



Clinton County Republican Party

Weekly Newsletter
March 15, 2025

CCRP MONTHLY MEETING— Thursday, March 20, 2025
Clinton County Courthouse — 7:00 pm



The \$92,000,000 Shell Game!

The St. Johns School Board is on a crusade to make sure that the second shot at passing their \$100 MILLION SCAM that won't raise your taxes passes on May 6, 2025. What they won't tell you is that you and your children, and possibly their children will be paying **92 MILLION DOLLARS IN INTEREST** over the next 30 years.

Isn't it ironic that the whole **BOND/DEBT** issue has been nothing but a shell game! The School Board purposely hides the real facts regarding what the actual cost to the taxpayers of the school district will be paying over the lifespan of the bond. The sad truth is that the hide and seek game will continue until we the voters break the bond repeat cycle.

What You Need To Know about the \$92,000,000 BOND/LOAN/DEBT:

- *It will cost the taxpayers \$3,666,666* every year for 30 years*
- *It will cost \$255,555* every month for 30 years*
- *It will cost \$8,401* per day for 30 years*

** Based on the total end cost divided equally by the term of the bond for 30 years.*

For the St. Johns School Board to have made the bold statement that your taxes will remain the same if you pass the proposed bond issue is disingenuous! The actual cost to the residents of the St. Johns School District is unconscionable to say the least. The secret is most bond issues in the state of Michigan are nothing more than Ponzi Schemes that allow administrators, teacher unions, contractors and other special interest groups to collude to make sure their special interests are addressed. All you have to do is follow the money to see who the participants are who are heavily promoting, and will be personally and financially benefiting from the bonds passage.

The new Early Education Center will purportedly help families with children from age 6 months to 5 years of age. For this to happen St. Johns **MUST HAVE** an early education center at a cost of **\$22, 000,000**. The new state of the art Early Education Center will purportedly solve the daycare problems that parents face because many day care centers have gone out of business, mostly because of state regulations.

Governor Whitmer's plan was to address this need by creating the Early Education Centers:

1. The State funded Early Education Center will be at **no cost to you—It's FREE!**
2. The State funded support staff will be provided at **no cost to you—It's FREE!**

The term **at no cost to you is false**. When you break down the whole bond process it becomes apparent there is a lot of smoke and mirrors and half truths that are used to make you think the state is your friend and benefactor in the whole process. The truth is they are the ones that benefit. Consider the following:

1. You pay your school taxes every year to support your local schools.
2. The State of Michigan allows the School Districts to acquire long term bonds and they invest that money and earn interest.
3. The St. Johns School District taxpayers pay interest on that bond for **30 years paying \$92,000,000**. The State has used that money.
4. Purportedly there is no cost for the Early Education Center to the residents but there is, it is just built into your taxes. **(SO IT ISN'T FREE!)**
5. Purportedly there is no cost for the staff at the Early Education Center to the residents but there is, it is just built into your taxes. **(SO IT ISN'T FREE!)**

The perpetual bond issue situation that is a common practice in all of the school districts in Michigan needs to be addressed and reformed. There are alternative ways to finance education needs and they need to be considered as a solution to stop the waste and cost to the taxpayers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP THIS PERPETUAL BOND/DEBT CYCLE?

1. Look at alternative short term funding solutions for lower cost expenditures by using sinking funds.
2. Determine what services are WANTS or NEEDS.
3. Do we really need a new Early Education facility?
 - a. With St. Johns being the 2nd largest school district in lower MI, will a new, centralized pre-k (at the cost of \$22 MILLION, not including interest) serve the families with pre-k needs in our large rural areas?
 - b. Will having to drop your kids off in town increase your drive time in the morning?
 - c. Can you get out of work 20 minutes earlier for pick up?
4. Should the potential contractors be promoting the millage increase publicly?
5. The district should be focusing on low achievement levels on state tests rather than spending tax dollars on unnecessary upgrades to facilities.
6. With a history of decreasing enrollments the district must be more financially conservative and have consideration for the residents tax dollars.

EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINNING IN MID MARCH

If you are an Automatic Early Absentee Voter you will be receiving your absentee ballot on or around March 25, 2025, in your mailbox. If you live in the St. Johns Public School District you need to do all you can to make sure that the St. Johns School Board is doing what is in the best interest of the students and of the taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility on the part of the board should be one of their most important objectives. The current bond issue **MUST BE DEFEATED** and all aspects reevaluated.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE NO?

For more information on what the issues are regarding the passage of this bond please go to this Facebook page for more information.



<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=stop%20the%20st%20johns%20bond>

VOTING INFORMATION!

1. Last day for voters to register by mail is **April 21, 2025**.
2. Voters may register in person through **May 6, 2025 (election day)**.
3. Absentee voter ballots are available as early as **March 22 until May 6, 2025 (election day)**.
4. Saturday, **March 22, 2025** - Absentee voter ballots must be available to be sent to voters serving in the military or living overseas. **(PLEASE VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!)**
5. Absentee voter ballots must be available by **Thursday, March 27, 2025** to be sent to the general public.
6. Questions on where to vote should be directed to your city/township clerk's office. **Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.**

LOOKING FOR DOOR WALKERS TO GET THE BOND MESSAGE OUT!

If you would be willing to help out by spreading the word door-to-door about why the St. Johns Bond needs to be defeated please contact Chris DeLiso for more information and/or to volunteer to walk.

cell: 989-640-6881 or email: cmdeliso@charter.net

DO YOU WANT TO HELP FINANCIALLY?

The "Stop the 2025 St. Johns Bond" group is looking for support to defeat the May 6, 2025, **\$99 MILLION Bond** issue that will be on the ballot. If you would be interested in helping in that effort you can use this link to donate.



<https://www.nostjohnsbond2025.com/home>

VOTE NO ON THE ST JOHNS BOND MAY 6, 2025



<https://www.ccrpmi.com/>



2025 Clinton County Republican Party Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate Aric Nesbitt

Thursday, May 8, 2025
(VIP reception 6:00- 7:00 pm — Dinner 7:00-9:00 pm)
Royal Scot Banquet Center
4722 W Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI

The Clinton County Republican Party is excited to announce that Senate Republican Leader, and 2026 Gubernatorial Candidate, Senator Aric Nesbitt has accepted our invitation to be our 2025 Annual Lincoln Day Dinner keynote speaker.

Senator Nesbitt has hit the road running by expressing his intent to reverse the destructive agenda of the Whitmer administration we have experienced over the last six years.

Aric's resume includes being raised and nurtured on a sixth generation family dairy and grape farm where the values of having a work ethic, patriotism and conservatism were instilled in him by his parents and family. Aric paid his way to attend Hillsdale College, earning an Economics degree and a master's degree in international business. He was the recipient of Hillsdale College's "Distinguished Alumnus" award for his efforts to advance conservative reforms in Michigan.

His core principles led him to run for elected office to serve Southwest Michigan in the State House. His election helped him to work to balance budgets, lower taxes, slash regulations and defend family values. His efforts have produced conservative results for hard-working taxpayers, limiting government and bringing good-paying jobs back to Michigan.

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2025 Clinton County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner

Couple \$100.00
Single..... \$ 60.00

Questions should be directed to **Nancy Bareham** at: **517-202-4719** or to — **nbareham@yahoo.com**

Attendee #1 _____ Attendee #2 _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

email: _____ Phone _____

(Confirmations will be sent to the email address given above)

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please enclose your registration form and a check payable to:

Clinton County Republican Party and MAIL to:

Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808 (Payment is due April 15, 2025)

You can also register and pay online with a credit card at our website at:



<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-lincoln-day-dinner-registration.html>

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2026 Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate
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350 Club Sponsor — Admission for two to the Lincoln Day Dinner, Summer and Fall events. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$350 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other CCRP promotional materials.

250 Club Sponsor — Admits two to the Lincoln Day Dinner and Admission for two to either the Summer or Fall event. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$250 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other promotional materials.

