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Chattanooga, TN/Jan. 4, 2006 ~As a candidate for county commissioner in District 8, I am appalled at Curtis Adams' most recent management blunder in addressing an issue affecting all of us.

This recent incident is eerily familiar to Adams' driven obsession to spend "whatever it takes" to buy out the school superintendent's contract last year, while refusing to offer any money for students' textbooks, teachers' supplies and overdue building repairs.

The *Chattanooga Times Free Press* reported today Commissioner Adams has said he would buy out county magistrates at a taxpayer cost of \$270,000.

According to the article, Commission Chairman Larry Henry called Adams' proposal "utterly ridiculous." I agree.

An elected office should not be used for one man's theatrics, rants and ravings. But that hasn't stopped Curtis Adams.

Here's what Adams said, "What we should probably do is just cut their [magistrates'] checks off and let them test in court."

This isn't confident management; this is showboating. Adams knows this is an election year.

Election year or not, the District 8 commissioner is not an effective manager. Instead, he's a reactionary.

In a December 22, 2005, *TFP* article, Adams claims to be a "'mini-expert' on a wide range of issues."

But he's no expert. In the case of the magistrates, he has been unable to deal with performance issues in county government.

For 18 years, he has chosen to throw money at problems rather than solve problems thoughtfully and cooperatively. This is not the record of a "expert." Instead, it is the history of incompetence.

Unfortunately, he always throws our taxpayer money at problems he can't solve.

Our county is at a critical crossroads, where we as taxpayers must demand more fiscal responsibility of our county officials and greater respect for our public investment.

As commissioner, I will creatively solve problems that save taxpayers money. I will work with all individuals in all branches of public service in a cooperative, thoughtful, and ethical manner. I will work to restore confidence and integrity to public office. *It's time for change.*