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Subject: Jennifer Best smears Terry Ramey at 2/6/2023 county commission meeting, re: Email trail.

During the five (5) hour county commission meeting on 2/6/2023, re: the \$75,735 grant approval discussion, **Jennifer Best** was called out during the two hour public comment period by Sherry Morgan about not doing her research on Terry Ramey's tax payment situation. **Jennifer Best** responded during the Constituent Concern portion of the meeting to respond to Sherry Morgan's comments, whipped out her cell phone and referenced an email sent to her by the Tax Collector indicating that Terry Ramey was delinquent in paying his taxes.

That was enough for me to make a Request for Public Information about providing that text. I made the Request on 2/7/2023 at 12:14pm, as follows:

Subject: Request for Public Information - Jennifer Best email from Cothran #1.

Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2023 12:14:32 -0500

From: Monroe Miller

To: Amy Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>

CC: Joey Webb <joey.webb@haywoodcountync.gov>, Jennifer Best <jennifer.best@haywoodcountync.gov>, Terry Ramey <terry.ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tommy Long <Tommy.Long@haywoodcountync.gov>, Brandon Rogers <brandon.rogers@haywoodcountync.gov>

Ms. Stevens,

During the five hour county commission meeting yesterday, Jennifer Best, during the constituent concerns portion of the meeting, whipped out her cell phone and referenced an email sent to her by the Tax Collector indicating that Terry Ramey was delinquent in paying his taxes.

Please have Jennifer Best forward that email to you and/or Joey Webb, and then please forward it to me, containing all of the email header information relating to who sent it, time, subject, etc.

Thank you,
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Surprisingly, I received a response at 9:04 am this morning. It is a string of email messages between **Jennifer Best** and Sebastian Cothran, with some pretty damning stuff.

During the commission meeting on 2/6/2023, **Jennifer Best** carefully worded her response to Sherry Morgan to say that Terry Ramey was "delinquent" in his payments, but forgot completely to mention that Sebastian Cothran said "So, yes Mr. Ramey is delinquent, however he has a payment plan and is good standing with our office."

WTF?

This appears to be a smear against a sitting county commissioner by **Jennifer Best**, egged on by a what appears to be prodding **Cory Vaillancourt**, smn tabloid, when she includes in her email -

“I have a new questions today. I am responding to a request from a media source about property taxes and the information will be part of my response.”

and

“For a deeper dive, are bills considered delinquent even when on a payment plan that is current per the plan schedule?

And let me simply ask ~ is Terry Eugene Ramey currently delinquent on any tax bills?”

Guess what **Jennifer Best** just did?

She opened Pandora’s Box.

Remember, on www.haywoodtp.net

[Email Dialog - Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley and Cory Vaillancourt, colorized! Cory Vaillancourt is one sick S.O.B. and a snake in the grass. 1/20/2023 1/22/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230120EnsleyVaillancourtEmailDialog.pdf>

Well, now I can request the full email dialog of commissioners having conversation with **Cory Vaillancourt** and the **Kevin “Adjudication” Ensley** back stabbing fiasco.

Plus, as an extra piece of curiosity, **Jennifer Best** is delving into what appears to be the purchasing of foreclosed properties. Some astute individual will need to check to see if **Jennifer Best** is privy to any information regarding foreclosure sales prior to public release of this information.

So, here is the email string between Jennifer Best and Sebastian Cothran...

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Best <Jennifer.Best@haywoodcountync.gov>
Date: January 12, 2023 at 9:06:38 AM EST
To: Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>
Subject: Re: Foreclosure sale

Thank you so much ~ enjoy today!

Jennifer M. Best

On Jan 12, 2023, at 8:11 AM, Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov> wrote:

Yes, technically bills are still considered delinquent after a payment plan has been signed. So, yes Mr. Ramey is delinquent, however he has a payment plan and is good standing with our office.

Sebastian Cothran
Haywood County Tax Collector
828-452-6643

From: Jennifer Best <Jennifer.Best@haywoodcountync.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 4:28 PM
To: Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>
Subject: Re: Foreclosure sale

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Jennifer M. Best

On Jan 11, 2023, at 3:38 PM, Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov> wrote:

Hello. There are currently 63,920 bills on our records, there are less taxpayers, but it is hard to get an exact number because of businesses, people with multiple bills, etc. There are approximately 100 payment plans outstanding on the 2022 bills. There are a few pending that got mailed to customers and we are awaiting signatures. I can't give a specific answer for the default question because many people with balances have payment plans, and bills went delinquent on the 5th, so the number changes every few minutes as someone pays there bills. Let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks.

Sebastian Cothran
Haywood County Tax Collector
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From: Jennifer Best <Jennifer.Best@haywoodcountync.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 1:29 PM
To: Sebastian Cothran <Sebastian.Cothran@haywoodcountync.gov>
Subject: Re: Foreclosure sale

Good afternoon Sebastian. I was unable to attend the foreclosure sale I'll try to make the next one.

I have a new questions today. I am responding to a request from a media source about property taxes and the information will be part of my response.

How many unique taxpayers for Haywood County?
How many payment plans?
How many payers are in default?

Jennifer M. Best

On Jan 5, 2023, at 11:35 AM, Jennifer Best <Jennifer.Best@haywoodcountync.gov> wrote:

Hello sir.

Tuesday you mentioned an upcoming Foreclosure Sale. Will you remind me of the date/time?
Hope your week of collecting has run smoothly.

Jennifer M. Best
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