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Money Matters

I am angry over the way Hopewell's finances have been mishandled and you should be too.

After 10 years of unreported financials, Hopewell has lost its ability to track its own money. Even worse, our fiscal failures caused the loss of Hopewell's ability to borrow money for capital improvements. This is devastating for our city and residents.

In 2023, Hopewell decided to unravel the chaos by hiring The Robert Bobb Group (RBG). One Year and \$2.4 million dollars later, RBG identified many failures in our city's business records and processes. Many serious and costly errors, omissions and process failures that threaten the future of Hopewell were uncovered.

It will take keen oversight to ensure that standard business practices are observed and our financial audits are submitted as required so that our financial health is restored.

I will work to get our finances back in order.



*A vote for me is a vote
for financial responsibility*

—Ronnie Ellis

Grow Hopewell Tax Revenues from Economic Development

“I will work to grow economic opportunity in order to decrease the tax burden on the citizens of Hopewell.”

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These actions have my attention:

1. Work with industry to retain their presence in Hopewell and preserve their tax contribution of over \$11 million per year.
2. Collaborate with Chamber of Commerce to attract new and to serve existing business.
3. Leverage city venues for new sources of income in tourism and hospitality (e.g. fishing and sports tournaments, concerts)
4. Oversee Hopewell’s financial situation to secure our ability to issue bonds for capital improvements.

Economic development is already taking place as seen on Oaklawn Boulevard . . . I WILL FIGHT FOR MORE!



Grand Opening of New Major Restaurant Chain in Hopewell

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