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Mark Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners
1257 Poplar Cove Road
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and,

Rebecca Morgan
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215 North Main Street
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Subject: Demand Retraction

Chairman Swanger,

During the period of time after the public comment session at the county commission meeting on September 19, 2011, you said: "... I also heard you say that others are hurt sometimes in your quest that is considered collateral damage. ..." I never said any such thing, and to paraphrase Clarence Dickson in his September 14th letter to me, I insist that you issue a public retraction for this inaccurate and erroneous information.

During the public comment session, I said, in part, [re: www.haywoodtp.net, 3 Minute Public Comment, Excerpt, County Commission Meeting, 9/19/2011. 9/21/2011...]:

... But before I do, it was brought to my attention, and rightly so, that I referred to Bill Noland Consulting and Reece, Noland & McElrath as one in the same, which they are not. I indicated last week that "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, which now has ultimately cost the county \$1.5M dollars."

The consulting opinion was from Bill Noland Engineering, and not Reece Noland & McElrath. The quarter of a million dollars was paid to Bill Noland Engineering, and not Reece Noland & McElrath.

So I apologize to Reece, Noland & McElrath for making this error. The apology has been accepted.

Rebecca, can you please make a note in the minutes of this clarification for this meeting?

To which you replied, in part [re: audio recorder]:

... Also, I think a little more light needs to be shed on you're your first part of your comments, I'll read from a letter written to you by an attorney representing Reece, Noland & McElrath, regarding an incorrect statement that you made during a public comment period at a Haywood County Commission meeting September 6, 2011. This incorrect statement is also posted on your website.

You stated that Haywood County "paid over a Quarter of a Million Dollars of taxpayer money for a consulting opinion from Reece, Noland & McElrath, which now has ultimately cost the county \$1.5 M dollars."

This is an incorrect statement I think you have acknowledged that. **I also heard you say that others are hurt sometimes in your quest that is considered collateral damage.** Frankly, I resent using a taxpayer funded public forum to irresponsibly attack well known and well respected local business for your own agenda.

So, uh, the final paragraph in that letter from attorney Clarence Dickson states: "My client insists that you issue a retraction on your website for this inaccurate information, and that you also retract your erroneous statement at the next Commissioner's meeting."

I appreciate your doing that. Thank you.

I have already requested a copy of the video DVD of the meeting from David Teague.

Rebecca, I'm requesting that you to transcribe Chairman Swanger's comments above into the minutes, as you had done previously when Rose Johnson, Mark Bumgarner and Donna Forga spoke to the county commissioners when they lead them to believe that the Haywood Community College Board of Trustees had approved the Solar Thermal Design.

May I please have a copy of the Draft Minutes?

Chairman Swanger, you can either send me a retraction letter which I will publish on www.haywoodtp.net, or publicly apologize during the next county commission meeting. Probably the best time would be following the public comment and constituent concern portion of the meeting, or you can create a special agenda item.

Sincerely,

Monroe A. Miller Jr.

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