

Barbara Fletcher

5752 S. Beaver Pt.
Homosassa, FL 34448

Received

SEP 16 2022

BOCC

September 14, 2022

Board of Citrus County Commissioners
110 N. Apopka Ave.
Inverness, FL 34450

Board of County Commissioners:

Election integrity is critical and there is a disturbing trend of different individuals and groups trying to manipulate our elections and diminish the public trust in our institutions. I am submitting the enclosed timeline and FEC complaint and along with a substantial amount of documentation pertaining to the primary election held on August 23, 2022 for Citrus County, FL, Commissioner, district 2. I am a concerned citizen who believes there has been a violation of either F.S. 104.061 or F.S. 104.041.

I would like to provide full disclosure and admit I contributed to one of the candidates in the primary election for the County Commission, district 2, Mrs. Stacey Worthington. My attention to the election may seem to present a bias, however, it is my opinion that it rather provided a front row seat to the potential fraud being perpetrated on my county and district.

I have been following recent news and prosecutions in Seminole County of a "ghost candidate" and campaign scandal and I suspect we may have a similar situation in our election process in Citrus County, FL. Paul M. Grogan, an NPA voter, joined the primary race May 10, 2022 just before the qualifying deadline and paid the \$2,684.56 filing fee after loaning his campaign \$2,700. Mr. Grogan is a merchant marine who is at sea, according to his own words, 245 days per year. He has been campaigning "virtually" mainly on Facebook. He resides in Inverness, FL which is district 4 in our county. The seat for County Commission, district 4, was on the ballot in 2022 yet he entered the campaign for district 2.

Grogan's financial reports are enclosed which show he has not been fundraising for his campaign. In fact, on his campaign website it reads, "Donations are not required to elect NPA Paul Grogan for County Commissioner District 2." He has received only one campaign contribution from someone other than himself, \$25 from Paul J. Reinhardt, a candidate in the primary for State House of Representatives. Also, he endorsed Diana Finegan in the primary, his potential Republican opponent just prior to the election (see attached). The interaction between the two candidates has been documented by Mike Wright, longtime political journalist in Citrus County.

Ghost candidates are technically not addressed in Florida statutes, however, it is my assertion that Mr. Grogan entered the race for County Commissioner, district 2 under false, fraudulent pretenses to bar the Democrat and NPA voters from participating in the primary election. He shared a post on his campaign Facebook page that he is a Conservative on September 12, 2022 but he has been registered as an NPA for the appropriate time to file as such. I cannot directly prove he was coerced by or colluded with another

candidate, individual or group, however there is a lot of evidence and I feel a proper investigation is warranted by the FEC, FDLE and the Citrus County State Attorney's Office. F.S. 104.061 states "Whoever by bribery, menace, threat, or *other corruption whatsoever*, either directly or indirectly, *attempts to influence, deceive, or deter any elector in voting or interferes with him or her in the free exercise of the elector's right to vote* at any election commits a felony of the third degree." F.S. 104.041 says, "Any person perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate or aid in the perpetration of any *fraud* in connection with any vote cast, to be cast, or attempted to be cast, is guilty of a felony of the third degree."

I would like an extensive review of the facts surrounding the August 23rd primary election in Citrus County, FL as well as testimony from Mr. Paul Grogan and other witnesses. You have the authority to provide real answers from the people on the November 8th general election ballot who many in our community feel have conspired and violated the people's trust.

Sincerely yours,


Barbara Fletcher

CC: Citrus County Supervisor of Elections, Maureen "Mo" Baird; Citrus County Sheriff Office, Mike Prendergast; Florida Elections Commission, Nick Primrose
Office of Election Crimes and Security, Peter Antonacci, Commissioner of Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Mark Glass, Office of State Attorney,
William Gladstone, Secretary of State and Chief Election Officer, Cord Byrd

Witnesses

Paul and Jennifer Grogan: 510 Turner Camp Rd., Inverness, FL 34450

Diana and Steve Finegan: 4309 S. Blue Water Pt., Homosassa, FL 34448

Stacey and Michael Worthington: 7698 W. Chelsea Ct., Homosassa, FL 34446

John and Fawn McGee: 6110 N. Lecanto Hwy., Beverly Hills, FL

Robert Winsler: 589 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy., Lecanto, FL 34461

Paul and George Reinhardt: 325 S. Jefferson St., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Billy Cayce: 7909 N. Ibsen Dr., Citrus Springs, FL 34433

Supervisor of Elections Office, Maureen "Mo" Baird: 1500 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL

Mike Wright

<https://paulmgrogan.me>

<https://citruscounty.me>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080980012830>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075474626531>

<https://www.justwrightcitrus.com>

Timeline

	ENTER RACE	Funds by 4/30/22	Funds by 8/19/22
Diana Finegan	8/6/2021	\$47,485	\$57,850
Stacey Worthington	1/20/2022	\$25,495	\$70,672
Paul Grogan	5/10/2022	0	\$2,740

July 14, first appearance of Paul Grogan on the campaign trail.

Paul Grogan left the county Labor Day to beginning of October. see BOCC meeting 9/13 and Facebook

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Barbara Fletcher Work Phone: () _____
Address: 5752 S. Beaver Pt. Home Phone: 352 302-9966
City: Homosassa County: Citrus State: FL Zip Code: 34446

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Paul M. Grogan
Address: 510 Turner Camp Rd. Phone: () _____
City: Inverness County: Citrus State: FL Zip Code: 34450
Citrus County Commission, District 2

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: _____

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a concise narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

ELECTIONS FRAUD COMPLAINT

Voter Fraud Hotline Telephone number 1-877-868-3737

Under section 97.012(15), Florida Statutes, the Department of State has authority to conduct preliminary investigations into any allegations of irregularities or fraud involving voter registration or voting, or candidate or issue petition activities. The Department may then report its findings to the Office of Statewide Prosecution or to the State Attorney for the judicial circuit in which the alleged violation occurred for prosecution, where warranted.

Please return the completed complaint form to: *Florida Department of State, Office of the General Counsel*
1st Floor, R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

You will receive a written response from the Department of State at the end of its investigation.

PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT

Name Barbara Fletcher Day Phone 352-302-9966 Evening Phone _____
Address 5752 S. Beaver Pt. City Homosassa
County Citrus State FL Zip 34446
Code _____
E-mail Address _____

PERSON OR ENTITY AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (limit one person/entity per form)

Name Paul M. Grogan Work Phone _____
Citrus County Commissioner District 2
Person's title of office or position held or sought if applicable
Address 510 Turner Camp Rd. *Name of Governmental Office or Private Entity/Office*
Citrus State FL City Inverness
County _____ State _____ Zip 34450
Code _____

Have you filed this complaint with the (check all that apply):

State Attorney's Office	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Office of Statewide Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Florida Department of Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Florida Elections Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Florida Commission on Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

4. **OATH:**

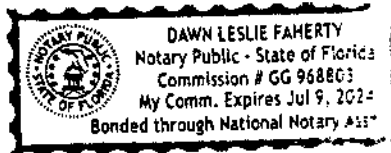
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Citrus

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Barbara Fletcher
Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of
September, 2022

Dawn Leslie Faherty
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
Personally Known X Or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

5. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:**

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach copies of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.



