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Conflicting ideas about growth for county

We should only be paying taxes for things and services that we are receiving. We should not be paying into saving accounts for items or projects that are proposed for some future time which is basically what the MSBU and MSTU are for. This is how you and I conduct our personal affairs and financial business it is not how a government is designed to operate. My hope is that the county will get back to the basics and return us to firm financial footing very quickly and that our liberal newspaper will also endorse this method of operation.

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I read in (a recent) *Chronicle* that Gov. Scott has asked the legislature for \$85 million to encourage companies to come to Florida to do their business. Now, wouldn't it be nice if one or more of these companies would come to Citrus County? You bet it would.

Could our commissioners offer a prospective company an incentive to locate here? Certainly they could and it would be nice if it happened. But what company would come here if they had to pay a whopping impact fee of \$100,000 or \$200,000 or maybe more, depending on the size of their company and new building. What happened to all the incentives? Talk about shooting yourself in the foot!

If the impact fee is put back as a condition of building a new home or business then I suggest that we build several state-of-the-art golf courses for the county residents to use at no charge and change the name from impact to admission fee. This would keep out the riff raff and we would have a very beautiful place to live in a residential country club atmosphere. Only the prospective residents that would make use of our facilities and could afford the price of admission would be interested in building and living here. Is this really what we want?

The impact fee was started by NIMBY's (Not In My Back Yard) and should never have been allowed. It defeats the American way of thinking as to how and where we live and how we support, pay for, the way we live. The social aspect of living in America is that we all pay equally for the those things that we want in common that make our lives comfortable and desirable. We have a beautiful county with a lot of nice amenities and we should be able to afford and keep it this way.

County and municipal governments have a designed way of operating and that is basically, to get the necessary funds for operation and construction from ad valorem taxing and the issuance of bonds. Unfortunately this county has gotten away from the basics and instituted new ways to get money which are the impact fee and the MSBU and the MSTU. Actually, the use of the MSBU and MSTU would be more desirable if it replaced the ad valorem tax. It should be one way or the other but not both at the same time. We should all pay equally for the services that are provided for us. It