

CHILDREN DIED TO OWN THE LIBS

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

Children died to own the libs.

Or children died because something-something-taxes-property-freedom.

Perhaps both – it could depend on your interpretation of the decisions made in Kerr County, Texas leading up to the inarguable, preventable deaths of children due to flash flooding last week.

Never tell me the GOP is the party of life because they refuse to govern in a way that protects life.

They would rather kill children to make a point that liberalism and democracy aren't acceptable to them.

Others have expressed rage about Kerr County's child sacrifices far more eloquently; Charlotte Clymer tells the thoughts-and-prayers crowd Do Not Put This On God because none of this was God's plan.

Journalists in major news outlets have reported on the flash flood in Kerr County without being blunt about the immoral choices national, state, and local GOP elected or aligned government personnel made leading to child deaths. No one will be held accountable based on the wide swags they've made as to fault.

What really galls me is the public relations campaign slowly mounting to put down the complaints born of anger, grief, and frustration, using these deaths as yet another sacrifice on the altar of fascism.

Charlie Kirk takes a note out of Chris Rufo's playbook blaming an Austin TX fire chief for fire and emergency response leading to mass child death, claiming the chief was a DEI hire.

Oh no, honey, no. Don't go looking to blame DEI for the deaths, because the root cause was much earlier and DEI wasn't the problem.

There are receipts.



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FEMA flood maps for Kerr County, TX showing the hazards for Camp Mystic (Hunt, TX). 🤔



#TXwx #FEMA #floodmapping ...and 2 more

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Snapshot of top post at

<https://mstdn.social/@ai6yr@m.ai6yr.org/114812383563824176>

The replies beneath the post above share the 2016 engineering report on the installation of a flood warning system in Kerr County.

But further in replies utterly damning bits are shared. They were laid out in a Reddit post which I'll share here (thanks to Reddit contributor timubce in r/Texas).

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
06/27/16

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: You know we had a baby flood a couple weeks ago, a month or so, whatever it was. And I keep hearing these reports of the old, old system, and I know we're not going to deal with that though. Expect that to be gone where the Jones call the Smiths,

and the Smiths call Camp Rio Vista, and Rio Vista blah, blah, blah, along down the line. But it's still there and it still works. The thought of our beautiful Kerr County having these damn sirens going off in the middle of night, I'm going to have to start drinking again to put up with y'all.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: I think – I think this and that's what the committee is going to look at and how to do it. I think the going in position is that we don't need to change anything, and is there a need to improve what we have. And if there's a need to improve how much is improved. And what the options for doing that and what it would cost. And I think the first thing to do is say why change anything. It worked this long and maybe we don't need to do a thing. And then it gets into the thing we talk about earlier today, and that's risk mitigation. And you know there's still people drowned and you know –

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: And I hope you ask the question like who are we notifying, or who are we trying to get the message to? Are they these crazy people from Houston that build homes right down on the water?

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Well, I think the thing is you say it's for the general public and the crazy people from wherever they are, from Houston, okay, and then the camps, and then how do you get the message out to those, that's all part of it, so it's a pretty complex project.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: I'm sure it is.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: And the question is do we need to do anything. And what do we want to do and what can we afford.

MRS. STEBBINS: Commissioner Moser, will you put it on the next agenda for discussion after you have this meeting on Thursday?

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Oh, absolutely, right.

MRS. STEBBINS: Okay, thank you.

JUDGE POLLARD: I would comment that we don't hardly have any crazy people that live here. The few that we do have we handle them through CSU.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: Or they serve on this board.

JUDGE POLLARD: I'm just trying to keep us out of trouble here, okay. The media's still here. All right. Any other reports?

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In 2016 Kerr County contracted for an engineering study on their current warning system and were told it was antiquated and inadequate.