PROPERTY APPRAISER

Home

Parcel Search ▼

Search by

Owner Name: GROGAN PAUL

Owner

Type In: LastName FirstName

Filter By

Options

Sort By: Owner Name Ascending

Results/page: 20

Search

required

Data Current as of 06/Sep/2022

Tax Year
2022

Results

Click rows to view property details

Displaying 1 - 3 of 3

All	Altkey	Parcel ID	Owner Name ▲	Site Address	Site City	Short Legal	PC	NBHD	TaxYr
	2275774	18E18S35 14400 0150	GROGAN PAUL M	1348 W MILLAN LN	HERNANDO	GIANT INVESTORS UNREC SUB LOT 15: E 140.52 FT OF W 843.12	0200	5612	2022
	2276410	18E18S35 14400 0170	GROGAN PAUL M	926 N LISBON TER	HERNANDO	GIANT INVESTORS UNREC SUB LOTS 17 & 18 DESC AS: LOT 17 N	0000	5612	2022
	3525331	20E19S070030 0090	GROGAN PAUL M	510 TURNER CAMP RD	INVERNESS	PARKER BROS LAKE SIDE SUBDIVISION Ph 2 PG 92, LOT 9	0100	4710	2022

Printable Version

Results Page: [1]

Reports

- Attribute Export
- Mailing List
- Property Record Card
- Property Tax Map

Home Parcel Search

Attkey: 3525331 Parcel ID: 20E18S070030 0000
 GROGAN JENNIFER H 510 TURNER CAMP RD , INVERNESS

3 of 3
 Return to Search Results
 My Tax Year: 2022

Citrus County Property Appraiser, Cregg E. Dalton

Summary

Legal

Land & Agriculture

Residential

Commercial

Misc Improvements

Values

Sketch

Photos

Permits

Quick Links

Map

Pictometry

PC Code 0100 - SINGLE FAMILY
 Bldg Counts Res 1 / MH 0 / Comm 0
 Nbrhd 4710 - TURNER CAMP ROAD AREA (INSIDE CITY LIMIT
 Tax District 000T - CITY OF INVERNESS
 Subdivision 001389 - PARKER'S SUBDIVISION
 Short Legal PARKER BROS. LAKE SIDE SUBDIVISION PG 2 PG 92, LOT
 9
 Est. Parcel Sqft 15,440
 Est. Parcel Acres .35
 Map SC-TW-RG 07-18S-20E

- Actions
- Neighborhood Sales
 - Printable Summary
 - Printable Version

Reports

- Attribute Export
- Mailing List
- Property Record Card
- Original Trim Notice

Mailing Address

Name GROGAN JENNIFER H
 Mailing Address 510 TURNER CAMP RD
 INVERNESS FL 34450

Go

Links

Search Help

All Owners

Name	Owner Type
GROGAN JENNIFER H	HW - Husband And Wife
GROGAN PAUL M	HW - Husband And Wife

2022 Preliminary Values

Year	Land Value	Impr Value	Just Value	Non-Sch. Assessed	Non-Sch. Exemptions	Non-Sch. Taxable	HX Savings
2022	\$87,500	\$224,523	\$312,023	\$312,023	\$0	\$312,023	\$0

Buyer Beware!

Property taxes may be affected with change in ownership. When buying real estate property, you should not assume that property taxes will remain the same. Whenever there is a change in ownership, the assessed value of the property may reset to full market value, which could result in higher property taxes. Please use our tax estimator to approximate your new property taxes. Homestead exemptions and agricultural classifications are not transferable to the new owner. You must apply for your own exemptions and agricultural classifications.

Sales

Sale Date	Sale Price	Book/Page	Instr Type	Vol
10/08/2021	\$479,900	3214/1543	00-WARRANTY DEED	1
09/21/2021	\$320,000	3208/0571	00-WARRANTY DEED	1
11/20/2003	\$100	1864/2134	03-SAME FAMILY/DEED FOL	1
04/11/1997	\$131,000	1187/0912	00-WARRANTY DEED	1

DISCLAIMER

Sales do not generally appear in database until approximately 8 to 10 weeks after the recording date. If a recent sale does not show up in this list, please allow more time for the sale record to be processed.

Permit Summary

Permit Date	Permit Number	Description	Amount	Occupancy Date
06/01/2000	2000100BP	DRIVEWAY	\$1,575	
01/01/1996	11813	INSTALL AC	\$2,200	
07/01/1985	5326	RES	\$54,750	04/01/1986

Land & Agricultural

Line	Land Use	Type	Units	Frontage	Depth	Ag Flag	Classified Value	Just Value	Zoning
1	0101-SFR LAKE FRONT	F-FRONT FOOT	100.00	100.0	151			\$87,500	LD

Residential

Bldg Number	1
Class	R1 - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY
Year Built	1986
Total FLA	2,145
Total Under Roof	2,560
Exterior Wall	38 - WOOD SIDING LAP WD FRAME
Foundation	1 - WD CONCR PIERS
HVAC	109 - HEAT PUMP
Stories	2
Floor System	01 - CONC. SLAB
Roof Frame	01 - GABLE
Roof Cover	09 - CUSTOM FIBERGLASS
Fuel	1 - ELECTRIC
Bedrooms/Full Baths/Half Baths	4/2/1
Addl Fixtures	
FPL: Stacks/Openings	/
RCN	251,299
RCNLD	218,383

Additions to Base Area

Building	Description	Year Built	Area
1	MAIN BUILDING	1986	1,203
1	FLR LIV AREA	1986	112
1	OPEN PORCH FIN	1986	15
1	GARAGE FINISHED	1986	400
1	UPPER FLR LIV AREA	1986	830

Miscellaneous Improvements

Building #	Line	Description	Year Built	L	W	Units	Area	Value
1	1	DECKING WOOD-[1-SF]	2001			1	1,064	4,880
1	2	DECKING WOOD-[1-SF]	2014			1	225	1,260
							Total Misc Value	6,140

IsWorld Public Access

Powered by [Google Translate](#)

Candidate: Paul Grogan

Office: County Commissioner District 2

 Show only financial reports (Hides bio)

The following financial reports are available:

Report View Transactions	Monetary Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Expenditures and Distributions
M5 (5/1/2022 - 5/31/2022)	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
P1 (6/1/2022 - 6/17/2022)	\$2,725.00	\$0.00	\$2,684.56
P2 (6/18/2022 - 7/1/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P3 (7/2/2022 - 7/15/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P4 (7/16/2022 - 7/22/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P5 (7/23/2022 - 7/29/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P6 (7/30/2022 - 8/5/2022)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P7 (8/6/2022 - 8/18/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G1 (8/19/2022 - 8/26/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G2 (8/27/2022 - 9/9/2022)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Candidate qualifying forms and miscellaneous documents

[2022_Appointment_of_Campaign_Treasurer](#)
[2022_Statement_of_Candidate](#)
[2022_Appointment_of_Campaign_Treasurer_2](#)
[2022_Form_6](#)
[2022_Candidate_Oath](#)



Paul Captain Grogan



1h ·

I'm running for commissioner and accepting funds if you want to contribute.

We need 2600 to cover the initial cost.



Like



Comment



Share



Paul Captain Grogan



2h ·

This could be the next news

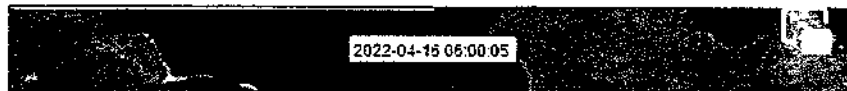


Ducks Unlimited · Follow

2d ·

Spring migration to nesting areas is winding down for Eastern Mallards!
Ducks Unlimited and several... See More

2022 Spring Mallard Movements as of 2022-05-31





Like

Comment



Paul M Grogan



10h ·

Just letting neighbors know I decided to run for commissioner. We have a great future ahead of us locally. We have two weeks to sign petition cards, if you like to stop by and fill one out let us know and we will put some in the mail box by front door.

Remember to wave at the ring camera! We are going to make Citrus County better then ever before!!!

Like

Comment

Share



Paul M Grogan



1d ·

Too funny



Home



News



Groups



Pages



Notifications



Menu

Choose sidebar display
9:47



<  Paul Captain Grogan
2d ·  

So I get 1300 petitions signed to run for election, I'm allowed to be on the ballot and oh never have to ask those 1300 how I vote on the commissioners table. I just listen to person that sells the most raffle tickets or most motorcycles and tractors?

 Like  Comment  Share

 1



Back on the hunt for a 1 bedroom to lease in Homosassa or Chassahowitzka.



Don Kilo and 9 others

16 comments

Like

Comment

Share

facebook



...hearing.



