

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
19 Big Spruce Lane
Waynesville, NC 28786
December 16, 2014

Subject: David Francis blunting access to County Tax Assessors, re: Michael Sorrells property.

Life has not changed much dealing with David Francis, ex-Tax Collector and now Interim (temporary) Tax Administrator. What initially began as a simple question for Greg West, one of the property assessors under Judy Ballard, has turned into a full fledged pissing contest.

The subject matter regards questions relating to one of the properties owned by Michael Sorrells, Haywood County Commissioner (which is all anyone knows about it at this point).

The issue popped up at one of the main locations in Haywood County for discovering stuff - standing in line at the parts counter at Taylor Ford. From that point, it was brought to my attention, I carefully evaluated the merits of the information, and made the call to investigate further.

I attempted to visit Greg West at his office on the 4th floor of the court house building (you have to take the front elevator or stairs to get there), and who walks up as I am talking to Greg West ...

David Francis.

Francis then invited himself to participate in my discussion with Greg West.

Not happening, I indicated. The meeting would be under more controlled conditions.

This is about where the e-mail dialog begins with David Francis, who has not forgotten how to obstruct.

Enjoy.

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer.

Subject: appointment
Date: Thu, 04 Dec 2014 12:07:43 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Greg,

Will you be available tomorrow for a question? If so, what time.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Sat, 06 Dec 2014 10:00:13 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, David Francis <dbfrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews

Greg,

We will try this again, sometime next week, after the new Tax Collector has been sworn in. They anyone can come to this meeting, even Sorrells.

Please acknowledge this e-mail.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Fwd: Re: appointment
Date: Sat, 06 Dec 2014 10:02:31 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Greg,

This should have gone to you (not me) first time around.

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment
Date: Mon, 8 Dec 2014 15:40:10 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews,
Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Mr. Miller:

If you would like to schedule a meeting with Judy Ballard and myself, to discuss a concern over an evaluation of a property you may do so. Mr. West does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area.

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
215 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2602

Subject:Re: appointment
Date: Mon, 08 Dec 2014 11:47:46 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews,
Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Michael
Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

Mr. Francis,

Who is the assessor that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells? He will need to attend. We will need access to a computer during this meeting. Greg West is also invited, even though he does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area., i.e., I am requesting that he attend. Terry Ramey will also be attending this meeting, and why not have Sorrells drop in. Don't know if Mike Matthews will be able to break away from his new duties, but he is also more than welcome.

How about Thursday morning, around 10am.

Why is it that your title is now Interim Tax Administrator? Did that somehow change with the past election?

You might want to stop by personally and relay this message to Ira Dove, as he has not been responding to any of my e-mails. I asked him this morning, as he was serving ice tea after the swearing in, if his computer was broken, and he only responded "Sweet or Unsweetened".

Monroe Miller

Subject:Re: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 08:25:31 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews,
Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Michael
Sorrells <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

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Mr. Francis,

I never received the courtesy of an confirmation / acknowledgement from you regarding your invitation to me to schedule a meeting.

I never received:

- The acknowledgement
- Confirmation of a time
- Confirmation of the date
- Confirmation of a meeting place, one that contains access to a computer

Who the assessor was that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells.

You never indicated why your title is now Interim Tax Administrator. I mean, who am I dealing with here?

Too busy trying to figure out how to clean up that pesky Settlement at End of Term(s)?

Let's try this again. Is your invitation still open for this meeting, or shall I try again with Greg West?

Monroe Miller

p.s. How did the commissioners get away with appointing you Interim Tax Collector without you having to take the oath of office and not showing commissioners that you had a \$410,000 bond?

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 09:53:36 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Greg,

It appears that David Francis has again dove into the bunker. Looks like we are on again. What time will be good for you?

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 16:29:50 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews,
Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>,
Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Miller:

Since you have been up here everyday this week, I thought you would come on in for the meeting.

Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am.

I took the oath as required.

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To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews,
Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>,
Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

You thought wrong.