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
8/22/16

COMMISSIONER MOSER: We had at our steering committee meeting we invited also TxDOT to participate in that. So the original engineer, and both of them as a matter of fact showed up at that meeting. Their assessment was what existed today, and the Sheriff may want to comment on it, is antiquated and it's not reliable. So we said okay with that, you know, not just that, but we thought that there was a pretty ill-defined system that we have. So the engineering study we thought would be appropriate. If the result of the engineering study says that – recommends that we enhance the system, okay, buying additional sensors, kind of like Comal County did. Comal County spent a little over three hundred thousand dollars, where they had add 8 locations to monitor the rate of rise of the river and streams.

COMMISSIONER REEVES: And while I agree with Commissioner Letz, that if we have

a system that's not working, we need to certainly look at that, technology is great, but still one of the best things, and you may disagree with me is the people up river calling. Because you're probably going to get a call. I've received just this year from calls before it's even had time for a warning to go off, I'm getting texts from Divide Fire Chief, and I think – where'd the Sheriff go? I sent you a text the other night, you may have got it too from him, but we're knowing probably before, and I know with one flood that we had earlier in the year, by the time you got the warnings going off, it had been too late. Because it was coming out of just some draws that took too long to get downstream.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN: I have one. I'm going to vote no because of numerous reasons. I think this whole thing is a little extravagant for Kerr County, and I see the word sirens and all that stuff in here. And of course, you say that these are steps that will be taken through the years. But that's where you're headed, there's no question in my mind that's where you're headed. And you're determined to do that. But step one of taking these funds out of special projects, out of Road and Bridge, that ticks me off a little bit.

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
10/24/16

Mr. Hewitt: Sirens did not seem to get very much support. The thought was that sirens are better for tourists than local residents. The sirens would only be beneficial for someone that's not familiar with the area, and wouldn't know what to do.

The second part of the study contained recommendations for updating the system

and sirens were purposely left out even though other areas had implemented them.

Regular Commissioners' Court Agenda
01/09/17

Comal County has implemented a river gauge and siren system that includes New Braunfels, Guadalupe County and the Water-Oriented Recreation District (WORD) as funding partners. When gauge heights reach a certain level, emergency management personnel are notified and the siren is automatically activated. Emergency personnel can also activate the sirens remotely if they know flood water is headed downstream. The data from each gauge, including river height and rainfall, is available online for anyone, including residents, to access. The filed for federal assistance via a Hazard Mitigation Grant for 976k.

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
01/09/17 Discussing the recommended warning system

COMMISSIONER MOSER: The cost of that whole thing is going to be like 976 thousand dollars. That's a lot of money. All of it, and the reason we're here today and moving so quickly is that there is a FEMA grant that's available until as long as we apply by January the 20th.

JUDGE POLLARD: Which is when President Obama goes out of office.
(Laughter.)

JUDGE POLLARD: Well, the reason I mention that is because he authorized this particular thing, and it's going to —

MS. KIRBY: It's a coincidence.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Going on the record with that it's a coincidence. And so there has to be a presidential declaration of disaster to be able to have these kinds of funds available. So

it goes away just so happens to be when he leaves office.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: So we've talked about, you know one of the things we said sirens and we said we don't want sirens, too many many people said they did not want sirens when they had these – when we had these gatherings. Code Red, and I don't know if Dub wants to chime in on this, but Code Red is the same that's going to get information to a lot of people; not to everybody, okay. One of the things that we'll do is identify a point of contact in all of the camps, we won't communicate with everybody in the camp, but we have a point of contact at the camp so that they can disseminate people within – to people within the camp, like during the summer when kids are there, or to RV parks. Now, if the RV parks want to have a siren themselves when something goes up that's up to them. That's not part of our thing. So getting the information to the public is the end item of this whole thing. The first thing is sense a flood, then communicate that information to the local authorities, to the right authorities, and then for them to have a system by which to disseminate the information to the public.