Paul Captain Grogan ·



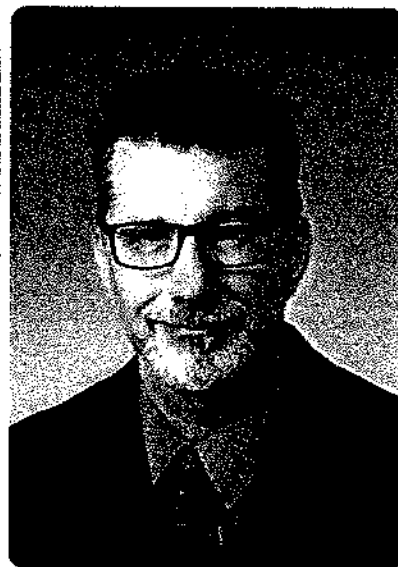
Follow

14h · 🌐

I'll be back in 3 weeks for 2 weeks
let's see what we can get done.

Sincerely,

Ron Kitchen's replacement



👤 3

2 comments

👍 Like

💬 Comment

➦ Share





Paul Captain Grogan



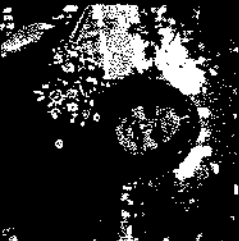
Nick DiMartino



Ryan Downs



Jarey Schlabach



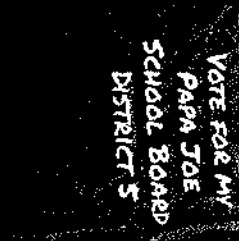
Jade White



Travis Anderson



Tiarra Faye Heard



Joe Faherty



Debbie Reilly



Eric C. Head

Life events

See all



GIPHY

Like Reply 1w



Hammie Katz
nice!



2

Like Reply 1w



Paul Reinhardt
Great picture



Like Reply 1w



Paul Captain Grogan
Paul Reinhardt we look forward to replacing the Kitchen's family to represent Citrus County as a whole.

Like Reply 1w



Paul Reinhardt
In my individual capacity I say NPA all the way!

Like Reply 1w



Paul Captain Grogan
Paul Reinhardt thanks we love, honor and respect you.

Like Reply 1w



Paul Captain Grogan

INDEPENDENT VOTER



Friends
2,960 (121 mutual)

See all friends



Nick DiMartino



Ryan Downs



Jarey Schlabach



Like Reply 12h

Paul Captain Grogan
Nick DiMartino

I did not grow up. I did and I get it. We help each other here. No riddle, no rhyme. You're looking for music man and us locals we just dance.

My point behind all of it is simple. What is it that you feel like needs to be done here? A fair board with variety of backgrounds. What is it that you are going to do to make Citrus County the Best Ever?

Etiquette I'll bring etiquette and as we improve our people the organization can grow. That's sir is a rudimentary. From that one leadership seed we can grow together.

Everyone doesn't find the same things important.

That's true

I'm trying to find out what you stand for. I stand for you the citizen. The un heard voice that gives back every day, that uses common sense and just wants to know what the heck is going on. I'll tell you.

Like Hamilton says to Burr " if you stand for nothing then what will you fall for?"

Sir sit down, relax, I got this. They wasn't able to get the job sir, I will finish it.

Trying to find out information about what you envision the direction our county going

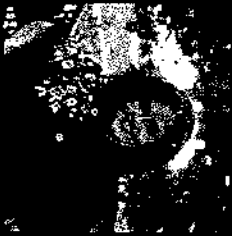
I would like to know what you see?

...

...



Paul Captain Grogan



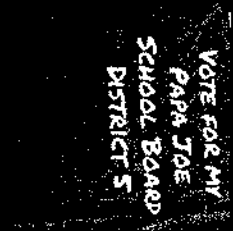
Jade White



Travis Anderson



Tiarra Faye Heard



Joe Faherty

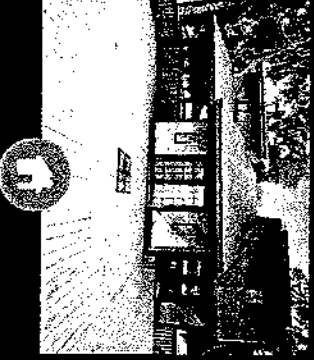
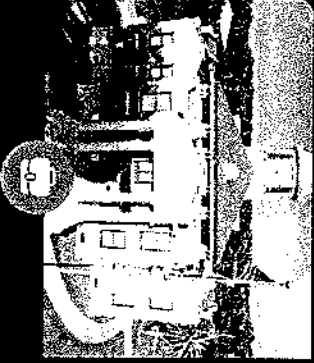


Debbie Reilly



Eric C. Head

Life events



See all

...

I see people staying year round, 20-30 year olds without jobs, I see and aging population that did not include their children in acquisition of property, I see a reverse in single family homes, I see triple the activity on the water, I see more fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling, horseback riding, zip lines, kayaking, paddle boarding

Which all statistically leads to unplanned pregnancy, personal injuries and petty theft possibly increase in homelessness and a bigger gap between the haves and the have nots, we may end up with 1-5 billionaires locally and double maybe triple the millionaires offer a greater range of givers which may or may not encourage the takers.

Meanwhile on the next board agenda which you can see online under agendas, we have to figure out same thing as you at your home

Who's mowing the grass?

Are we renewing the contracts?

Insurance Policy renewals etc

is going doesn't classify me as not being an adult.

We are adults, just trying to step up the vibe - you're being to nice.

I'm just here to help you

Like Reply 12h



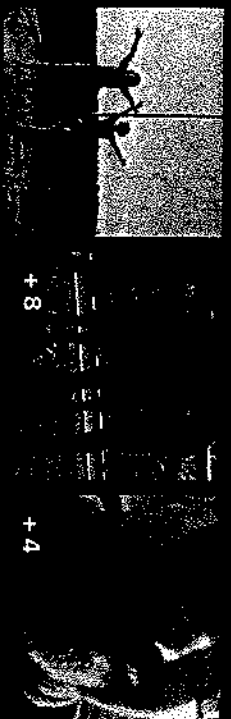
Reply to Nick DiMartino...



Paul Captain Grogan
Check this out:

Marine Science Station Weatherstem

Like Reply 15h



Photos

See all photos



Like Comment Share

Mike Bays
 Paul, are you mocking your so called run for county commissioner? I hear you will be back in a month or so?

Like Reply 1d

Paul Captain Grogan
 Well sounds like your mind is already made up.

However, opening up the conversation to opportunity is important. I tried to call you, nobody answered.

The issue for some is about indoor versus out door activities. While some events are high impact, involving lots of set up and big planning other events are less impactful to community.

This is my personal page and not necessarily all about the campaign. After reviewing the county administrator agenda list and seeing what we offer and what's available, many possibilities exist.

I see low impact, family fun as a great start. The biggest challenge is our population has grown almost 50% and our accommodation, civic buildings are not keeping up.

Like Reply 1d Edited

Mike Bays
 Paul Captain Grogan since I know you, I was seriously asking if you are actually campaigning? I have had many ask and this bizarre post will only further confuse that issue.

