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Re: <http://www.snydercounty.org/Archived%20Minutes/2008-04-15%20BC.pdf>

Commissioner Derk & Commissioner Kantz:

May I remind of your campaign promises when you were seeking election for your current positions?

**Leadership, Integrity, and Fiscal Responsibility**

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**For Snyder County Commissioners**

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Committee For A Better Snyder County

**Malcolm Derk**

**Joe Kantz**

As Commissioners, Malcolm Derk and Joe Kantz will work hard to:

- ♦ **Control the Spending of Taxpayer's Money**
- ♦ **Effectively Manage our County Prison**
- ♦ **Stimulate Economic Growth in the area**
- ♦ **Restore a Positive Work Environment for County Employees**
- ♦ **Make Public Information more Accessible**
- ♦ **Enhance the County's Website and advance our use of Technology**

**Don't Forget! On May 15th, Vote for a Better Snyder County.**

**Vote Malcolm Derk and Joe Kantz for County Commissioners!**

***"Make Public Information more Accessible & Enhance the County's Website and advance our use of Technology."*** As far as "advance the use of our technology," one would think in three years the

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Commissioner Meeting minutes would be typed on a computer, rather than a typewriter, and would be emailed rather than sent through a fax; so I guess there is still room for improvement. But I do appreciate having minutes faxed to me. As Malcolm has stated so many times in the past couple of months; The Right to Know is very important to the tax payer. I thank you, after three years, for finally posting the Commissioner Meeting minutes on the website so that taxpayers in Snyder County, or anyone in the world for that matter, knows what is happening with our tax money and governing bodies.

**Restore a Positive Work Environment for County Employees.** The feedback back from County Employees tells me this promise has a lot of improvement to occur. Your campaign was run on **Leadership, Integrity, and Fiscal Responsibility**; I am appalled at your incompetence of protecting our county employees. In this day and age identity theft is an everyday crime and one has to take every precaution to protect himself/herself. As an employer, you should be treating personal information with the utmost confidentiality.

As one looks at the minutes of the Snyder County Commissioners the one meeting that stands out like a sore thumb is 4/15/2008; the file size sends up red flags alerting one that something is different. Most minutes average two pages; with the exceptions of the minutes in 2009 and 2010 when the TRAN actions were taking place and average 20 pages; which I might remind you, while on the campaign trail, you told the voters you were not going to take TRAN money. So seeing such a large file, one questions, "what is in it?" Upon opening, the file is 69 pages long; another red flag. I cannot believe that you would post signature cards of the county's bank accounts online; with social security numbers, driver's license numbers, date of birth and contact information.

I would hope that you would find this important enough to correct immediately. Obviously the Snyder County taxpayers must pick up the expenses of credit monitoring to assure that these employees are not victims of identity theft due to improperly posted private information.

Sincerely,



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