

It never ends. Twenty five years ago I constructed a long awaited cattle handling facility of which I was very proud. Today it is obsolete. Technology has produced a much better system. If I had never let a hoof print be made in the facility it would still be obsolete. With the speed of technology, outdated equipment is a significant factor, regardless of physical use. So it is, only much more so with the hospital and its life saving equipment.

We are handed a large trade area. Private enterprise would take advantage of that. Maybe Ord should take advantage of that opportunity.

Make no mistake about it. All of these investments whether cloaked in subsidies, grants, or health insurance must be paid for. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all taxes were like gasoline tax which is truly levied to users? Those people who are frustrated with higher taxes must be heard. Not all who benefit are obligated to pay.

But then maybe we need to consider again. We have an unbelievable town from Courthouse Square to Ord Hike and Bike trail to a magnificent flag cracking cadence over, not a bitter, but a constructive and positive thinking people.

Maybe we can do it all in a sustainable realistic manner and have it all right here in our town. We are the people who are proud to call Ord our home. I encourage you to vote for the new hospital facility on May 13.

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