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Subject: Francis Farm Landfill / White Oak Landfill, an Update.

I estimate that over 95% of Haywood County Taxpayers have no clue what is happening at the Francis Farm Landfill or the White Oak Landfill. These are black holes.

Information flow from the county on the Francis Farm Landfill is in lock-down, by **David Francis, Bryant Morehead** and **Kris Boyd**. I have yet to receive any comprehensive breakdown of county expenses for Francis Farm Landfill from **Bryant Morehead**. The only time **David Francis** pops his head out of his bunker is during county commission workshops, where information is totally sanitized.

White Oak Landfill is a similar black hole, but for different reasons.

Weeks ago, it was brought to my attention that **Kris Boyd** was going to take one of the county commissioners on a tour of Francis Farm and White Oak Landfills. I expressed a desire to **Kris Boyd** that Terry Ramey and I would like to come along as part of that tour.

Kris Boyd blew me off, took the commissioner on a tour and never told me about it. It took weeks to get another tour lined up, this time a needless fire drill for just Terry Ramey and I. We both toured the White Oak Landfill on 10/9/2019 (last Wednesday) and the Francis Farm Landfill on 10/11/2019 (Friday).

White Oak Landfill - Santek, 10/9/2019.

I had never been to the White Oak Landfill, and was interested in what was going on. Periodically, Santek had been requested by county commissioners to provide an update. Each time Santek came in to make a presentation, they indicated that the landfill still had a life of 30 years. How is that, I wondered?

[**Editor's Note:** There are numerous references to the origin of Santek given the contract for the landfill on www.haywoodtp.net].

Santek is a private corporation, run out of Tennessee. We contacted an on-site manager to request a tour. After about two weeks of working out a schedule, we were invited on 10/9/2019. We arrived at 10:30 am for an 11:00 am appointment, and spent the next 2.5 hours on the tour. The manger was totally forthcoming and answered every question we asked. Believe me, I can tell when someone is withholding information. At the end of the tour, the manager invited us out to lunch, but it was getting late.

This is one of the great decisions county commissioners have ever made. Santek was being run like a Swiss watch. It is difficult to express the level of professionalism by the manager and their employees.

I was not allowed to take either pictures or overfly my drone, as I was told I would be revealing proprietary secrets, which was not the intent or reason for the tour. I respected his request, a demand, actually and did not take photos nor operate my drone.

Now that we were there, I checked out Google Earth, and their latest satellite photo is not far off from what Terry and I saw. We might get some sanitized photos in the future.



Image from Google Earth, Image date 11/26/2017.

Francis Farm Landfill, 10/11/2019.

This request was made through **Kris Boyd**, and I have to say it was nothing but a struggle. I was threatened not to bring my drone, based on an ordinance crafted by **Mark Swanger** specifically to prevent me from flying my drone over county property. **Swanger** does not own the airspace above Haywood County.

Mr. Miller,

Please use the following link to access Haywood County Code of Ordinances: Chapter 100 County Grounds Use.

<https://www.haywoodcountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/315/County-Grounds-Use-PDF>

Please specifically review and comply with subsection 100.05 Unmanned Aircraft Systems. When you have submitted the proper paperwork to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and it has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney, we will schedule a visit to Francis Farm Landfill.

If you would like to visit Francis Farm Landfill without your drone, I'm available this morning.

*Respectfully,
Kris R. Boyd*

There is no way on God's Green Earth that our sorry excuse for a County Attorney was ever going to approve my request. By the way, see: <http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/151211FrancisFarmVideo.pdf>

Terry and I were joined by **Kris Boyd**, **Bryant Morehead** and Mark Pless. **Randy Siske** was mowing the grounds and for the most part, was in close proximity to our tour, at the ready, I presume. Everyone was provided with a mandatory florescent yellow vest (a stupid requirement, there was no construction going on at the landfill), which we did not have to wear at White Oak.

No one complained when I took photos with my cell phone camera. My primary interest for this tour was to document what the landfill looked like before the cap was installed.



Entrance to Francis Farm Landfill.



Terry Ramey and **Kris Boyd** in foreground.
Mark Pless and **Bryant Morehead** in background.



These two photos were taken at the peak of the landfill. It was explained that before the cap was laid, there would be about .5 foot of soil placed, to smooth the land and assist with the contour of drainage.

Then the cap would be laid.

Then, depending on terrain, another 2 to 3 feet of fill would be placed. This fill is to come from a site below the Haywood County Schools Maintenance Building where years ago it was stored from the DOT work done at the old Walmart interchange.

As you can plainly see, there are no proprietary secrets going on at this landfill. There is no reason to limit a drone flight, other than the usual county employee's knee-jerk reaction about paranoia - that would be **David Francis, Bryant Morehead and Kris Boyd**.



There are multiple monitoring equipment all throughout the area that is to be capped, some of which will have to be extended.

The photo to the right shows the road where the DOT dirt had been stored. This will be used to cover the cap.

It seems there are a couple of issues that have to be resolved before this goes out to bid, which is supposed to be a public bid. One is that a good portion of the road leading to the Haywood County Schools Maintenance Building is over part of the landfill, and has to be capped. So how do you lay down a liner over the road, cover it with dirt, and rebuild the road surface without damaging the liner? I was told this issue would be resolved prior to this whole thing going out for bid in a couple of weeks.

[Editor's Note: If Bryant Morehead pulls the same [expletive deleted] as he did with the James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III Super-Duper Sports Complex, a.k.a., the David Francis Dirt Spreading Project, which was is to open the bids in the County Courtroom and immediately turn over the bids to McGill without the possibility of public inspection of those bids, I will personally slam Bryant Morehead and David Francis with an ethics complaint with the State of North Carolina.]



Leachate (liquid that takes in substances from the material through which it passes, often making the liquid harmful or poisonous) is pumped from collection systems into the Waynesville Sewer System. This is the metered Leachate pump.



The stuff at the center of this little fenced in area is presumably for burning off methane. According to **Kris Boyd**, this equipment is a constant maintenance issue due to contaminants in the methane.

The boondoggle at the far end is the failed project of converting methane into electricity with a generator to feed back into the electrical grid. I could not get any numbers on how long it ever ran, but suffers the same maintenance problems due to contaminants in the methane.

This whole fenced area is over the landfill. Does this stuff get ripped out and covered with the liner?

Almost every question I asked **Kris Boyd**, the response was either

- That happened before I got here,
- I don't know,
- We are not engineers, we depend on **McGill**.

Terry and I suggested why not get some viewpoints about how other people knowledgeable in the field might offer suggestions. We were rebuffed - "this is the path we are taking".

These two landfills are like night and day. White Oak (Santek), is one of the best run operations I have seen in a while. Francis Farm landfill is a cluster [expletive deleted], run by people who don't have the slightest clue as how to fix a landfill. Fasten your seatbelts, folks.

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