

At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held earlier, I voiced my opposition to a proposed large-scale hog operation near my home. My opposition and the opposition of others went unheeded and the planning and zoning commission voted to adopt a zoning ordinance allowing a large-scale hog operation. Because of the propensity of government in modern America to overrule individual objections, I will attempt to make myself clearer.

I am in opposition of the proposed large-scale hog operation under consideration along Highway 17 near the Pierce/Towner county line in Pierce County.

The reason I am in opposition to this proposed hog operation is that I have been endowed by my Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (which is inclusive of property). Inalienable (according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary) means, "that cannot be legally or justly alienated or transferred to another". Now if my Creator wishes to take away these inalienable rights, he has the perfect right to do so because He was the Grantor of those certain rights. The Constitution (man's creation) did not grant me those rights, my Creator did---the Constitution is only reiterating to us that God gave them. What government is erroneously assuming, (unfortunately even on the local level) is that **government** granted those inalienable rights and, therefore, since they granted them, they have the power to take them away as well. I object to this assumption.

Since God granted these rights to me (and to you), then He has also granted me the power of attorney over those rights. If I wish to give those rights away, I may do so if I wish; however, why would I wish to give away so great a prize? What utter nonsense! In no way do I chose to give these precious rights away, nor do I grant my power of attorney over those rights to a group of men whether they be called a planning and zoning commission or a board of County Commissioners, or any other alphabet soup gang of legal plunderers who treat those precious rights with disdain. I may have been duped in the past, but the ponzi game has gone on far to long. I have become very jealous of those rights that were granted me by my God.

You might ask, just what rights do the zoning ordinance attempt to take away---the ordinance is so neatly packaged----even **guarding** rights---distance requirements, smell level requirements, ground water testing, etc. etc. After all, the government is always concerned for our welfare and is here to help us!

My God provided each of us clean air to breath. The zoning ordinance intends to take away God's clean air and substitutes dirty smelly air laden with harmful airborne mold spores and bacteria. My wife has had severe health problems in the past and this foul air would not exactly be a boon to her health! Therefore, the zoning ordinance is attempting to take away a part of my God given right to **life**. I did not authorize any such attempt on my right to life and I am in opposition to any further attempts on the part of the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or the Pierce County Commissioners and wish for those individuals to seriously reconsider their actions.

The zoning ordinance also intends to restrict my liberty. On smelly days (and there would be many) it would be difficult to force ones self to labor in the stench. One would have to will himself to go out of doors to accomplish even the simplest of daily chores---an additional challenge that is not wanted. The zoning ordinance attempts to

restrict my liberty to labor as I chose. I did not authorize any such attempt to restrict my liberty and I am in opposition to further attempts on the part of the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or the Pierce County Commissioners and wish for these individuals to seriously reconsider their actions.

The zoning ordinance intends to plunder my property values and my livelihood. I spoke to a realtor---she did not give me an appraisal, but said I would lose dollar value in our farmstead---**big time** even to the point of making my property nearly unsaleable. Additionally, I farm organically and I happen to be one of those rare farmers who can put a face on the consumer who is the end user of what I produce. Each month, three times a month, I load the grain that I produce (cleaned and bagged) in my semi trailer and haul it to a health food warehouse on the west coast. I then reload my semi trailer at this same health food warehouse with orders they have received from customers in the states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming. On my returns to North Dakota, I deliver these orders. Throughout those states, I meet, face to face, those persons who utilize grain produced on my farm. Those end users of my grain can trace the product they receive not only to me, but also to the bin I stored it in, and even to the field that it was grown on. Food can pick up odors that can be tasted if that food is exposed to certain odors for extended periods of time. I am seriously concerned whether there might not be hog manure odors that are tasteable, especially if certain bins might need to be aerated. I do not wish to find out if hog manure odors permeate the organic grain I produce. If hog manure odors can be tasted, my occupation is in serious jeopardy. The zoning ordinance attempts to allow the plunder of my property values and perhaps even my livelihood (pursuit of happiness). I did not authorize the attempt to plunder my right to pursuit of happiness and I am in opposition to any further attempts on the part of the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or the Pierce County Commissioners and wish for those individuals to seriously reconsider what they are doing. I will hold each of you individually as well as collectively responsible for the trampling of each and every one of my God given rights which you were sworn to uphold.

I did not ask for this fight. I was perfectly content to live out my life, even amidst all the injustices that my eyes have seen in this once great and rapidly declining country. This last attack on my liberties has crossed the line. My earthly father taught me not to go looking for a fight, but if one came my way, I was not to back down. My earthly father's teaching was consistent with my Heavenly Fathers command to "As much as possible, be at peace with all men" and to "love your neighbor as yourself". This I have done my best to live by all my life. My Heavenly Father also stated that we were to be His "battle ax and weapons of war"---two sides of the same coin---just as my earthly father taught me. Though few people know it, our national great seal also bears this "two sides of the same coin". The front side of the great seal is the seal of peace---the rear side is the seal of war. (As a side note, they have been using the "peace" seal in all or our most recent wars. Haven't you noticed that everything they do, including war, is in the interest of "world peace")? You can't have life, liberty, and property without the responsibility of defending those same liberties. I therefore, put all parties and individuals concerned on notice that if there is to be a fight, that is **your** choice. As much as possible, I wish to live in peace, but if peace is not the option you give me, then I

intend to use whatever means God allows and provides for the defense of my liberties. I would hope that you would do the same if you were in my shoes.