SHERIFF HIERHOLZER: The only thing I have to remind people, unfortunately, I guess I'm one of the ones that – Harley maybe has been around here to see some very devastating floods and quite a bit of loss of life. No matter what we do it's going to be up to the public, okay. The notification is great. I think the – just the markers, the posts at the crossing is one thing, but it actually oughta state that at that level that your car may wash off, get people's attention at that crossing. The only other thing is, and as Bob can attest to, most of the time it has been

informal where we call people. Unfortunately, the time we had the most devastating one down on the east end of the County down at the camps, I was working that night, spent 72 hours pulling kids out of fences. But we call people, we called camps, they made the decision that they thought they could beat that ride, and then that no matter what we do and no matter what we install there's going to be loss of life. It's educating people.

COMMISSIONER REEVES: And I will say and, Sheriff, you can correct me if I'm off base on this, the camps have had a very good system of letting down river if there's a rise, they're phoning their competitors or colleagues down river and letting them know what happened. It's informal as you said, but it's been a very good system to let them know over time.

SHERIFF HIERHOLZER: Right. The camps and they do, they notify each other, we notify them, they notify – there's a lot of informal things that really do work real well. It's not totally those unless they try to get them out too quick in trying to beat it. Because this river can come up in a instant, we all know that with the drainage. But it will go down just as quick if they just hold tight with what they've got. But the whole key is just getting people that are traveling up here from somewhere –

COMMISSIONER REEVES: That's my concern is ones that don't live here.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: That's everybody's concern.

JUDGE POLLARD: So this is kind of an offer, or to see if it's accepted by and also agreed to by UGRA and the City.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Correct.

JUDGE POLLARD: And if they don't then where are we with this?

COMMISSIONER MOSER: If they don't then

we just forget the whole project.

JUDGE POLLARD: Just dead in the water.

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Dead in the water, right. It's dead in the water.

COMMISSIONER REEVES: Question –

COMMISSIONER MOSER: Or the pun for the Flood Warning System.

JUDGE POLLARD: Dead in the water.

After failing to secure a grant, they continued to kick the can down the road.

2021 rolls around and they have over 5 mil in ARPA funds in their bank and wind up with a grand total of over 10 mil.

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
10/25/21 discussion of communication systems

COMMISSIONER LETZ: Well, I think that's good. I just think that – you know, I'd like to get an idea of what the Sheriff's radar systems are going to cost. I mean I just don't want to send – go out and get public input on something and then us just not be able to follow up because we have a priority that's different and we have additional information.

JUDGE KELLY: Well, but let me just explain. What all of these are intentioned to do is to initiate the education system. We need to get the Court educated. We need to get the public educated. Everybody knows that we have over \$5 million sitting in our bank account that the Federal Government sent us for these ARPA funds. And they're not really grants, they're funds.

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MRS. LAVENDER: And as the Judge said, there's a huge category. There's a bunch of things that you can spend the money or – or secure the money to spend. And when we use the term grant, grant is not really what this is. It's just funding that's been made available through this American Rescue Plan Act. It doesn't

require a match. It doesn't require, you know, that kind of structure. But it does have strings attached. It's not free money.

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COMMISSIONER LETZ: And that's my concern, Judge. My concern is that from my understanding what the – well, I won't say LCRA because I know what their number is. The number from the Sheriff's Department, the number from internal communications, we're already over 5 million dollars, so I don't want to go out to the public requesting – we have no money to do it.

COMMISSIONER BELEW: Well, at least we make the determination that that's the first –

COMMISSIONER LETZ: Right. But –

COMMISSIONER BELEW: Then it's done. But we haven't made that determination.

COMMISSIONER LETZ: That's why I think we need to get discuss that phase. We need to get those numbers – I mean, my opinion is law enforcement and the internal communications are the number one and two. I'm not sure which order. Probably law enforcement first. And – and I haven't heard the rest of the Court say what their top two priorities are but –

COMMISSIONER HARRIS: Well, that's mine. Because not only does it cover that, it – the Sheriff's office, communications, getting it up to speed, and also the Volunteer Fire Departments and making sure that we can communicate with other counties. As we saw last winter, I mean, communications is one of our biggest weaknesses and there's the Sheriff up. I'm sure he'll back me up on that. Communications was a problem. Go ahead, Sheriff.

