domain for cities, counties and school districts. According to the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Economic Freedom, "the confusion between 'public use' and 'public purpose' is what led the Supreme Court in its *Kelo* decision to allow takings for the purposes of increasing tax revenue and economic development, rather than limiting takings to public uses like building schools and roads."

Private property rights is a basic foundation of a free society. While I believe we still have more work to do to protect land and home-ownership in Texas, I firmly believe that SB 18 is a large step in the right direction.



The 2010 Census recorded Collin County's population at 782,341. The North Central Texas Council of Governments listed our population in 2009 as 766,900.

A message from County Commissioner Joe Jaynes

Between 2009 and 2010, 15,441 people moved into Collin County. This is a net increase of 42.3 people a day.

Also interesting are the number of vehicle registrations reported by the Collin County Tax Office. In 2010, 758,234 vehicles were registered in Collin County compared to 741,229 in 2009.

This increase of 17,005 vehicles equates to a net increase of 46.5 additional vehicles a day added to Collin County roadways.

Collin County is adding more cars than people.

Needless to say, this makes transportation projects throughout the county all the more critical. Below is a list of projects that are either under construction or about to begin construction, their cost and their estimated completion/start date.

Maps of these projects can be found at www.joejaynes.com.

Projects Under Construction:

US 75 at US 380, \$25 million, estimated completion date (ECD) early summer 2011

US 75 from Wilmeth to Telephone Rd. \$20 million, ECD February 2013

US 380 from Lake Lavon to Farmersville, \$20 million, ECD June 2011

US 380 from Farmersville to the Hunt County line, \$20 million, ECD August 2012

FM 982, from US 380 to CR 401 \$11 million, ECD May 2011

US 75@ Parker Rd. interchange, \$20 million, Completed

Custer Rd. from Stonebridge Dr. to US 380, \$33 million, ECD November 2011

SH 289 from Main Street to US 380, \$35 million, ECD January 2012

SH 289 @ US 380 interchange, \$9 million, ECD January 2013

Projects in Final Design:

US 380 from Custer to Bois D'arc Rd., \$14 million, estimated start date (ESD) July 2011

SH 289 from US 380 to Celina Bus 289, \$66 million, ESD July 2011

FM 455 from US 75 to SH 5, \$15 million, ESD June 2012

US 75 from SH 121 to US 380, \$108 million, ESD September 2011

US 75 from Telephone Rd. to SH 121 in Melissa, \$84 million, ESD December 2011

FM 3537 from Custer Rd. to SH 289, \$20 million, ESD June 2011

FM 2786 from SH 5 to Angel Parkway, \$14 million, ESD July 2011

US 380@ railroad bridge, \$15 million ESD July 2011

SH 78 from Wylie to SH 205, \$20 million, ESD June 2012

SH 78 from SH 205 to FM 6, \$30 million, ESD FY 2012

SH 121 in Melissa from SH 5 to FM 455, \$43 million, ESD FY 2013

FM 2551 from FM 544 to Parker Rd., \$16 million, July 2011

Projects Planned:

US 75 from SH 121 to Spring Creek Parkway, \$57 million, ESD FY 2013

US 380 from Denton County line to Custer Rd., \$82 million, ESD FY 2013.

As Collin County grows so do our roads. These projects are all state roads but due to the financial challenges in Austin we are moving ahead with them with funding from the Sam Rayburn Tollway (SH 121) toll revenues.



A Message from US Congressman Ralph Hall (R-District 4)

2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Today the House voted on Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2012. Serious budget cuts are necessary to get the country's economy back on track. Ryan's budget proposal lays out parameters for negotiations with the Democrat controlled Senate and White House as budget negotiations proceed.

Here are the facts:

- Our county is over \$14 trillion dollars in debt;
- America borrows 40 cents on every dollar it spends, much of it from China;
- The President's stimulus accelerated our debt crisis, while producing fewer jobs than projected; and
- No nation can spend, tax, borrow, or bail-out its way to prosperity.

