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Subject: Public comment at DENR meeting. Request for public information.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my e-mails to you, originating on 1/16/2013 8:03 PM [re: all the e-mails have been attached to this letter, earliest starts at the end].

FYI: Jonnie Cure e-blasted your response and my e-mails to over 2,500 Haywood County Citizens last night.

Do you recall a while ago when you summoned me to your office? It was the period of time architectural plans were being reviewed to add toilets and ADA components to the Fairgrounds Arena Building, and I was concerned whether Bruce Crawford, the Haywood County Building Inspector was going to insure that there was adequate protection with the fence between animals entering the center pen and people in the stands? You said you would take care of it, i.e., dealing with Bruce Crawford on the issue. You also asked me why I was doing this, why was I doing what I do. I'm fairly sure you recorded that meeting, so you can refer to that recording. Anyway, I responded:

I'm here because of Marc Pruett [Director of the Erosion and Sediment Control Department], and what he did. I said, "When someone that is either elected or appointed that either abuses their power or intimidates someone because of their power, I will respond."

An NC Department of Insurance investigation concluded that Both Bruce Crawford and Johnny Glance violated state statues and various codes [re: Complaint Investigation Reports, www.haywoodtp.net]. The NC Code Officials Qualifications Board gave Crawford a slap on the wrist, and not even that for Glance. Did you take care of doing anything about the general statues that he violated [a Class 1 Misdemeanor]? No. Basically, this issue was thrown in the trash. Both Crawford and Glance are now facing criminal complaints against them [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/121231Complaint.pdf>] and the complaints, via the Haywood County Grand Jury Foreman, are now finally sitting on Michael Bonfoey's desk.

This whole scenario is representative of how the county "takes care of their own".

Now let's get to Mary Ann Hardy and the DENR Public Hearing, and then, finally to your response.

You attended that Public Meeting, along with all of the people I have carefully copied on my e-mails to you. I recorded the meeting [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/130116DENRHearing.MP3>]. The last three (3) days have been the most active data retrieval on my website since it was started, due to that recording]. Mary Ann Hardy was the last of five public speakers, all living in close proximity to the White Oak Landfill. She had no notes, and to me, spoke from her heart.

When Mary Ann Hardy indicated she was advised by a county employee to "get away from there! (referring to the White Oak Landfill) - You have no idea what they are putting into there", red flags went up.

I thought to myself, how would I feel if I was living where she was living? Marty, how would you like living where she lives? Caroline Klapper, how would you?

As I said in one of my first e-mails to you on this, I thought " ... that you would be jumping all over this like flies on molasses, as you and the commissioners did with the confederate flag issue. I would think all county folks (and Haywood County Taxpayers) would be interested to know what this county employee knows about what has/is being put into the White Oak Landfill." Instead, your response is much like Kirkpatrick's was when I asked during the Public Comment Session on October 15, 2012 what the connection was between the county and David Francis with the foreclosure letters the Van Winkle law firm had been sending out. Do you know what Kirkpatrick did? He attempted to distract and divert the issue (never did answer it) by threatening and intimidating me, accusing me of the unlicensed practice of law, much as you have just threatened and attempted to intimidate me by accusing me "Your demeaning characterization of County employees is unfounded and in my opinion nears the level of harassment." Why don't you see how well that worked for Kirkpatrick and ask him to see where that landed him? [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T121231.pdf> , and <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/121208Op-Ed.pdf>].

Now to your response.

I sent my initial e-mail to you on Wednesday evening, January 16, 2013, followed by two additional e-mails on Friday, January 18, 2013. I am aware you carry a smart phone so, being county manager and all, you can respond to issues that might arise. When I have ever sent an e-mail addressed to you personally, you have always responded in a timely manner. I was not aware that you had " ... an auto-file system setup in Outlook that prioritizes emails sent to my mobile device so that I only receive essential communications when I am busy or out of the office, like last week with the storm event and over the weekend while in an emergency services class." Seems to me you need to have someone work on that program a little, give it a few tweaks.