Like Reply 23h

Paul Captain Grogan
 Mike Bays Yes sir I'm getting the messages every day too are you really running for commissioner are you really a



Paul Captain Grogan



Friends

2,960 (121 mutual)

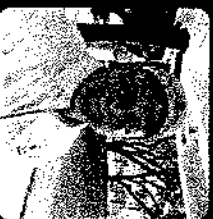
See all friends



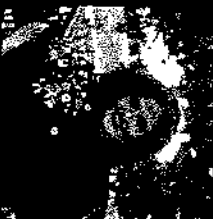
Nick DiMartino



Ryan Downs



Jarey Schlabach



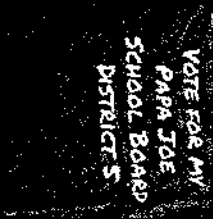
Jade White



Travis Anderson



Tarra Faye Heard



Paul Captain Grogan

Mike Bays Yes sir I'm getting the messages every day too are you really running for commissioner are you really a Citrus County citizen are you really trying to make a difference and the answer is yes I will work harder for you than any commissioner has ever

I'll even work harder than Angela Vick

Candidate for District 2 County Commissioner Paul Grogan

We have to put things specific measurable achievable and result orientated on the timetable so that we can accomplish what we're trying to accomplish finish what we started and then start making this community the best ever will you put up the flags you put up walls of people that can make a difference people who are working people who are continuously trying to improve the community themselves and their family that's the kind of person we want on the board at the end of the day it's all about balance can we bring balance to the table and will everybody actually do their job when we get that established and that's what you guys are looking for I'm your man I'll do the job if you're looking for someone to just go along to get along and agree with whatever the chairperson says I'm not your candidate we need to use information integrity we need to start backing up the votes and the direction that we're going in based on facts and a little common sense leadership if there's a way to do something we got the resources and we can combine different departments that have different facilities and resources to use for the good and let's do it this whole thing about each department it's own entity it's own unit yell it doesn't have to be that way and within the

...

...



Paul Captain Grogan



Jade White



Travis Anderson



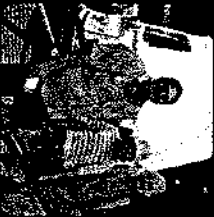
Tiarra Faye Heard

VOTE FOR MY
PAPA JOE
SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 5

Joe Faherty



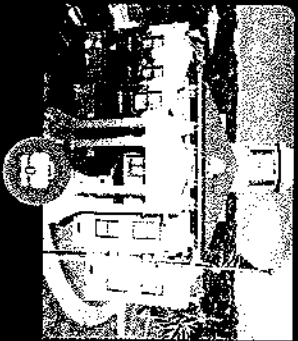
Debbie Reilly



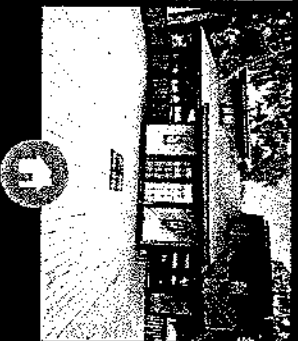
Eric C. Head

Life events

See all



Started New Job at
Citrus County Board of
County Commissioners
May



Moved to Turner Camp
October 3, 2021

...

for I'm your man I'll do the job if you're looking for someone to just go along to get along and agree with whatever the chairperson says I'm not your candidate we need to use information integrity we need to start backing up the votes and the direction that we're going in based on facts and a little common sense leadership if there's a way to do something we got the resources and we can combine different departments that have different facilities and resources to use for the good and let's do it this whole thing about each department it's own entity its own unit yell it doesn't have to be that way and within the click of a Google you can get some information to back up what you're trying to implement for the last 4 to 6 years of sit back and watch people not do their job and I'm here I'm giving you the community a choice to hire someone that you know is going to work you know he's going to work hard and who's working and running for commissioner that's the beauty of what I'm offering come November 8 vote for Paul up until October 11 help other people get registered to vote especially new residence asked them to register to vote tell them what our causes our work we're standing up for you the community and we want to make a difference and we wanna work for you I know that I hope that you have a great day it's always a pleasure talking to you and I support local businesses

Grogan4Citrus.com




PAUL M. GROGAN
PaulMGrogan

Like Reply 23h Edited



**Candidate for District 2 County
Commissioner Paul Grogan** ...

1d · 

More conservative Christians are stepping up to the plate and putting their hat in the race. Please meet the candidates, reach out to them and verify they are who they say they are. It's an amazing race and so many are trying so hard to be authentic and really help others. Please email, text discuss to and about all the candidates. It really does matter.

Inverness host many County events and they are no where near a closed city!!! They offer genuine services to the whole county and do things with excellence. Let's support the supporters and Grow with Paul Captain Grogan and other conservatives.



Indie Hub

Annie Martin · 5d · 

View post



Home



News



Pages



Feeds



Notifications



Menu

People who shared this



Candidate for District 2 County Commissioner Paul Grogan



September 12 at 4:40 AM

More conservative Christians are stepping up to the plate and putting their hat in the race. Please meet the candidates, reach out to them and verify they are who they say they are. It's an amazing race and so many are trying so hard to be authentic and really help others. Please email, text discuss to and about all the candidates. It really does matter.

Inverness host many County events and they are no where near a closed city!!! They offer genuine services to the whole co... See more



Annie Martin Indie Hub

September 7 at 10:19 PM

JOHN LABRIOLA
CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE
FOR INVERNESS CITY COUNCIL SEAT 1

John Labriola for Inverness City Council
Politician



WhatsApp



CITRUSCOUNTYCLASSIFIEDS.COM

News Without Walls

- CITRUS COUNTY CALENDAR
- CITRUS COUNTY CAREERS
- CITRUS COUNTY CLASSROOMS
- CITRUS COUNTY COUPONS
- CITRUS COUNTY CAREGIVERS
- CITRUS COUNTY CHURCHES
- CITRUS COUNTY CHURCHES
- CITRUS COUNTY CARS
- CITRUS COUNTY COMMUNITY
- CITRUS COUNTY COUNTRIER (NEWS)
- CITRUS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION
- CITRUS COUNTY COUSINE
- CHASSAIIOWITZKA COMMUNITY CENTER
- CITRUS COUNTY CLASSIFIEDS
- HOME



Paul Captain Grogan



Went to Lecanto High School



Lives in Inverness, Florida



From Hernando, Florida



Joined February 2007



Polo



Vlogging



Beekeeping



Traveling

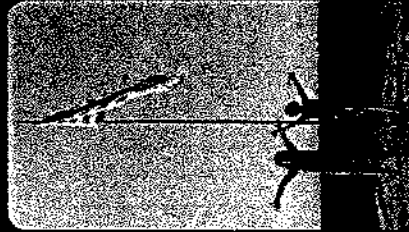


Cooking



Water Polo

See all



USA



+ 8

Featured



+ 4

Living Beautiful



Paul Captain Grogan

August 17 at 5:08 PM



I am a sailor

We own a salon

We operate a church

I'm running for County Commissioner.



THIS NPA CANDIDATE IS A MYSTERY

7/13/2022



Then there's this guy.

What are we to make of Paul Grogan, the no-party affiliation candidate whose existence on the November ballot blocks non-

Republicans from voting in the county commission District 2 primary?

Grogan, a boat captain in the Merchant Marine who acknowledges he's out of the county for two-thirds of the year, doesn't live in the district. He's done no campaigning. No fundraising, other than a \$25 check from Paul Reinhardt.

Of the two (legitimate) District 2 candidates, Diana Finegan would seem to fare better in a closed Republican primary than Stacey Worthington. While I didn't make a big deal of it, Finegan saying the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump is a popular view among some in the party who might vote for her based on that alone. (Even though it's, you know, total bunk.)

Preventing Democrats, third parties and other NPAs — roughly half of the registered voters — from that race certainly should help the more conservative of the two.

And with Grogan's NPA chances all but zippo of defeating a Republican when her name is down ballot from Gov. Ron DeSantis you can see why half the Citrus County electorate

AUTHOR

Mike Wright has written about Citrus County government and politics for 35 years.



ARCHIVES

- September 2022
- August 2022
- July 2022
- June 2022
- May 2022
- April 2022
- March 2022
- February 2022

- January 2022
- December 2021
- November 2021



to get a building permit; the county commission needs to slow down growth; commissioners should communicate with the public. Generally, what we'd expect from low-level commission candidates 20 years ago, not today when our challenges are so significant.

Since it's all about the conversation with me, I challenged Grogan to rise above this noise and participate. The one thing his candidacy does is guarantee we'll have a District 2 race in between the primary and election, which allows more community talk about the issues we face.

That's assuming Grogan will actually campaign, and I'm not quite ready to take that bet.

