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December 9, 2022

Subject: Email dialog with Frank Queen. Frank Queen should be fired as County Attorney.

During an interview with WLOS on 12/6/2022, Sebastian Cothran, Haywood County newly elected Tax Collector, Sebastian Cothran was quoted: "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

WTF?

In order to get to the bottom of this, I requested from **Frank Queen** what North Carolina General Statute gave whoever [County Manager, **Kevin Ensley**, whoever] the authority to impose such a restriction on the Tax Collector.

Frank Queen dismissed my request, therefore, **Frank Queen** should be fired from the position of County Attorney by the Haywood County Commissioners.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer.

Subject: Request for Public Information - "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

Date: Tue, 6 Dec 2022 10:18:08 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

CC: Terry Ramey <terry.ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>, Bryant Morehead <bryant.morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Becky Johnson <bjohnson@themountaineer.com>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>

Mr. Queen,

During yesterday's county commission meeting, you and Kevin Ensley indicated that you were going to do everything possible to make Sebastian Cothran's job successful. In fact, it was stated that you were not imposing anything on the Tax Collector, i.e. No Requirements, that were not authorized by North Carolina General Statutes. Yet, in a piece by WLOS yesterday,

<https://wlos.com/news/local/new-faces-take-oaths-elected-office-haywood-county-western-north-carolina-commissioners-sheriff-tax-collector#>

Sebastian Cothran was quoted: "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

Who the [expletive deleted] imposed this restriction?

Therefore, I am requesting the NC General Statute that says that you, the county manager, the chair of the county commissioners, can impose any such restriction on the Tax Collector.

Thank you,
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2022 08:26:39 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

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Mr. Queen,

Can you please acknowledge my request for information?

Thank you,
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2022 18:28:16 +0000

From: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

To: Monroe Miller

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Mr. Miller,

I received your email. This does not constitute a request for any public record. This concludes my response to your inquiry.

Frank Queen

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money," Cothran says.

Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2022 13:55:39 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Bryant Morehead <bryant.morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>

CC: Terry Ramey <Terry.Ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>, bjohnson@themountaineer.com <bjohnson@themountaineer.com>, vhyatt@themountaineer.com <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Morehead,

Please provide the document provided to Sebastian Cothran by you, Kevin Ensley, Frank Queen, or any other county employee that advised Sebastian Cothran that "For the first few weeks I'm not allowed to touch the money,"

Please acknowledge this request for public information.
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.