

What if the KCBOCC arrived to the Promised Land before Joshua?

(This is a satire and parody of how the current path of the Kootenai County Board of County Commissioners would have changed history had they been born in a different place and at a prior time)

Joshua: I wish we could have settled where God sent us, Kootenai county was a nice area.

Priest: Tell me that story again. Why couldn't we stay there?

Joshua: Well, they have a government body there, called the Board of County Commissioners. The citizens call them RINOs. As we went in to settle our tribes into the various locations two of these RINO Commissioner fellows came up and said we couldn't settle there.

Priest: Why?

Joshua: Well, they say their Comprehensive Plan birthed a bunch of new rural regulations called the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) and the rural land cannot be used or divided any more.

Priest: Did you tell them it's our land, that God gave it to us, and he told us occupy it and to divide it amongst our 12 tribes?

Joshua: Yep, but they said the new ULUC trumps everything and it's better than any other plan. They said that when we move to the rural areas it destroys the environment.

Priest: But we are good people, we would care for the land as we always have. The evidence shows that we take care of the places we've been.

Joshua: They did say we could settle inside of one of their cities and some rural land would be available, but only in very large parcels.

Priest: Wow, I'd better talk to the Big Guy and let him know what's up.

Joshua: There's more.

Priest: More?

Joshua: Yep, they have these things called impact fees. None of us can settle until we've paid them. I've looked into the treasury and we'll be able to pay the fees, but won't have anything left to build with.

Priest: What are the impact fees for?

Joshua: Well, they say we'll be using the jail and parks more and that it is not fair to the current citizens. We're what they call "growth". We have to pay our own way. The funny thing is none of them paid any impact fees when they relocated here.

Priest: Hmmmm... anything else?

Joshua: Oh yeah, they have setback requirements, open space requirements, and limitations on our animals. We're going to have to hire several costly consultants to check for historical significance, archeological artifacts, wildlife habitats and something called wetlands. They say all these things are endangered, very fragile and need protecting. We also will have to comply with tons of other ordinance requirements. But they say it's improved and less complicated than what they had before, even though its 2x times the size of the prior code.

Priest: You know when God had us wander around in the wilderness for 40 years we never had to do any of that. Did you mention that to them?

Joshua: Yep, they said we were destroying the environment. They said our sandals left contaminants in the soil and we were not in harmony with nature.

Priest: That's crazy, God created the earth for us! I'll bet those areas will be around for thousands of years to come.

Joshua: They don't think so. They have studies showing that the earth dies in just a few years if we divide lots and people continue to go to the bathroom. They said the earth can only support 10% of the people on it, somehow 90% of us need to "disappear," but they didn't say how.

Priest: God controls when the earth dies.

Joshua: What do you want to do?

Priest: Well, I'll go talk to the Big Guy and see what he says.

Joshua: Oh, one final thing. They want to hire a county manager, so everything in the future will be handled by this new guy.

Priest: They are bringing in a new ruler?

Joshua: Yes, sort of. The Board of County Commissioners will still be over the new ruler, but they say they will have more time to think up lots more new ideas to make things even better for us, should we decide to still move there.

Priest: Maybe we can go in and just do our own thing anyway.

Joshua: Nope, they already thought we might try that, so they have imposed much harsher enforcement provisions. We'll get jail time, big fines and a lien on our property.

Priest: That explains why they want more money for the jail, doesn't it?

Joshua: Yeah. I can handle giants and warring tribes no problem, but new regulations, enforcement laws, impact fees, and multi-layers of bureaucracy are too much for me.

Priest: I'm thinking maybe we should do the ark thing again.

Joshua: Nope, they have something called Shoreline Protection. We can't get near the water.

Priest: We can build it inland and float it out just like the first time.

Joshua: Nope, boat building is a prohibited home occupation under the new ULUC regulations.

Priest: Perhaps we will have to keep wandering and head further north to find somewhere more welcoming?

Joshua: I say let's go. It doesn't appear we are welcomed here. The blessings will have to be birthed somewhere else. I hope they don't have RINOs there too.

And now you know how a Kootenai County RINO-based BOCC can change history!

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