I go back to my original question: What do we make of this Grogan candidate? The real deal or someone's puppet?

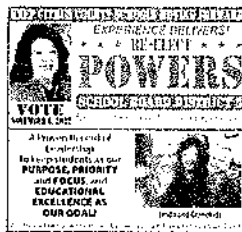
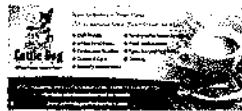
We'll find out soon enough.

Join the discussion on our Facebook page.

Like 57

Tweet

Comments are closed.



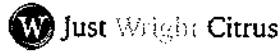
HOME

TODAY'S BLOG

ABOUT



Copyright © 2022
Created by Joshua Brunk and Noah Breder



HOME JUST BLOGS ABOUT

AN ODD ENDORSEMENT FOR FINEGAN

8/14/2022



We start off this busy week of early voting with a head scratcher in County Commission District 2.

You may remember Paul Grogan, the no-party affiliate candidate whose entry into the race closed the primary to Republicans. Not only did that cut half the voting public out of the real race between Diana Finegan and Stacey Worthington, it was done so in a clearly cynical way to block non-Republicans, a move that theoretically favors Finegan.

Grogan entered the race despite openly promoting Finegan's campaign on his own Facebook page. It seemed like a setup from the start.

Sunday morning, I left church to find text messages with screenshots of Finegan's Facebook page, where Grogan had commented on a photo of Finegan standing in front of a campaign trailer at an early-vote site.

This is what he said:

"I think the trailer idea was the best one! Your signage is top notch!!

PS I hope (and pray) you win the primaries."

Um...what?

AUTHOR

Mike Wright has written about Citrus County government and politics for 35 years.



ARCHIVES

- September 2022
- August 2022
- July 2022
- June 2022
- May 2022
- April 2022
- March 2022
- February 2022
- January 2022
- December 2021
- November 2021



Did Grogan, a potential opponent, just come right out and endorse a candidate in the Republican primary? That's what it sure looks like to me.

Seeing that comment immediately raised a suspicion that Grogan would drop out of the race should Finegan win the primary. We had a lengthy text chat back and forth about it and he would never directly answer my question, which was:

"Are you dropping out if Diana wins the primary?"

Pretty straight forward, as you can see.

Rather than answer with a yes or no, he would say only that he told the "CCBA" he's in the race 'til November.

I was still mulling over Grogan's bizarre Finegan comment when

someone alerted me that both candidate and supporter/potential opponent had the following exchange Sunday on her campaign Facebook page:

Finegan, responding to Grogan's comment of support: "Wow Paul! I've never met an opponent like you. Lol! Thank you for your kindness and prayers. I'm sure our race will be much nicer than the one I'm currently in."

Grogan: "Together we (all of us) can lead a community together besides we all shop at the same grocery stores. Best wishes on the primary...when it's over get your boxing gloves ready."

Oh, please. I was born at night but not last night.

I want to make something clear from the outset. While the harebrained idea behind getting Grogan in the race was to increase Finegan's chances to win, I'm not suggesting she had anything to do with it. That said, she's playing along as if this is an actual, you know, contested race, when it has every appearance of a sham.

Finegan's response nails it. Of COURSE her next race will be easier than this one because her ... cough, cough ... opponent is already locked in line with her. Campaigns are a lot more fun for candidates when everyone agrees with them. It's the public that gets ripped on that deal.



Surprisingly great rates that fit any budget.

Get great rates and a good neighbor. Call me today.

Let's get you the best State Farm policy.

State Farm

Habitat ReStore

SHOP-DONATE-VOLUNTEER

352-504-2300

Two Locations

Citrus County

KINNARD

Physical Therapy

Injury Rehab • Massage Therapy

In-Home Compassion Clinic

We give you help!

AMU

BIRDMEN'S BUNGLES • CATTLE HAY • TIMBER • TOPSOIL

352-341-0903

WORTHINGTON

A/C & Heating LLC

(352) 220-9815

We Service All Brands

This sideshow detracts from what's been a decent contest between two women working hard to win. Both Finegan and Worthington are engaged in the process, that's clear to see.

Grogan's "get your boxing gloves ready" remark to Finegan is odd considering he's also "praying" for her to win the primary. I mean...are we fools?

One thing I'll say a Grogan campaign does, is it extends the primary winner's election season to November. Considering both Finegan and Worthington are new to the political stage, another two months to dive into some issues isn't a terrible thing before one or the other takes office.

But to dress up this potential Finegan vs. Grogan race as real, when it's really just a cheap imitation?

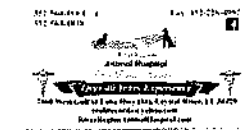
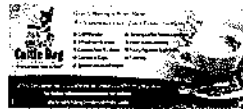
Two words, candidates: Not appreciated.

Join the discussion on our Facebook page.

Like 255

Target

Comments are closed.



HOME

TODAY'S BLOG

ABOUT



Copyright © 2022
Created by Joshua Brunk and Noah Broder



Diana Finegan Campaign



23h · 🌐



Like



Comment



Share



18

2 Shares

Most relevant ▾



Candidate for District 2 County

Commissioner Paul Grogan · Follow

I think the trailer idea was the best one! Your signage is top notch!!!

PS I hope (and pray) you win the primaries.

Write a comment...



Home



Watch



Marketplace



Feeds



Notifications



Menu

<  **Diana Finegan Campaign** 1d · 🌐

Like Reply



✍ Author

Diana Finegan Campaign

Candidate for District 2 County Commissioner Paul Grogan
Wow Paul! I've never met an opponent like you. Lol
Thank you for your kindness and prayers. I'm sure our race will be much nicer than the one I'm currently in. 😊

1h Like Reply 1 🗨



Candidate for District 2 County Commissioner Paul Grogan · Follow

Diana Finegan Campaign together we (all of us) can lead a community together besides we all shop at the same grocery stores. Best wishes on the primary... when it's over get your boxing gloves ready.

12m Like Reply

Write a comment...



Home



Watch



Marketplace



Feeds



Notifications




Menu

< Candidate for District 2 Cou...  

Posts About Photos ▾ Mentions




Candidate for District 2 County Commissioner Paul Grogan 

1h · 

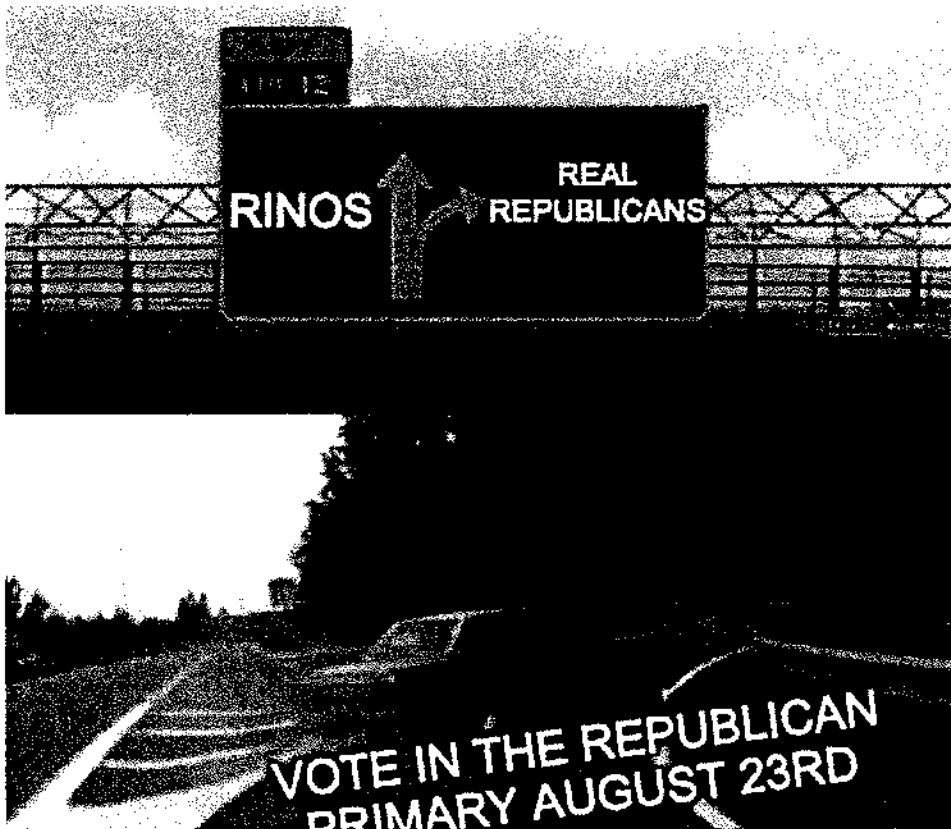
Finally the truth



Diana Finegan Campaign · Follow

1h · 

Our local liberal media promotes the most liberal candidates. Pay attention and vote real Republicans!! I am the O... See more



Home



News



Groups





Feeds



Notifications



Menu

<  **Just Wright Citrus**
6d · 



Um, she hasn't won yet...

