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May 19, 2023

Subject: Bryant Morehead committee conducts secret CMAR Interviews, closed to the public.

A secret committee has been formed to pre-screen contractors who have responded to Haywood County's RFQ- CMAR for the Haywood County Detention Center Addition and Renovation, Moseley being the architect, and this committee meeting will **not** be open to the public.

The RFQ-CMAR has been obtained through a Request for Public Information (#23-20) and is posted on www.haywoodtp.net

[RFQ - Construction Manager At Risk \(CMAR\) for Haywood County Detention Center Addition and Renovation. 5/19/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230519HaywoodCountyRFQ-CMAR-ForDetentionCenterExpansion.pdf>

Bid opening has always been public (at least the one's I know about), but there will be a weeding out process of several contractors which will not be public. What's going on here?

The following is a lively email dialog with **Bryant Morehead** about this secret activity. This starts off with a simple Request for Public Information to Amy Stevens, Clerk.

Subject: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Thu, 18 May 2023 08:12:45 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Amy Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Bryant Morehead <bryant.morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Frank Queen
<Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

Ms. Stevens,

It has come to my attention that a committee has been formed to study CMAR (Construction Manager At Risk) for the proposed detention center. I am presuming that this committee meeting is public, and the public is invited. Please provide the date, time and location for this meeting.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Thu, 18 May 2023 15:44:43 +0000
From: Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller, Amy L. Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>

Monroe,

The full BOC is blind copied on this email.

You are correct in that a committee has been set up to interview some of the firms who responded to our CMAR RFQ. This initial interview is not public but the final selection will be made by the full BOC at a regularly scheduled meeting. As with all of our meetings we hope it is well attended and public comment is appreciated.

Have a nice day,
Bryant

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Thu, 18 May 2023 15:49:29 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Amy L. Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>, Jennifer Best <jennifer.best@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tommy Long <Tommy.Long@haywoodcountync.gov>, Terry Ramey <terry.ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Brandon Rogers <brandon.rogers@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kris Boyd <Kris.Boyd@haywoodcountync.gov>, Joey Webb CGCIO <joey.webb@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Morehead,

Please provide the NCGS § which says that someone in the county can set up a review committee to weed potential bidders for a volatile project and it not be open to the public.

- Who created this committee?
- Who are the members of this committee?
- What is the date, time and location of this committee meeting?

I spoke to Sheriff Wilke at the county commission meeting Monday, and he confirmed he was a member of this committee.

You know, you have just gone through three (3) seismic events -

1. The fiasco involving an email involving four county commissioners against Terry Ramey, printed in the smn tabloid by Cory Vaillancourt.

[Appearance of Impropriety - Cory Vaillancourt - Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley - Jennifer Best - Tommy Long - Brandon Rogers. These county commissioners were conducting county business \(piling on the Honorable Terry Ramey, who is an elected county official\), making county decisions amongst and between each other, and without a public notice. At the minimum, this is a flagrant Appearance of Impropriety. 3/3/2023...](#)

2. The fiasco of an overbid of \$3 Million on the new detention center.

[New Detention Center - Anatomy of a Train Wreck, starring David Francis, Kris Boyd, Bryant Morehead and Frank Queen, now consolidated in Interesting Stuff Archives. 3/19/2023...](#)

3. The fiasco of Joey Webb / Frank Queen forking over confidential information from Terry Ramey's private cell phone to Cory Vaillancourt, which was printed in the smn tabloid.

[UPDATE! Email Dialog with Joey Webb, CGCIO. Request for Public Information - Ramey Cell Phone data sent to Cory Vaillancourt. 5/16/2023...](#)

I don't believe you can take too many more of these.

Do you see how this looks?

A bunch of county employees is getting together to interview/interrogate prospective construction managers about building the new detention center, which was way overbid in the first place, and by only one bidder. Now you are going to have Kris Boyd and the same bunch who created the previous train wreck do it all over again?

It gives the Appearance of Impropriety. Whose to say that Kris Boyd will throw out a bunch of viable construction managers and cherry picked two that he liked? You need to let sunshine in on this meeting. The public needs to attend. I want to attend, and I plan on attending.

I am this close to posting this all over my website.

By the way, my initial request for this public information went to Amy Stevens and copied you. Why didn't this go through Joey Webb's NextRequest fiasco?

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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Thu, 18 May 2023 20:32:41 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Amy L. Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>, Jennifer Best <jennifer.best@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tommy Long <Tommy.Long@haywoodcountync.gov>, Terry Ramey <terry.ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Brandon Rogers <brandon.rogers@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kris Boyd <Kris.Boyd@haywoodcountync.gov>, Joey Webb CGCIO <joe.webb@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Morehead,

You mentioned you put out a CMAR RFQ. Please provide a copy of the CMAR RFQ, because nothing shows up on the county website reflecting anything to do with a CMAR RFQ.

