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### **My Public Comments at the September 16<sup>th</sup> County Commission Meeting**

The following (page 2) is the text of my public comments at the September 16<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting, followed by (pages 3 & 4) supplementary information (redacted) provided to commissioners at that meeting. Even though Vicki Hyatt of the Mountaineer posted an article on their website,

**“Property tax critics, GOP want action”** By Vicki Hyatt, Sep 18, 2013  
<http://themountaineer.villagesoup.com/p/property-tax-critics-gop-want-action/1056817>,

and a printed article in the newspaper, different title,

**“Tax critics, GOP want action, County: \$1 million idea would raise taxes”**.

There was not a single word in either Vicki Hyatt article about the content of my public comments. In fact, there has not been a peep about the whole alleged scam and fiasco of David Francis and the county purchasing private property up at foreclosure sales, and then selling these properties, funneling sales through their lawyer pals (Clarence Dickson and Mayor Gavin Brown).

I have given up on the Smoky Mountain News on reporting any of this ...

Following the public comment on the second page, are the two pages from a Haywood County Taxer which I made eight (8) copies provided to Marty Stamey to be distributed to:

- Mark Swanger
- Kirk Kirkpatrick
- Kevin Ensley
- Michael Sorrells
- Bill Upton
- Marty Stamey
- Julie Davis
- Chip Killian and Leon Killian

I did something rather unprecedented during this public comment, in addition to calling out alleged fraud by David Francis, the center of our universe of tax problems here in Haywood County. It is in the last paragraph. See if you can spot it.

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## Public Comment

“This is a redacted response to a request for public information regarding a breakdown of taxes for a recent foreclosure initiated by David Francis for the tax year 2011.

Evidently, there is only one person in the tax department, other than David Francis, that is authorized to print this report. That’s Tracy Wells. When she personally turned these documents over, she was shaking like a leaf.

This Tax Bill Inquiry shows that in addition to what Francis can legally claim from a foreclosure process, namely back taxes, interest and penalties, do you know what else he put on this property tax bill?

Attorney Fees!

It states: MP ATTY FEES ADDED 2990.56; TO BE PAID IN ORDER TO RECORD THE TRUSTEE’S DEED, 11/30/2012

In addition,

(\$1500) ADD’L MP ATTY FEES ADDED PER DBF. 4/26/2013

(\$750) ADD’L MP ATTY FEES ADDED PER DBF. 7/23/2013

These taxes and fees were paid by a local lawyer, Jeff Norris on 7/23/2013.

DBF stands for David Bruce Francis, and MP presumably stands for Mark Pinkston, the lawyer for Van Winkle who Francis said he quit using in 2011 at the August 19<sup>th</sup> county commission meeting.

These are back-dated entries, expenses incurring in 2012 and 2013 appearing now on the 2011 tax year.

No wonder Julie Davis says that the documents I have been requesting regarding the county purchasing and selling foreclosed private property “do not exist”.

David Francis appears to be running his own set of books. I’d like to know which one of you commissioners authorized David Francis to start putting legal fees on property tax bills.

Why don’t you have David Francis come up at the end of this public comment session and whip out another power point presentation as he did for the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

By the way, when you turned Charles Meeker, the lawyer from Park Poe that you hired to represent the county at the King’s Property Tax Commission hearing into a Gatekeeper, that is, someone the King’s had to go through to get public information about their case, that triggered a grievance against him that has just been filed with the North Carolina Bar Association, Conflict of Interest, Rule 3.4. Let’s see how that factors into your appeal.

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

MVBP

Tax Bill Inquiry

Bill Nbr: 11A [REDACTED] Bill Date: 09/16/11 Bill Status: C  
 Account: [REDACTED] Bill Class: RR  
 Desc/Loc: [REDACTED] Bill Type: R  
 Parcel ID: [REDACTED]  
 Map/Blk/Lt: [REDACTED] District: 15 TOWN OF WAYNESV Tax Year(s): 11  
 Real Value: [REDACTED]  
 Pers Value: [REDACTED] Principal: 0.00  
 Exemptions: 0 Interest: 0.00 as of 09/10/13  
 Deferments: 0 Bal Due: 0.00

Ln	Eff Date:	Trans:	Amount:	Paid By:	Reference:
1	03/15/12	CREDIT	4.00		[REDACTED]
2	07/23/12	MSG(CAM)		DEMAND LTR 7/16/12	
3	11/30/12	MSG(CAM)		MP ATTY FEES ADDED 2990.56; TO BE PAID	
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