America is in its current debt crisis not because we have a revenue problem, but because we have a spending problem. Washington is not immune to the responsibilities of balancing a budget, and we can't ignore that the status quo is not working. Republicans plan to reverse the track we are on by cutting spending and reducing the debt in order to foster economic growth and job creation.

Republicans also recognize the need to reform and protect health and retirement security for all Americans. We will honor the contracts already in place with current and soon-to-be retirees, ensuring that their benefits are maintained, while looking for ways to heal Medicare and Medicaid before the programs become bankrupt and jeopardize the security of all seniors.

Cutting spending and balancing the budget are critical to promote an environment for job creation and economic growth, and Republicans must remain steadfast as we advance our fight from savings billions of dollars to saving trillions.

FUNDING OUR MILITARY, CUTTING BUDGET

For the last few months, House Republicans debated with Washington Democrats on a budget for FY 2011. Last week a bipartisan agreement on spending cuts was reached - the largest in American history, and the largest year-to-year spending cuts since the end of World War II. This bill reduces the budget by \$40 billion in net cuts, ultimately yielding \$315 billion in savings over the next 10 years, while fully funding our servicemen and women for the remainder of FY 2011. This is just months after President Obama asked Congress for a spending "freeze" that would mean zero cuts.

When Democrats controlled both the House and Senate last year, they neglected to pass a budget, though they did pass a national takeover of healthcare. As a result, when the new Republican Majority convened in January, we were given the task of passing a budget that would fund the federal government while upholding the pledge we made to the American people to cut out-of-control spending.

Despite the fact that Republicans control only one-half of three branches of government in Washington, an agreement was reached that not only achieved substantial spending cuts, but guarantees a Senate debate and vote to repeal Obama's healthcare law and defund Planned Parenthood.



Ralph Hall Continued

1099 REPEAL BECOMES LAW

Today the President signed into law the House's repeal of the burdensome 1099 tax reporting provision included in the Democrats' health care law passed last Congress. The legislation:

- Repeals onerous tax reporting provisions enacted last year to help pay for both the health care law and TARP III legislation;
- Protects taxpayers by reducing waste, fraud and abuse in the health care law; and
- Reduces the deficit by \$166 million in the first ten years and by billions of dollars over the long run, while reducing federal spending by nearly \$20 billion over ten years.

This repeal ends the health law's 1099 expanded tax information reporting rules on small businesses, as well as requirements imposed on taxpayers not engaged in business activity, which would require a 1099 form for any payments that exceed \$600 per year per payee.

Meeting these requirements would be time consuming and a waste of monetary resources, which could cripple families and small businesses already struggling financially. This repeal is committed to protecting small business, their workers, and American taxpayers.

Though I am pleased about the bipartisan repeal of the 1099 tax, it is important that Republicans continue to work towards a full repeal of Obama's health care law.

EPA

On April 7th I joined a majority in the House in passing H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011, which prevents the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing a national energy tax under the Clean Air Act, while ensuring that the public health provisions are preserved. The vote was 255 to 172, largely along party lines.

Raising already expensive prices on energy when Americans are struggling financially will only further burden families and our economy. For every penny increase in a gallon of gas, it costs consumers nearly \$4 million per day. Americans cannot afford this. The EPA's regulations would effectively amount to a tax hike for both American families and businesses, who would see higher prices at the pump, and in their monthly utility bills.

We certainly need to work towards cleaner energy solutions, but taxing the American people for political reasons is the wrong approach. Congress needs to do everything it can to promote job creation and economic growth, and protecting families and businesses from heavy-handed regulations is a step in the right direction.

Financially stable families and small businesses translate to a financially stable country. As House Republicans proceed with negotiations with the Democrat controlled Senate and White House on a budget for FY 2012 and debate on the debt ceiling, I will continue to work hard on cutting spending to protect the pocketbooks of small businesses, their workers, and American taxpayers.

It is my priority to listen to the voices of my constituents and meet their expectations to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,