Haywood County "Toeprints"

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What's Happening?

This is a **SPECIAL EDITION** of Toeprints... The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi–monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

<u>Urgent!</u> Results of Informal Appeal. <u>Urgent!</u> Notices will be mailed out to Haywood County Taxpayers, those who sent in their notice of appeal to Haywood County and appealed their new assessment, on <u>May 13, 2011</u>. [re: Judy Ballard, Tax Assessor].

This notice will indicate to the Taxpayers the results of their informal appeal. If The County agrees with your argument and changed your assessment to your liking, you are finished. If the County does not agree with your argument and blows you off, you will need to take your appeal to the next level, that of facing the "Board of Equalization and Review Board".

As you can see, it is important to participate in this "informal review".

Board of Equalization and Review Board.

What are the credentials of the members of the "Board of Equalization and Review Board".

You all know **Mark Swanger** [D] and **Bill Upton** [D]. They did not have to provide an application form for this Board, as they simply appointed themselves. Check out any Issue of Haywood County Toeprints for past history on **Mark Swanger** and **Bill Upton** on www.haywoodtp.net.

The County Commissioners appointed the following people to the "Board of Equalization and Review Board" on 2/21/2011. From the minutes of that meeting:

"The Board voted by ballot for four citizens to serve as members to the Board of Equalization and Review. Marty Stamey, County Manager, collected and counted the ballots. Mr. Stamey announced that Wade Francis received four votes, Carroll Mease received four votes, Mary Ann Enloe received four votes, and Evelyn Cooper received four votes for the Board of Equalization and Review."

I thought it would be instructive to examine the qualifications and reasons these people decided to apply to be on this Board of Equalization and Review Board. Immediately following this page are the handwritten applications they filed and sent to the County to be appointed to this Board.

Since the handwriting, in some cases, is almost indecipherable, I will translate as best I can, and comment why they wanted to be on this Board.

L. Carroll Mease [D], Reason: "None stated."

[**Editors Note**: None needed. He was simply pencil whipped onto this board.]

Wade Francis [D], Reason: "Experience on board in 1998. Will be fair to county values also will be fair to taxpayers."

[**Editors Note:** What board? What is a County Value? Taxpayers come in second, I guess.]

Mary Ann Enloe [D], Reason: "Chaired board [?] E+R, served several ipear's [?] on E+R Board. Have substantial knowledge of state statues concerning property, tax, lands, which are not subjective. The law is the law."

[Editors Note: "... The law is the law"? Is she a judge?]

Evelyn Cooper [D], Reason: "Tax assessors office 42 years. Revaluation 15 years."

[**Editors Note:** On the face of it, this seems like the only individual on this board that knows how to spell revaluation.]

These are the people (plus **Swanger** & **Upton**) that will be deciding if your assessment is fair.

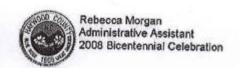
Day Counter for Mountaineer and SMN.

This new feature shows the days since 3/30/2011 since either The Mountaineer or the Smoky Mountain News will have anything to say about the Haywood County Fairgrounds Arena Building Contract fiascos.

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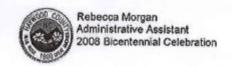
Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing. Brackets following a name in **bold** with [D], [R], or [U] denote the individuals party affiliation, **D**emocrat, **R**epublican or **U**naffiliated. re: Haywood County Election Office - all voters 11/18/2010.]

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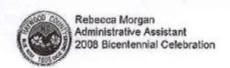
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APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW MEMBERS

NAME:	Evelyn Cooper
ADDRESS:	VayNesville, N.C. 28786
	828-456- 9348
OBJECTIVE:	Work with board on Board of Equalization and Review - Be fair To all tax payers - Listen to their appraisal problems and make fair decision.
EXPERIENCE:	Tax Assessors Office 42 years Revaluation 15 years
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