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Please attach as communications from the public for the 3/17 agenda

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David White, Chairman:

I am writing to express my dismay upon learning that you are actually considering the creation of a new taxing authority in Emmet County.

I have read the ETA proposal of June 24, 2021. I believe the arguments contained therein are utterly specious. If you do a little fact checking, you may come to the same conclusion.

Taxing authorities, such as the ETA, can be extremely powerful and dangerous. I suggest you read M.C.L.A. 124.451 - 479 to see just how powerful they can be.

Apparently, the people who want to turn the county into a bus company, having been unsuccessful so far, are now attempting to use the power of the ETA to force their dystopian views on the rest of us.

I urge you to proceed with caution and prudence while examining these issues.

I recommend that you vote NO on any attempt to create the ETA or any other authority.

I further recommend that you vote NO on any attempt to create a county financed bus company.

Your kind attention to these matters is appreciated.

Best Regards,

Jerome M. Weedman