When Mary Ann Hardy stood up at a Public Hearing and indicated she was advised by a county employee to "get away from there! (referring to the White Oak Landfill) - You have no idea what they are putting into there", I expected you to take this seriously, no matter if there had or had not been any violations issued for illegal waste in the landfill. Instead, you offer: "The County is not going to conduct research for you, ...". This is akin to you throwing her concerns in the trash. You say I am nearing the level of harassment, well, in my opinion, your actions border on dereliction of duty.

You state that "The County will not allow you or anyone to become involved in any employee "personnel issue" as you suggest in one of your emails." Until it can be shown that the County will go after people who are either elected or appointed and that either abuse their power or intimidate someone because of their power, I'm not going to back away. I regularly have issues brought to my attention from people that are intimidated by the county, and if I see that the issue is real, there is no one in this county that I will not go after. As an FYI, the latest issue (which has yet to surface in any e-mail), and all these people are butting in line in front of David Francis, a county employee in a position of authority, sexually harassed a non-county employed citizen. Do you think there is anyway on God's Green Earth that you believe I am going to back off of this simply because you declare "The County will not allow you or anyone to become involved in any employee "personnel issue" as you suggest in one of your emails."?

I have requested several items in this e-mail string that I feel are things of interest to Haywood County Taxpayers, and they have a right to know.

- Who was the name of the county employee that advised Mary Ann Hardy to "get away from there! (referring to the White Oak Landfill) - You have no idea what they are putting into there"?
- Who paid for Francis, West and Messer to make the trip to Raleigh, and how much did that lawyer (who lost the case for you) cost? [re: King appeal before the NC Property Tax Commission].

Finally, in your response, you indicate "AS to the PTC Appeal, you can contact David Francis for information." You have got to realize that this is totally laughable! David Francis will not respond to my 27 questions (that I handed to you during a public comment session to give to the commissioners) [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T121231.pdf>], and has instructed that none of his staff in the tax department respond to my questions either. I figure that someone has advised him not to answer my requests for public information, because I don't think he is smart enough to do that himself. Francis is hunkered down and is in a bunker mentality. So you see, I am not going to take your advice on this either.

Now, before that you declare that "Enough said", why don't you at least make the statement that you will attempt to find the name of the county employee that said to Mary Ann Hardy "get away from there! (referring to the White Oak Landfill) - You have no idea what they are putting into there".

Sincerely,

Monroe A. Miller Jr.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Public comment at DENR meeting. Request for public information.
Date: Mon, 21 Jan 2013 21:46:17 +0000
From: Marty Stamey <MStamey@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller <monroemillerjr@bellsouth.net>
CC: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>, Caroline Klapper <caroline@themountaineer.com>, "Mark S. Swanger" <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, "Michael T. Sorrells" <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, David Teague <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>, Stephen King <SKing@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Denny King <kingsplace@charter.net>, Chip Killian <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, Jonathan Key <jkey@themountaineer.com>, Jeff Schumacher <jeff@themountaineer.com>

Mr. Miller,

I do not think you are the one to make that decision. I have an auto-file system setup in Outlook that prioritizes emails sent to my mobile device so that I only receive essential communications when I am busy or out of the office, like last week with the storm event and over the weekend while in an emergency services class.

No Notices of Violations have been issued for illegal waste in the landfill; daily checks are performed as required by DENR which can be validated with DENR inspections. The County is not going to conduct research for you, I recommend that you contact the DENR office, contact information is <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/home/ro/aro>. The County will not allow you or anyone to become involved in any employee "personnel issue" as you suggest in one of your emails.

You have not requested any documents under the public records request. Your demeaning characterization of County employees is unfounded and in my opinion nears the level of harassment. Your email communications are unproductive and are a prime example of the reason many of our knowledgeable and dedicated government employees are leaving government work across the state.

AS to the PTC Appeal, you can contact David Francis for information.

Enough said

Marty

From: Monroe Miller [mailto:monroemillerjr@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2013 8:26 PM
To: Marty Stamey
Cc: David Francis; Jonnie Cure; Caroline Klapper; Mark S. Swanger; Michael T. Sorrells; Julie Davis; David Teague; Stephen King; Vicki Hyatt; Becky Johnson; Denny King; Chip Killian; Chip Killian; Jonathan Key; Jeff Schumacher
Subject: Re: Public comment at DENR meeting. Request for public information.