SHERIFF LEITHA: Yeah, I kind of agree with Jonathan, if you go that direction. Now, we had a meeting, did attend with

LCRA, a very good meeting, just preliminary. Preliminary, I'm looking at \$3 million for just me. That's just us and – the Sheriff's Office. That's not including we have the constables, we have Animal Control, we have the fire department. There's a whole bunch of stuff that needs to be checked into. Are we going to provide radios or not. But I can tell you, I mean, it kind of shocked me. But that was three million right off the bat. And – and that's not even going into all the other agencies. Are we going to supply those radios, they're very expensive, to all the fire departments or not. So this is something we really need to look into, if we want to go that direction with the new infrastructure. Also, visiting with the Chief on a daily basis, you know, that's kind of the direction they're going. I've requested to be on the same radio system they are. Only because the fire department dispatch is out of the County. But the radio system will be very expensive.

COMMISSIONER BELEW: And – but if we upgrade, we will also be able to communicate with the surrounding counties.

SHERIFF LEITHA: Yes. We will be. And it's a very big project. You know, something that's going to take some time. Very costly. And there's a lot of questions, you know. We're opening a can of worms, you know. We discussed we really need the volunteer fire department input. We've already gotten some kickback –I mean some – some – you know, and that's why I didn't open this can of worms. It's going to be a long, drawn out process, you know, to do this. It can be done. But like I said, it's very costly. Something I can say like Don asked me, I mean, in the long run in the five year we can save money. We pay

over \$300,000 a year in tower leases. So there is going to be some savings down the line, just to let you know. And they still don't update their flood warning system.

The people also didn't want to spend any of the ARPA money because it was tied to the Biden administration. Even the Judge suggests just holding on to the money so that it can't be sent to states that don't share their same values. And now we have 10s of people who have died and many might have lived if the county had updated their flood warning system and installed flood sirens along the river like the multiple counties/towns around them did.

Commissioners' Court Regular Session
11/08/21

Resident: Are you accountable to anyone for how you spend it? Or is it a, kind of, a reward and shows your support for this particular program? It's not free money. Being present as we talk. How do we know this? Immediately. Unless you want it on the COVID lies and vaccination pressure, you have to send it back. Those are heavy strings. And those are strings. The deep state harangue and vilified President Trump for calling COVID for what it was and then suggest responses that were non-draconian, and then when Biden took office, the leftist government took its gloves off. It has lied and lied more about this COVID – about COVID. The temptation is great, you're accountable, and we would like to know where your allegiance is.

Resident 2: And I'm here to ask this Court today to send this money back to the Biden administration, which I consider to be the most criminal treasonous communist government ever to

hold the White House. And Kerr County should not be accepting anything from these people. They're currently facilitating an invasion of our border, and we're going to support these people? So that's what I have to say. Thank you.

Resident: I happen to know that there is no such thing as free money. It's never government-funded; it's tax-payer funded. So they're taking our money and they're putting strings attached to it and then they're giving it back to us. And they're going to get their foot in the door in this county. We don't want their money. I feel like the people have spoken and I stand with the people. Thank you for your time.

COMMISSIONER BELEW: We have money in the bank, \$5.1 million, that was sent to Kerr County.

JUDGE KELLY: We didn't ask for it. They sent it.

COMMISSIONER BELEW: They sent it.

MS. DEWELL: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER BELEW: The money is in the bank right now. Hasn't been spent. In the event that you don't spend it, you send it back. That's part of the Treasury's rules on it. If you do spend it, whatever percentage, there would be no expense to the taxpayers in Kerr County. It would all come out of that account, no matter what you do with it.

JUDGE KELLY: And GrantWorks has been very helpful in – in getting us focused on what colors between the lines and what doesn't. As of last Thursday, when I got a call from Bonnie White telling me about this – the problem that y'all were going to present at the meeting, I went and got on the telephone to their Senior Vice President from GrantWorks. And there – there are discussions that they want to have with us and so we want to sit down and listen to them. And we want – we want you to hear them, too.