150 Club Sponsor — Admits two to the Lincoln Day Dinner. VIP reception with Senator Nesbitt. Recognition as \$150 Sponsor in the Lincoln Day Dinner Program and other promotional materials.

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM MIGOP CHAIR STATE SENATOR JIM RUNESTAD!

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2025 CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Name(s) _____ Employer/Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone # _____ email address _____

Indicate which Club Sponsorship level you wish to join for 2025. PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE April 15, 2025 — (Check one)

\$350 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event, Summer BBQ, & Fall Fest)

\$250 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & one other event)

\$150 Club Sponsorship

(2 people at Lincoln Day Event & Reception)

(All 2025 CCRP Club Sponsors are invited to the VIP Reception with Senator Aric Nesbitt from 6:00- to-7:00pm)

Please return this form, including a check payable to the Clinton County Republican Party (CCRP) to:

Steve Willis, 4789 Drumheller Road, Bath, MI 48808. — *(Payment is due by April 15, 2025).*

You will receive an email acknowledgment of your payment at the email address you provided above.



<https://www.ccrpmi.com/2025-club-sign-up-registration.html>

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Date: Tuesday, March 18 | 8 – 11am. Rally starts at 8:30am.

Location: Michigan State Capitol

Who: Agricultural producers obstructed by excessive and arbitrary regulation.

What: A tractor rally at the State Capitol in support of Michigan farmers.

Why: This rally coincides with an Oversight Committee on burdensome regulation. This hearing is dedicated to giving Michigan farmers a voice.

What's the purpose?

Michigan farmers have faced steep adversity from regulatory agencies, and it's driving farm operations and small businesses out of business. The leading authority that has issued the most regulation against Michigan farmers is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). This rally and overlapping Oversight hearing is to bring the burden farmers face to the forefront of the public's attention.

Who has been impacted and what are the issues?

- Small family farms, the cottage food industry, animal processors.
- Water withdrawal regulation that is not driven by science.
- Department responsiveness, permit approval timelines.
- Rising cost of compliance with ever-changing rules and regulations.
- Requiring a hazardous waste permit to wash fruit and vegetables.
- Loose interpretation of what constitutes a protected wetland.
- Driving bio-digesters out of the state.

MARCH 2025 Government & School Board Meeting Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Westphalia Twp -6:00 pm Westphalia Village -7:00 pm	4 Riley Twp -7:00 pm	5 Maple Rapids Village -7:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Bingham Twp -7:00 pm Dallas Twp -2:00 pm DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Olive Twp -7:30 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of Ovid -7:00 pm	11 Victor Twp -7:00 pm Village of Elsie -7:00 pm Village of Fowler -7:00 pm	12 CC Planning -6:00 pm Bengel Twp -7:00 pm Duplain Twp -7:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17 Bath Twp Board -6:00 pm Watertown Twp -7:00 pm Ovid/Elsie SB - 6:30 pm PW SB - 7:00 pm	18	19 Essex Twp -7:00 pm	20 CCRP Monthly -7:00 pm BOC Ways/Means -9:00 am Eagle Twp -7:00 pm	21	22
23	24 DeWitt Twp -7:00 pm Greenbush Twp -7:00 pm DeWitt City -7:00 pm City of St. Johns -7:00 pm Bath SB - 6:30	25 BOC Monthlys -9:00 am	26	27 Ovid Twp -7:00 pm	28	

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS IN CLINTON COUNTY

Bath -6:30 pm (4th Monday)
 Laingsburg - 7:00 pm (Meetings vary)
 St. Johns - 6:30 pm (Meeting dates vary — see website <https://www.sjedwings.org/our-district/boardofeducation/>)
 DeWitt - 6:00 pp (2nd Monday)
 Ovid/Elsie - 6:30 pm (3rd Monday)
 Fowler - 7:00 pm (Normally 2nd Monday)
 Westphalia - 7:00 pm (normally 3rd Monday)
 Grand Ledge 6:00 pm (Normally Second Monday)