

NEWS RELEASE

IN RESPONSE TO THE TUTTLE TIMES ARTICLE OF THURSDAY AUG 13,2009

FIRST OF ALL THE WHOLE ARTICLE IS MISLEADING - THE COST OF THE NEW 911 TO UPGRADE EQUIPMENT AND MONTHLY CHARGE IS APPROXIMATELY \$5,500 MONTHLY, COMPARED TO THE PRESENT COST OF \$3000. THE RAISE OF \$2500 WILL ADJUST THE COST TO REPLACE OLD ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS OUT OF WARRANTY AND UNSERVICEABLE AND BRING THE SYSTEM UP TO STATE OF THE ART CAPABILITY FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. THE COST WILL INCLUDE ENHANCED 911 AND GPS MAPPING AND OTHER NEW PROGRAMS ALLOWING OUR DISPATCHERS TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF CALLS AND PRECISE ADDRESSES FOR EMERGENCY PERSONAL TO RESPOND.

I FEEL THESE DECISIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONERS ASSURE GRADY COUNTY RESIDENTS OF MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED SAFETY AND TIMELY CALLS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND SITUATIONS OR NATIONAL CATASTROPHES.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT MANY TIMES OUR MISSED COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVE NOT REPORTING ALL THE FACTS PERTAINING TO DECISIONS THAT MAY EFFECT OUR RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY.

WHILE I AM ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSED REPORTING OR FAILING TO REPORT ALL THE FACTS, I WILL ALSO MENTION IN THE SAME EDITION WAS AN ARTICLE CONCERNING THE ANNEXATION PROPOSAL IN THE TUTTLE AREA. I WAS AT THAT MEETING, FOR ONE REASON; I HAD BEEN QUOTED AS MAKING THE STATEMENT 'I BEGAN THE IDEA TO ANNEX THESE COMMUNITIES INTO THE TUTTLE CITY LIMITS.' I WAS THERE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT THAT I HAD NOT MADE ANY STATEMENT OR EVEN SUGGESTED THE CREATION OF THE PROPOSAL. MY STATEMENTS WERE MADE IN AN OPEN FORUM FOR ALL PRESENT. WHY WAS THIS NOT REPORTED IN THE ARTICLE?

STAY TUNED FOR MORE PRESS RELEASES AS I WILL TRY TO MAKE KNOWN FIRST TO YOU THE CITIZENS.