<https://www.justwrightcitrus.com/just-blogs/by-all-means-lets-brief-the-npa>




justwrightcitrus.com

By all means, let's brief the NPA

 Like

 Comment

 Share

 20

All comments ▾



James Holder
More Finnegan shenanigans!!!

6d Like Reply



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds




Notifications





Menu

  **Just Wright Citrus** 


6d · 

 **Josh Wooten**
 This district two fiasco is making a mockery of the system. Neither candidate should be given a briefing until the election is settled. The evidence clearly establishes that Grogan is not a serious candidate. The outstanding question is why did he get in this race to begin with?

6d Like Reply 11 

 **Spence Deb**
 Ghost candidates are unethical but not illegal in florida. Unless there are campaign finance problems nothing can be done. I give Stacy a lot of credit for seeing this and not making it an issue on why she lost. She was gracious and moved on which is what fine people do. The legislature needs to get serious about this issue

5d Like Reply 5 

 **Dee Atkins**
 Spence Deb you are so correct..in every aspect.

 Write a comment...  



Paul Captain Grogan

PAPA JOE
SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 5



Joe Faherty

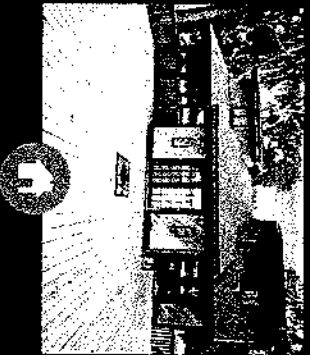
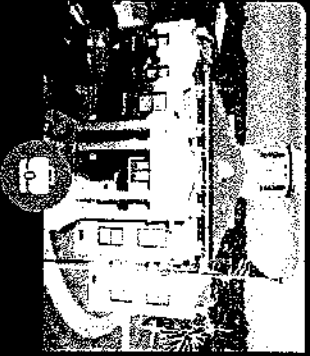
Debbie Reilly



Eric C. Head

Life events

See all



Started New Job at
Citrus County Board of
County Commissioners
May

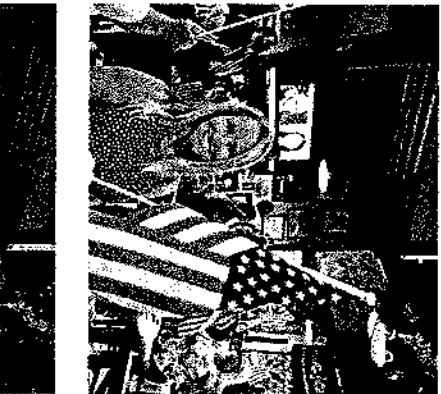
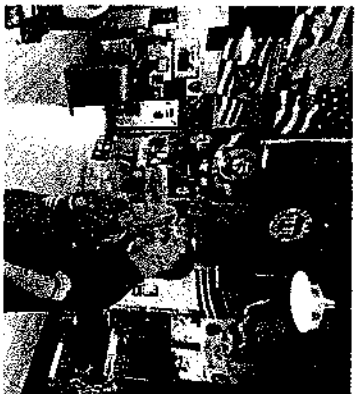
Moved to Turner Camp
October 3, 2021

Privacy · Terms · Advertising · Ad Choices · Cookies · More · Meta ©
2022



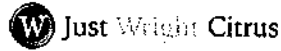
Paul Captain Grogan
August 20 at 7:21 PM · 🌐

Vote vote vote



...

...



HOME JUST BLOGS ABOUT

BY ALL MEANS, LET'S BRIEF THE NPA

9/7/2022



It is

customary in Citrus County government, and likely elsewhere, to invite newly elected commissioners to drop in for a briefing before taking office.

These meetings with top county brass bring incoming commissioners up to speed about the major goings on. When the two new commissioners are sworn in on Nov. 22, the idea goes that they'll be ready to join the discussion.

So not unusual at all for County Administrator Randy Oliver to meet this week with Rebecca Bays, who was elected to office in the District 4 primary that, as we know, was open to all voters and thus produced a winner.

What was unusual was he also met with Diana Finegan, who won the District 2 Republican primary but still isn't elected because a paper tiger in the form of a mysterious NPA candidate stands in her way.

When I asked Oliver about that, he said he also extended an invitation to Paul Grogan, the no-party affiliate whose bizarre campaign has given voters anything but the warm fuzzies that his candidacy is legitimate.

Nice, but that's not the norm.

Let's rehab just a little bit

<https://www.justwrightcitrus.com/just-blogs/by-all-means-lets-brief-the-npa>

AUTHOR

Mike Wright has written about Citrus County government and politics for 35 years.



ARCHIVES

- September 2022
- August 2022
- July 2022
- June 2022
- May 2022
- April 2022
- March 2022
- February 2022
- January 2022
- December 2021
- November 2021



There were five primary county commission candidates total:

There were five primary county commission candidates total: Finegan and Stacey Worthington in District 2; Bays, John Murphy Jr. and Winn Webb in District 4.

Oliver didn't invite any of those candidates in for a briefing before the primary. While all five were legit candidates, it's not the sort of thing administrators tend to do at this stage of the election process. That said, had any of THEM asked — and I encouraged it — Oliver would gladly have given candidates an overview.

The more knowledge a candidate has, the more he or she can dive deep into the challenges that Citrus County faces. I think you'll see Bays use her — frankly, pretty impressive — knowledge of county government for that very purpose. Bays has an advantage being a former commissioner, but she didn't

miss the opportunity to meet with Oliver this week so that she's ready to go on Day 1.

So, back to the primary.

District 4 was above board with three great candidates, all Republicans, which opened the primary to all voters. Even if your candidate didn't win, we should all be happy to have had the opportunity to choose.

District 2, not so much. Finegan and Worthington were fine candidates, but the primary blocked out non-Republicans because of Grogan's entry.

Grogan's campaign — and I'm being generous calling it that — has consisted of praising Finegan and publicly **supporting her** in the primary. He has a **campaign** Facebook page that reads like a bulletin board of community events but is void of:

- Virtually any mention of the campaign or office he's seeking. A slogan or two ("A River of Opportunity." What the heck?) and that's about it.
- Zero comments from supporters. It's as if he's running a stealth Facebook campaign. The page has 690 followers but they must sleep 24 hours a day because they're paying no attention.



Surprisingly great rates that fit any budget.

State Farm

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

SHOP DONATE VOLUNTEER 352-564-2300

Two Locations

CITRUS COUNTY

KINNARD CHIROPRACTIC

Injury Rehab • Massage Therapy

Compassion Clinic

We give you hope!

AMU

352-341-0903

WORTHINGTON A/C & Heating LLC

(352) 220-9815

We Service All Brands

- He claims to have had a campaign kickoff on Aug. 24, the day after the primary. But the report that would show how much he collected and spent was due last Friday, and Grogan skipped the deadline. Candidates who blow off reporting deadlines usually have a reason for doing so. (UPDATE: After the supervisor of elections sent him a reminder about missing the deadline, Grogan filed a "waiver" Wednesday night indicating no money collected or spent in the last reporting period.)