Because you're the public. But we – we need to know and get very comfortable with where we are with this grant before we start taking that money. And the claw back was the first thing. As far as where that money sits for the next year or two, my old law partner John Cornyn tells me that if we send it back it's going to New Jersey or it's going to New York or it's going to –

MRS. LAVENDER: Or California.

JUDGE KELLY: – or California. And so I don't know if I'd rather be the custodian of the money until we decide what we have to do with it rather than giving it back to the government to spend it on values that we in Kerr County don't agree with. So –

COMMISSIONER BELEW: And any spending of it would have to be done in Commissioners' Court so you'll be able to see it and know it.

They eventually signed a 7.5 mil contract with Motorola in 2022 for a county emergency communications system. The system would provide 95% radio coverage to firefighters, EMS and law enforcement.

But hey at least the UGRA has had developing a flood warning system on their Strategic Plan doc since 2022 which they kept rolling to the next year plan.

UGRA Strategic Plan 2025

B-2. Work with local partners to develop Kerr County flood warning system

- In January 2017, UGRA partnered with Kerr County in a FEMA flood warning implementation grant request for \$980,000. The project was not selected for funding and most of the funds went to communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

- In FY18 the USGS installed a high intensity precipitation gauge at the

streamflow site on the Guadalupe in Hunt included in the agreement with UGRA.

- During the previous reporting period, a pre application for a county wide flood warning system was submitted to the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund. The project was invited to submit a complete application, but UGRA declined due to the low (5%) match offered through the grant.
- UGRA participated in the update to the Kerr County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan which addresses hazards including flooding. The final plan was submitted to FEMA in April 2025.
- During this reporting period, UGRA requested bids for a flood warning dashboard that combines multiple sources of data into one tool. The project will also recommend future improvements to monitoring equipment related to flood warning. Information from this dashboard will be used by UGRA staff and local emergency coordinators and decision makers. A contractor for this project was selected in April 2025.

Breathtaking.

They didn't want to be inconvenienced by alarms going off in the middle of the night.

They didn't want to spend the money available because it came from Democratic administrations.

They willfully chose to put children in harm's way because it was convenient and didn't cost them local tax dollars, in a wealthy county in Texas.

They willfully chose to kill children by outright neglect to own the libs.

They can't blame a lack of local funding when the county has been home to so many wealthy individuals:

Another retirement destination, Kerrville turns out to have a similar concentration of the comfortably well off, ranking second in Texas for millionaires per capita, with 1,244 among its 20,749 residents, or 6 percent.

Source: San Antonio Express-News

Kerrville is the county seat and likely where all the meeting minutes above were recorded.

And there is not a lick of DEI involved here as far as I can tell. When FEMA created and published flood maps including Kerr County, they hadn't yet been under attack by DOGE and Trump's anti-DEI initiatives. The maps clearly showed a risk the county commissioners didn't want to address.

Kerr County's demographics also make it highly unlikely any brown people were involved in critical decision making – according to the 2024 census the county is 92.9% white – but I'll leave that to journalists to vet because it's nauseating me on the face of it without additional digging.

Imagine public officials joking on the record in a public meeting that a flood alert system is “dead in the water.”

But sure, Charlie Kirk, attack Austin's Black fire chief in Travis County, holding him to a higher level of responsibility than the nice, wealthy, nearly all white people in Kerr County who chose not to be inconvenienced. Blame the Black man and DEI for children's deaths in Kerr County while that fire chief's core duties are two counties away, responsible for fire and emergency response to over 1.3 million people in Austin.

Children's deaths caused by nice white people who refused to protect the public because it was more important not to be inconvenienced by alarms, not to pay more local taxes, and not to

take Democratic administrations' funding to own
the libs.

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WATCH: "More could've been done."

KERR COUNTY folks didn't want to take
money from "The Biden Regime" that
could've been used for a flood warning
system ☐☐

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