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Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Fri, 19 May 2023 12:30:11 +0000
From: Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller, Amy L. Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kris Boyd <Kris.Boyd@haywoodcountync.gov>, Joey Webb <joey.webb@haywoodcountync.gov>

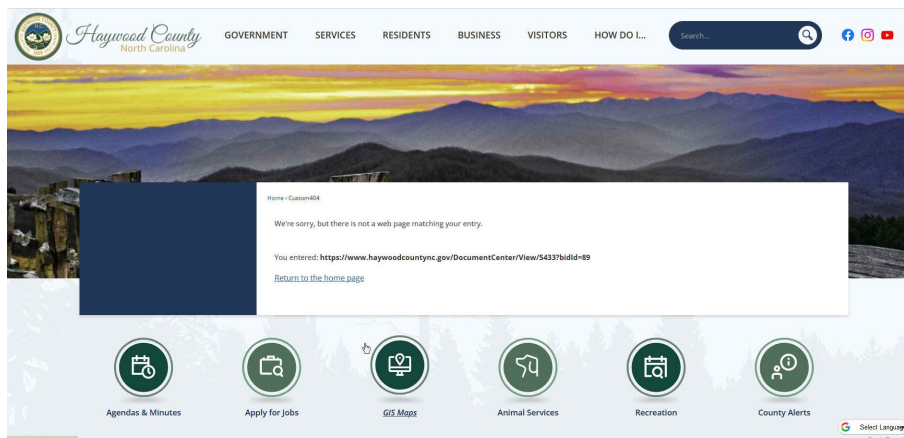
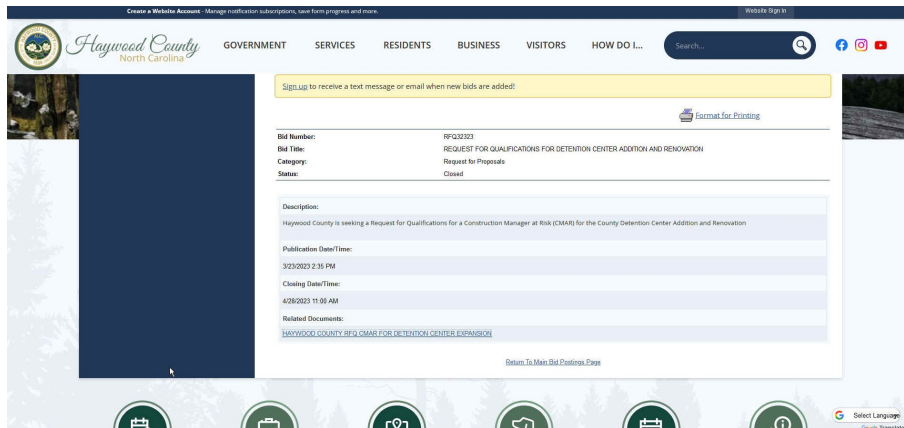
The full BOC is blind copied on this email.

It's on the website at the following location: <https://www.haywoodcountync.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=89>

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - meeting times for Detention Center Committee
Date: Fri, 19 May 2023 08:40:56 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Amy L. Stevens <Amy.Stevens@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Frank Queen <Frank.Queen@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kris Boyd <Kris.Boyd@haywoodcountync.gov>, Joey Webb <joey.webb@haywoodcountync.gov>, Jennifer Best <jennifer.best@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tommy Long <Tommy.Long@haywoodcountync.gov>, Terry Ramey <terry.ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Brandon Rogers <brandon.rogers@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Morehead,

The link you provided is dead. See screenshots.



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At this point, **Bryant Morehead** decided to use the “nextrequest” program installed by **Joey Webb** to provide me with the RFQ.

[Editor’s Note: Since I have been making Requests for Public Information, my requests are numbered #23-18, #23-19, #23-20. The first one has never been responded to, which is my request to **Joey Webb, CGCIO**, for the file that he sent to **Cory Vaillancourt**.]

Notice that **Bryant Morehead** responded to my simple request of providing a link to the RFQ-CMAR request, but did not respond to my request -

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If these people would do it right the first time and stop being so [expletive deleted] secretive, I would go away, but No! I don’t think these people will ever learn.

You know, way back when **Bill Upton** [D] was a county commissioner, and his term was up, he made the memorable comment, “It will be a long time before a democrat is ever elected county commissioner again”.

By God, the guy was right.

Let’s review the party affiliations of the characters in this fiasco-

- **Joey Wayne Webb, Jr.** [D]
- **Frank Graham Queen** [D]
- **Bryant Evans Morehead** [Una]
- **Kris Robert Boyd** [D]
- **Kevin Lawrence Ensley** [RINO]
- **David Bruce Francis** [D]

Our current board of county commissioners is scattered -

- **Terry Ramey** [R]
- **Jennifer Best** [BS] (Back Stabber)
- **Brandon Rogers** [BS]
- **Tommy Long** [M] (Manikin)
- **Kevin Ensley** [RINO] (Republican In Name Only)

A wise person once said, no wonder we are screwed, this whole county is still being run by democrats!

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Haywood County Taxpayer