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Subject: Nicole Kott of Helping Hands of Haywood just designated her receipts as confidential. WTF?

Town of Waynesville taxpayers just got screwed out of \$8,750 taxpayer money, and are about to be screwed out of another \$61,250!

Nicole Kott, of Helping Hands of Haywood has just declared [re: via Martha Sharpe Bradley, Town of Waynesville lawyer] that receipts for taxpayer money intended for the purpose temporary housing individuals experiencing homelessness are now designated as confidential. WTF?

I sent **Rob Hites**, Town of Waynesville City Manager, the following Request for Public Information, posted on www.haywoodtp.net on 1/22/2022:

[Rob Hites, Town of Waynesville, Request for Public Information, re: Clarification on Helping Hands of Haywood quarterly report \(undated\) from Nicole Kott, President / Executive Director - whoever.. 1/22/2022...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220122HitesRequestForPublicInformation.pdf)

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220122HitesRequestForPublicInformation.pdf>

That request was made last Saturday, 1/22/2022, on a weekend.

[Editor's Note: Website statistics for www.haywoodtp.net has been rocked during the last two (2) days.]

I received the following response this morning at 9:53am this morning from Martha Sharpe Bradley, who apparently is back on the city's taxi meter:

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Full and complete report from Nicole Kott, Helping Hands of Haywood, #1

Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2022 14:53:20 +0000

From: Martha Bradley <martha@sosharpe.com>

To: Monroe Miller, Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: Gary Caldwell <gcaldwell@waynesvillenc.gov>, Chuck Dickson <cdickson@waynesvillenc.gov>, Julia Freeman <jfreeman@waynesvillenc.gov>, Anthony Sutton <asutton@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jon Feichter <jfeichter@waynesvillenc.gov>, Jesse Fowler <jfowler@waynesvillenc.gov>, Eddie Ward <eward@waynesvillenc.gov>, Nicole Kott <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

Mr. Miller – Your request was provided to Helping Hands. The agency has designated the receipts as confidential. As a result, we are unable to provide a copy of them to you.

Please note we have reached this conclusion based on the language in N.C. General Statute 132-1.2.(1)c. & 132-1.2.(1)d. and on the grounds that the receipts were provided to the Town in connection with Helping Hands' performance of a public contract and were designated as confidential at the time they were provided to the Town. (You may review the statute on the General Assembly's website here: https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_132/GS_132-1.2.pdf)

Best,

Martha

- Where the [Expletive Deleted] is this money going to that **Nicole Kott** has to designate it as confidential?
 - ☹ Our Place Inn (a.k.a. All Cops are Bastards)?
 - ☹ Scottish Inn?
 - ☹ Somewhere else?

Who signed this [Expletive Deleted] AGREEMENT OF PROGRAM SUBSIDY TO TEMPORARILY HOUSE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (a.k.a. the Confidentiality Agreement) in the first place with **Nicole Kott, Helping Hands of Haywood?**

Answer: Gary Caldwell, Mayor [who is this close to being put in **bold.**]

Here is the N.C. General Statute that **Nicole Kott** and Gary Caldwell are hiding behind.

§ 132-1.2. Confidential information.

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require or authorize a public agency or its subdivision to disclose any information that:

(1) Meets all of the following conditions:

a. Constitutes a "trade secret" as defined in G.S. 66-152(3).

b. Is the property of a private "person" as defined in G.S. 66-152(2).

c. Is disclosed or furnished to the public agency in connection with the owner's performance of a public contract or in connection with a bid, application, proposal, industrial development project, or in compliance with laws, regulations, rules, or ordinances of the United States, the State, or political subdivisions of the State.

d. Is designated or indicated as "confidential" or as a "trade secret" at the time of its initial disclosure to the public agency.

So, let me make it clear, that all of the Aldermen, **Rob Hites**, Martha Sharpe Bradley, etc., have privy to these "confidential receipts", and the Aldermen are to consider disbursing another \$8,750 to **Nicole Kott** of **Helping Hands of Haywood** at tomorrow evenings regularly scheduled Aldermen Meeting. If they do approve another \$8,750 disbursement, and it is later discovered down the road that these "confidential" receipts were not spent on the intended purpose, there will be hell to pay at the next election for these Aldermen.

Why not attend tomorrow evenings regularly scheduled Town of Waynesville Aldermen Meeting. I'd suggest bringing some popcorn, but there is probably a Confidentiality Agreement lying around someplace that prevents Town of Waynesville taxpayers from bringing popcorn to meetings.

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Haywood County Taxpayer

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