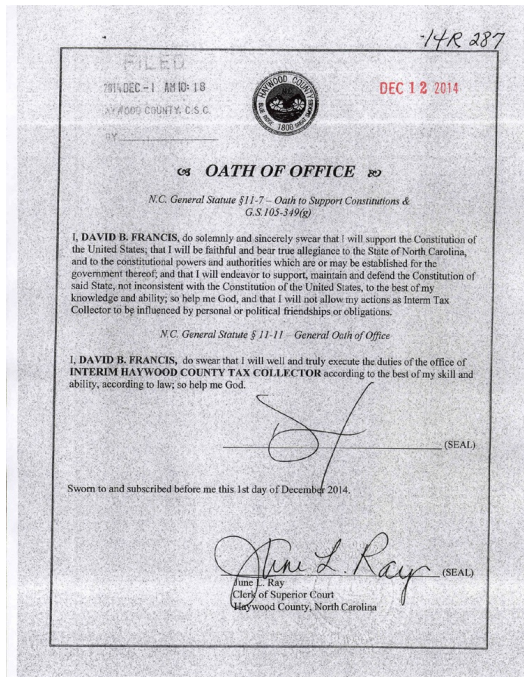
Are we scheduling another meeting or do I move forward with Greg West?

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Sun, 14 Dec 2014 10:36:05 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

It took passing your cryptic response to several people before it was deciphered that the date you referenced was for a new suggested meeting time rather than when you took the oath (a date which had not yet occurred). I visited the Justice Center Friday and pulled the following oath:



It is time stamped at 10:18am, Dec. 1, 2014, just after the December 1st county commission meeting. This was one of the items I had previously asked you for (see below). I don't see why you could not have provided that. I still have not seen that you presented to the commissioners that you had a \$410,000 bond.

So to recap, let's prepare for this meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am.

- Confirmation of a meeting place, one that contains access to a computer. Where is your office or place this meeting will take place?
- Who the assessor was that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells. That assessor will need to be present.
- You never indicated why your title is now Interim Tax Administrator. I mean, who am I dealing with here?
- Greg West is invited to this meeting.
- Terry Ramey is invited to this meeting.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Don't know if Mike Matthews will be able to break away from his new duties, but he is also more than welcome.

Please acknowledge all of these items. If you can't get it right, we will reschedule and keep doing this until you can get it right.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 2nd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 14:20:18 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe , Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Time is getting short before the proposed meeting Wednesday. Please confirm the parameters listed below.

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Please acknowledge all of these items. If you can't get it right, we will reschedule and keep doing this until you can get it right.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 2nd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 16:17:13 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way
<ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>,
Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe,
Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Your refusal to acknowledge / confirm these items means to me that you are cancelling another meeting.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 16:21:40 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe , Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Your suggestion of a new meeting time, at least I think it is a suggestion of a new meeting time - "Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am", December 16th is a Tuesday, Wednesday is December 17th - which is it?

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 22:29:04 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller:

Wednesday at 10:00 Judy Ballard's office. Ms. Ballard will not be in attendance.

The appraiser who reviewed those properties is no longer with the County. Current appraiser for Jonathan Creek is on a mission trip overseas.

Interim is another word for temporary.

Greg West will not be there.

Terry Ramey sure.

I don't think Mike Matthews wants to attend.

Thanks,

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
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Subject: Re: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 19:49:35 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lakensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>

Mr. Francis,

You too, can save me a little time copying and pasting, if you will not delete all of the names on the copy list when you reply to me. As you can see, I have carefully re-inserted all the names and the balance of the commissioners names.

It is unfortunate that:

- Judy Ballard cannot attend,
- The un-named current assessor for Jonathan Creek is overseas and cannot be present,
- Greg West will not be there.

Since this meeting is all about assessment stuff, it requires that assessors be present. Please get with Judy Ballard, Greg West, and any other assessor who has a little time and we will reschedule the meeting to include assessors. Don't forget to invite Sorrells, and you can also invite an additional commissioner to attend, as long as there are not three commissioners, that would be a quorum.

Let me know when Judy Ballard, Greg West, and any other assessor will be available to attend. Remember, I wanted originally to talk to Greg West, not you. Talking with only you on this matter will be unproductive to everyone.

How about Friday?

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 5th request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 22:32:36 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lakensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

Mr. Francis,

On 12/8/2014 10:40 AM, you, David Francis wrote: (see the beginning of this e-mail)

Mr. Miller:

If you would like to schedule a meeting with Judy Ballard and myself, to discuss a concern over an evaluation of a property you may do so. Mr. West does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area.

David B Francis

Make this happen, and quit trying to [expletive deleted] this up.

Monroe Miller

p.s. Press is now invited.