So the idea that this so-called candidate would receive a briefing invite from the county administrator because his opponent, an actual primary winner, also received one — that doesn't pass the smell test.

This isn't the first time a primary winner faced a far weaker opponent in the general election. But I don't recall Oliver or his predecessors bringing candidates in until the matter is settled and someone's elected.

More likely, Oliver is being practical. Regardless of Grogan's intentions, he's still NPA and extremely unlikely to win in November. Bringing Finegan in for a briefing now is simply logical.

The whole thing's just kind of weird, that's all.

By the way, Oliver shouldn't expect an appointment with Grogan anytime soon. I texted him Wednesday to see if he's in Citrus County, and he responded shortly before midnight:

"Be back in 4 weeks."

Back in four weeks. You call that a campaign?

Like I said, weird.

Join the discussion on our [Facebook page](#).

Like (0)

Retweet



Comments are closed.

[HOME](#)




[TODAY'S BLOG](#)

[ABOUT](#)



Copyright © 2022

Created by Joshua Brunk and Noah Breder



Just Wright Citrus
 6d · 



Jerry Cat Jr.

Hasn't raised her right hand and he's congratulated her on the record. I'm definitely dressing up like him for Halloween 🧛.

I know a Ghost Candidate when, I see one. I just never thought someone would be so nonchalant about it.

You congratulate a candidate after the election 🤔

3d Like Reply



Tom Weston

I'm not completely up to speed on how the primary worked, but it sounds like by being a candidate, Grogan accomplished the goal of closing the primary to GOP only. Was that his sole intention, as a Finegan partisan? Did doing that improve her chances vs Stacie? If so, it's a very shady sleazy way to campaign - by both of them.



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds




Notifications




Menu


<  **Just Wright Citrus** 2d · 

 **Jerry Cat Jr.**
Paul Reinhardt Yeah give it the ole college try 😄😄

6h Like Reply 1 


 Write a reply...


The comment Paul is replying to has been deleted.

 **Paul Reinhardt**
Jerry Cat Jr. He may be a ghost candidate but he's my ghost candidate. By the way, I would change that name in the accusations because being a ghost candidate is a crime. Right Paul M Grogan ?

6h Like Reply

Most Relevant is selected, so some replies may have been filtered out.

 Write a reply...


 **Katy Henry**
"Weird" is a good choice of words

 Write a comment...  




Just Wright Citrus



6d · 



Dee Atkins
 Such political BS that goes on turns my stomach. And the only recourse I, as a citizen has, is my vote....an honest opinion...but it seems the norm these days is for some to fanagle just on the line of legitimate and criminal to tip the scales. So damned sad, Mike.

6d Like Reply 3 


Paul Reinhardt
 Grogan has made a campaign promise to help retrieve my stolen educational records that were taken at my college through a Watergate style break-in. He has my vote.

4d Like Reply


Josh Wooten
 Paul Reinhardt now thats a platform I can get behind.

4d Like Reply 1 



Jerry Cat Jr.


 Write a comment...
 




Just Wright Citrus



6d · 



James Holder

Tom Weston I guess there's only a select few that could answer those questions but likely never will.

Yes, that closed the primary to only Republicans.

Not sure if it was good sole intention other than he has raised only \$25 and has not done any campaigning.

Yes, that improved her chances by taking the far right Christian conservative approach.

4d Like Reply

3 



Spence Deb

Tom Weston yes as a democrat I could not vote for this district commissioner. It definitely affected who could vote in they race

4d Like Reply



Write a reply...



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



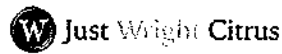
Feeds



Notifications



Menu



HOME JUST BLOGS ABOUT

RON KITCHEN SNOOKERS THE COUNTY

9/13/2022



So...I've been working on this theme for a blog about Ron Kitchen Jr.: Best politician. Worst commissioner.

Best politician in that he

really, really, REALLY knows how to play the game. No one is better than Kitchen at reading the room and finding the votes he needs.

Worst commissioner in that he clearly has no regard for the feelings, opinions or backgrounds of others, and that reflects poorly on Citrus County. He's his own worst enemy but we're the victims.

My plan was to roll this out in November after spending some more time on the details.

No need now. Not after Tuesday, when Kitchen's brilliant political skills and his cunning commissioner, um, attributes were on full display. (Click here for the video; the discussion starts around the 1:20 mark.)

The topic, of course, was county administrator search. The board voted 5-0 to interview four people, but commissioners are anything but unanimous where this goes. (Read my Florida Politics story for the details.)

They did so during a clumsy, confusing, stick-a-needle-in-my-eye debate where Kitchen hogged the conversation, interrupted commissioners throwing all pretense of "chairman" out the

AUTHOR

Mike Wright has written about Citrus County government and politics for 35 years.



ARCHIVES

- September 2022
- August 2022
- July 2022
- June 2022
- May 2022
- April 2022
- March 2022
- February 2022
- January 2022
- December 2021
- November 2021



commissioners, showing an absence of character. Out the window, so he could ram through interviews with people just to show he's still the boss.

All that is bad enough. But it's not the worst part.

There was a scoring system for each commissioner to rank the seven finalists (these six and a seventh that came in this week) and that's normal. What's not normal is inviting people who aren't elected to office to participate.

Yet, there was District 2's primary winner, Diana Finegan and NPA mystery man Paul Grogan providing their own ranking lists, treated the same in the scoresheet as the actual elected people. (Grogan sent his in by email during the board meeting. Gotta be kidding me.)

Read that again: The chairman gave policy-making authority to people who haven't been elected to anything.

Commissioner-elect Rebecca Bays, ironically, would not participate in the rankings. She was emphatic that the new board take that call since Kitchen and Carnahan will be citizens right around the time the administrator starts.

Why the heck does Grogan, who's on the November ballot ONLY because he paid a filing fee, have a say in the next county administrator? He hasn't received a single vote for anything. That's asinine.

Here's the rub: Kitchen convinced commissioners they agreed to do all this, when that simply isn't true.

I went back to the Aug. 9 board video (starts around the 1:04 mark) where Kitchen brought up the idea of primary winners participating in the administrator selection process. At no time did he or anyone suggest that an NPA get that privilege as well.

This is what he said:

"I'd like to see the winners of the primary election be included in the selection process. Some of them are going to be the next county commissioners. Their voices should be heard."

His idea: The primary winners could sit in the front row and



Surprisingly great rates that fit any budget.

Get great rates and a great neighbor. Call me today.

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.™

Individuals must be licensed and licensed in the state in which the policy is to be issued.

State Farm
State Farm

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
SHOP • DONATE • VOLUNTEER
352-504-2300

Two Locations

Citrus County
1000 W. Highway 100
P.O. Box 1000, Citrus Springs, FL 34429
352-504-2300

KINNARD
PHYSICAL THERAPY
Injury Rehab • Massage Therapy

The U.S.A. Compassion Clinic
We give you hope!

For Appointment Call
352-220-9815
352-220-9815
352-220-9815

AMU
SHRUBS • MULCH • TURF
BAY • TIMBER • TOPSOIL
352-341-0903

WORTHINGTON
A/C & Heating LLC

(352) 220-9815
We Service All Brands
Service • Installation • Repair

chime in. Very general. Nothing specific.

Everyone agreed. A few minutes later, Carnahan noted that the District 2 winner still had a general election challenge while

District 4 did not.

"There's only one commissioner who's going to be able to sit up here and participate in the selection," Carnahan said.

To which Kitchen, referring to the primary again, said: "There's still going to be one winner from that election."

So, to recap:

- No county commission agreement or even discussion to include the NPA candidate Grogan.
- Not even clear from the Aug. 9 discussion whether the District 2 winner should be included at all, since she isn't elected yet.
- No county commission agreement that the District 2 candidates would participate in the ranking of applicants and be given the same scoring weight as commissioners.

