**Blank Check Legislation:** If you draw up a will or buy a house or sell your property you seek out help, explain to the person what you want in the document and someone proceeds to draw up the paperwork for you to peruse at a later date. On the second visit you study the document to see if all your requests are properly stated. **Now** you sign showing a vote of confidence that all is in order. You don’t sign a blank piece of paper before you see the document. You don’t do the progressive thing of “Pass it to know what is in it” because items can be advertently or inadvertently left out of the legal document. You as a business person don’t sign a legal loan document and let them fill it in later. We shouldn’t allow our elected officials to do that either. Demand from them to give up the speedy progressive approach of business.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met for five hours previous to this County Board (CB) meeting allowing citizen comments on a “Special Use” issue. The information gathered at that meeting is to be fed forward to the CB members so they can be informed on the issue. The minutes of that meeting never were received by the CB members in time for them to be read. The unprepared person trying to answer ZBA questions for the CB members acted like “a deer looking into head lights.” I don’t know how much longer people serving on the ZBA can tolerate this lack of respect for the time they put in.

The CB “Special Use” request should not have been rushed through by the CB chairman without the CB members getting to look at the printed document with the amendments attached. It should have been put on next month’s agenda for review and then voted on. What we have going on in our CB meeting looks to me like puppet control. The CB is left in the dark regarding ZBA feedback and they casted a non-informed vote. We have to remember that “people are less than angelic”. “Less than angelic” means “Trust me??”. Look at what is going on in the Sheridan gravel pit dump site. We cannot afford to let the cost of paper keep our elected members of the County in the dark?? The CB website shows that everyone has an email address.

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