

3 Minute Public Comment

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[Editors Note: The following are my public comments during the 3.00000 minute time period allowed for Haywood County Taxpayers to speak before the County Commissioners, and more importantly, to the people of Haywood County. Unfortunately, Swanger cut me off before I could complete my comments, so they are now being posted on www.haywoodtp.net. The point Swanger terminated my comments is noted below, embedded in the text, marked by **[*** CUT OFF BY SWANGER AT 3 MINUTES ***]**].

I wanted to provide a short update on a couple of concurrent activities that are happening in Haywood County that may be of interest to Haywood County Taxpayers. There are five.

1. **The Informal Complaint.** I sent you all a copy of an informal complaint against **David Francis**, Haywood County Tax Collector, and the **Five County Commissioners** which has been submitted to state agencies to determine if the advancement of a new countywide reappraisal is warranted. I did not actually send a copy to you, Commissioner Ensley, as you have indicated to me that you would be deleting any e-mail I sent to you.

The complaint was submitted to a wide spectrum of agencies, including the Governor, and to my astonishment, the “package” was hand carried by one of those agencies to the desk of a director of an agency that I would have never guessed would be involved. They are currently evaluating it to determine their best course of action.

In addition, the subject of the informal complaint has been taped for a television show, two segments actually, and will also be heard on a radio show, to be aired shortly. The purpose is to offer a templet or methodology of how citizens in other counties can bring what they feel might be problems with their re-evaluations to the attention of state authorities.

2. **KMD Arbitration Award.** A group of people will be looking into Bill Noland Engineering to take a look at the final report that they provided to you as part of the reason you sent a letter of termination to KMD. You paid over a Quarter of a Million Dollars of taxpayer money for a consulting opinion from ~~Reece, Noland & McElrath~~ **[Editors Note: should have stated Bill Noland Engineering]**, which now has ultimately cost the county \$1.5M dollars. It will be interesting to see how compelling this report was.

I presume that you will consider releasing all of the closed minutes you have had relating to KMD after this meeting in your closed session, as your efforts will no longer be frustrated by release of their contents, because it is over.

3. **Santek.** The Agreement which you posted on your website Friday, and now on haywoodtp.net indicates our landfill will now be receiving waste from 17 other North Carolina Counties. Dumping of Unacceptable Waste, which includes both Hazardous and Infectious Wastes, appears to be policed by Santek, which seems to me like the fox guarding the hen house. I expect you will be hearing from concerned citizens asking about this and other details at the upcoming public hearing. It seems to me that you are attempting to blast this contract through as fast as you can possibly push it. Why don't you give citizens a little time to ask questions about what you have proposed before triggering the public hearing?

4. **Landslide Hazard Mapping.** Have you heard of the “posse”? It is affectionately referred to as the group of citizens that originally opposed the nuisance ordinance. Then they opposed “The Rule”. The “Posse” was the very foundation of energy and activity of citizens that eventually sent Carmine Rocco, the Health Board, and “The Rule” back to the Stone Age.

The “Posse”, I understand, is not happy with the way you commissioners let this guy Gordon Small and his band of wandering nomads take up residence in Haywood County through the back door at your last meeting, and set up shop in Marc Pruett’s Erosion and Sediment Control Department.

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What are these people going to do? Start trespassing and climbing all over peoples property in Haywood County to map stuff? By what authority?

My suggestion would be to tell these wandering nomads to take a hike, and find another county to set up shop. I don’t need much of an incentive to put Mark Pruett back under the microscope and monitor this Gordon Small group to see if they are going to cost the county a single penny.

5. **Fair Grounds Arena Building.** I am still waiting for a response from the North Carolina Department of Insurance on my formal complaint against Bruce Crawford and Johnny Glance. I will let you know what their findings are when I receive word.

I appreciate your allowing time for me to express my concerns. Thank you.

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