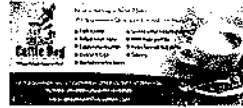
Kitchen's repeated claim Tuesday that the board has been unanimous from the start...he made it all up. The board in August agreed to have the primary winners sit in the front row and participate. That's it.

Commissioners Holly Davis and Ruthie Davis Schlabach tried to make sense of the mishmash, but Kitchen repeatedly cut them off or accused them of breaking this so-called protocol that, as we've just pointed out, never had board approval in the first place.

I guess one could say it doesn't really matter how we got here. The board chose four candidates to interview and it's conceivable the three remaining commissioners will find unity in a pick.

But it's lousy government. The chairman just tricked his colleagues into a process they never discussed or supported, just so he could get his way — whatever that is.

Ron Kitchen: Best politician. Worst commissioner. Hands down.



Join the discussion on our Facebook page.

Like 0

Tweet

Comments are closed.

HOME

TODAY'S BLOG

ABOUT



Copyright © 2022

Created by Joshua Brunk and Noah Breder

10:11



Just Wright Citrus



4h ·



justwrightcitrus.com

Ron Kitchen snookers the county



Like



Comment



Share

21

1 Share

All comments



Will Wilson

That was just insane. They are not elected officials yet. Why do they matter in the selection process? I'm so glad he is leaving. Good riddance.



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds





Notifications




Menu


<  **Just Wright Citrus** ...
4h · 


 **Will Wilson**
That was just insane. They are not elected officials yet. Why do they matter in the selection process? I'm so glad he is leaving. Good riddance.

3h Like Reply 3 

 **Debbie Ressler**
Will Wilson agree to some degree; but it seems the five agreed weeks ago to include them. The heated discussion topic should have been resolved then , not now

7m Like Reply

 Write a reply...

 **James Holder**
Is there anything statutory that would prevent 3 specific citizens from participating any more than the rest of us citizens? I can understand Bays being involved. She will definitely be sworn in as a new commissioner. But the other 2 still have campaigns to run and an

 Write a comment...  



Home



News



Pages



Feeds



Notifications



Menu



Just Wright Citrus



4h ·

elected citizens to have an actual vote on who the next county administrator is. Ron kitchen is like a petulant child who kicks and screams until he gets his way.

1h Like Reply

2



Mark Stoltz

Josh Wooten In otherwords, a typical trumpanzee

55m Like Reply



Debbie Ressler

Did not agree weeks ago when they made the decision to be inclusive ...but they made the decision so time to move forth. Actually, can see Rebecca in a more participatory role than the other two. But time will tell

3m Like Reply



Write a reply...



Spence Deb

Words escape me this morning



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds



Notifications



Menu



Just Wright Citrus



4h · 🌐

is there anything statutory that would prevent 3 specific citizens from participating any more than the rest of us citizens? I can understand Bays being involved. She will definitely be sworn in as a new commissioner. But the other 2 still have campaigns to run and an election to win before we know who will occupy the district 2 seat.

© 2015 Facebook, Inc. All rights reserved.

2h Like Reply

2



Sandy Price

James Holder and to her credit Bays refused

5m Like Reply



Write a reply...



Timothy Gilbert

So if I go up to the podium next week announce that I'm campaigning for district 2 as a write in candidate, will I get to interview the 3 chosen from yesterday?

1h Like Reply

3



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds



Notifications



Menu



Just Wright Citrus



4h · 🌐



Steve Burch

Mike Wright, How do you know Grogan paid a filing fee? His campaign reports don't reflect that. In fact, he claimed an in-kind cost of some \$70.00 for "Paper and Ink", I can only assume to print his own petition cards. His reports show that outside of his contribution to his own campaign, he only received \$25.00. His reports show that he hasn't spent anything. For a county-wide race, the filing fee would be in the area of 7K, he only has a total of 2600 and change in his entire account.

3m Like Reply



Diane Lewis

He's a piece of work. Glad he's going to be out there soon.

4h Like Reply

2 🗨️



Elizabeth Blount Atkinson

Wow. My question on including non board members...(Grogan and



Write a comment...



Home



News



Pages



Feeds



Notifications

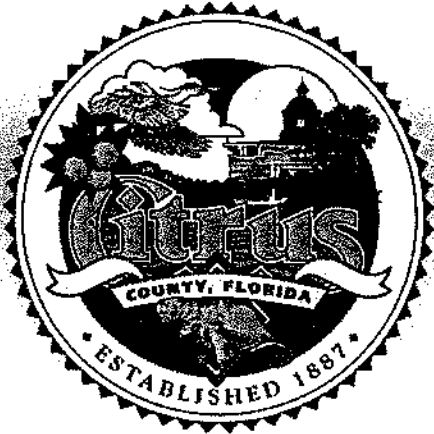


Menu

https://www.chronicleonline.com/news/local/fireworks-erupt-during-county-admin-selection-process/article_8f5b2d08-f05b-57e2-b99a-ba44e06a109a.html

Fireworks erupt during county admin selection process

By Michael D. Bates Chronicle Reporter
Sep 13, 2022



It got a bit heated Tuesday when county commissioners gathered to narrow down seven people for the soon-to-be-vacant administrator position.

The problem was not with the caliber of the applicants. It was the process, which led Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach to say, "This is a hot mess."

Finally, after much back-and-forth, the board agreed to choose four applicants that scored highest in their rankings. They are, in order of rankings:

Larry Jones: County administrator for Walton County, Florida (August 2013 to April 2022).

Steve Howard: county administrator in Camden County, Georgia (August 2007 to present).



Schlabach

Tobey Phillips, deputy county administrator in Hernando County, who worked for years in Citrus County government.

Stanley Hawthorne, town manager for Bloomfield, Connecticut (2021 to present).

Phillips and Hawthorne tied for third.

But the selections were overshadowed by the contention that went on leading up to it.

It started when Commission Chairman Ron Kitchen Jr. invited Commissioner-elect Rebecca Bays and Republican primary winner Diana Finegan to rank the candidates and participate in the process.

Finegan won the Republican primary and will face no-party candidate Paul Grogan in November.

Finegan gave her rankings but Grogan, who is out of town, emailed his choices and has indicated he won't be there for the applicant interviews.



Kitchen Jr.

But Bays asked the board to hold off selecting a new administrator until she and the other new commissioner (Finegan or Grogan) is on-board. She declined to provide rankings or participate in the pre-selection process.

That set off Kitchen who accused her of throwing the county under the bus. Kitchen said the current board was unanimous on the process that the two outgoing commissioners – he and Scott Carnahan – have input on the selection.

Bays

"We're still on the board and we have much more experience when it comes to executive-level hiring," Kitchen said.

Now, the board wanted to throw the process out the window at the last minute, he said.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard agreed that the process must be followed. Besides, if the board – after the applicant interviews – doesn't have to select any of the four if they don't pass muster.

The meeting got more amicable as it went along. They even passed a unanimous motion to go with the four interviews.

Here's what will happen:

Commissioners will hold one-on-one interviews with Jones, Howard, Phillips and Hawthorne on Sept. 26 with the final candidate selection on Sept. 27. Finegan, Grogan and Bays can participate if they wish.

On Sept. 27, a final decision may (or may not, depending on how the interviews go the day before) select the county's new administrator.

That meeting will be held during the board's regular business meeting at 1 p.m. at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, emailed commissioners soon after their vote that they erred in asking Grogan to participate in the selection process.

"You have just invited someone who is a 'candidate' for District 2 who has not campaigned, does not live in the district has raised no money, doesn't understand the issues and is rumored to be a 'ghost' candidate who has not yet received one vote to get an equal vote as our elected representatives in

what is the most important vote a commissioner can take," Wooten wrote.

"Today was not your finest moment," he added. "Hopefully common sense prevails by the end of this process."



Michael D. Bates is a staff writer with the Citrus County Chronicle and can be reached at mbates@chronicleonline.com.

Wooten
Chronicle

Michael Bates
Reporter