Marty,

By ignoring me, you are not looking very good right now. Maybe it's about time for you to resign.

Monroe Miller

On 1/19/2013 5:36 PM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty,

I checked the recording I made of the DENR public hearing to get the names of the three DENR personnel at the meeting. They are:

Jason Watkins
Alan Gather
Andrea Keller

Would you happen to have the e-mail addresses for these people? It will save me a phone call. I'll see if I can get there assistance in getting the name of this county employee who said "You have no idea what they are putting into there".

By the way, that recording is now on my web site, www.haywoodtp.net,

AUDIO (.mp3), DENR Landfill Meeting where Mary Ann Hardy indicated she was advised by a county employee to "get away from there! (referring to the White Oak Landfill) - You have no idea what they are putting into there". 1/16/2012. 1/19/2013...

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/130116DENRHearing.MP3>

[So far, this pretty much looks like a one-way conversation].

Monroe

On 1/19/2013 5:16 PM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty,

Have you heard?

The King's won their battle with Haywood County Property Assessment Office at the Property Tax Commission on Friday. Check with Francis - he was there, along with Greg West, Cal Messer and some Raleigh lawyer that you all hired at God Knows what cost (who lost the case).

The Kings objected to having their neighborhood arbitrarily raised 30%, and the Commission agreed, vote 2 to 1. Looks like you have to drop everyone's assessment in the King's neighborhood, and all the other neighborhoods that this arbitrary increase was made. Who was responsible for this arbitrary increase? Looks to me like you could have an overall drop in Ad Velorem revenue up to 30% by the time you finish adjusting everyone's value to where it should belong.

Who paid for Francis, West and Messer to make the trip to Raleigh, and how much did that lawyer (who lost the case for you) cost?

Don't forget, still looking for the employee's name who told Mary Ann Hardy to "get away from there!".

On 1/19/2013 4:04 PM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty,

I would appreciate at least an acknowledgement.

Mr. Francis, I realize that you have been instructed not to answer any of my questions, but you are being compensated extra [re: Julie Davis, witness Terry Ramey] for your working on this landfill stuff. How about a response from you? You certainly have to know what is going on, which would be more that I could say about Steven King. Are you the county employee that advised Mary Ann Hardy to "get away from there"?

How about an answer, guys?

Monroe Miller

On 1/18/2013 3:40 PM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty!

I had two (2) really great ideas how to get around this problem! Unfortunately, county commissioners simply dig their heels in when I make a suggestion, but I hope you find these useful and should eliminate this and future problems.

1. Find the employee who said to Mary Ann Hardy "get away from there!", and "You have no idea what they are putting into there", and fire his ass.
2. Take a portion of the \$60M you are saving with Santek and simply buy-out Mary Ann Hardy. That would get her out of there and give you some more expansion room at White Oak.

Monroe

On 1/18/2013 9:01 AM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty,

Did you forget about my request for public information? I thought for sure that once you found out about the charge of "You have no idea what they are putting into there", that you would be jumping all over this like flies on molasses, as you and the commissioners did with the confederate flag issue. I would think all county folks (and Haywood County Taxpayers) would be interested to know what this county employee knows about what is being put into the White Oak Landfill.

If you are having difficulty locating this employee, let me know, and I will contact the three (3) DENR folks present at the meeting to assist. I'm pretty sure they have Mary Ann Hardy's address since her property is adjacent to the landfill and she would have most likely been required to get a certified notice of the public meeting.

Let me know.

Monroe

On 1/16/2013 8:03 PM, Monroe Miller wrote:

Marty,

A woman spoke during the public comment session tonight at the DENR public hearing regarding the White

Oak Landfill permit, Mary Ann Hardy. She indicated [re: recording] that someone who works for the county said "get away from there!", referring to the White Oak Landfill. "You have no idea what they are putting into there".

Who from the county said that?

Please respond, and if you don't know, please asked Mary Ann Hardy who told that to her and get back to me on this.

Please forward this e-mail to Kevin Ensley, as he deletes e-mail that I send to him.

Monroe Miller

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