Haywood County "Toeprints"

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What's Happening?

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.

Foreclosure Sales.

Two additional Sheriff's Deed Foreclosures were announced with a notice posted in the Tax Collection office, signed off by **June Ray**. These foreclosures were initiated by **David Francis** for non-payment of taxes. They are properties (PIN):

- 7699-94-7645, Sale at Courthouse steps 9/24/13, 1:30p
- 8711-38-9493, Sale at Courthouse steps 10/1/13, 1:30p

The assessed value of the first property is \$96,600, with taxes and stuff due of \$2,512.16. Would anyone like to make a quick profit of \$94,087.84?

The assessed value of the second property is \$14,100, with taxes and stuff due of \$1,176.43. Would anyone like to make less of a killing, but still a killing, on this of \$12,923.57?

Everything **David Francis** does about foreclosures is now on the radar.

We have seen that **David Francis** has been bidding on these foreclosures and purchasing them on behalf of Haywood County. Of course, he can't do that! [re: **American Jurisprudence (Federal Case Law),** AMJUR MUNCCORP, § 471, 56 Am. Jur. 2d. Municipal Corporations, Etc. § 471?

"Municipalities may acquire and hold title to real property only for legitimate corporate purposes. Because a municipal corporation <u>or county</u> may not expend public funds for a purpose that is not public, <u>such entities have no authority to purchase and hold property for a purpose not connected with a public use.</u>"]

The question now is -

"What happens to all these properties that are auctioned on the courthouse steps (now outside the Justice Center) that are **not** sold, and are **not** bid on by **David Francis**?"

I have asked this question repeatedly to everyone I know, including Law Enforcement Officials, and the only answer I get in every single case is: A blank stare...

Fire Sale Continues!

There is also a posting on the bulletin board in the tax office of another eleven (11) properties, with the caption:

"Parcels for sale by Haywood County. See **David B. Francis** or **Tracy Wells** for further details."

Clarence Dickson and Mayor Gavin Brown (both lawyers) evidently had contacted one or both of these people (on behalf of their clients?), culminating in an attempt by David Francis to slip their clients purchases of two County Owned private property's under the radar at the August 19th County Commission Meeting.

[re: http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T130903.pdf]

[**Editors Note:** Photo's of these three posted notices taken in the tax office appear on pages following this issue of Toeprints. In addition, a table of data is provided of relevant information relating to the eleven (11) County Owned private property.]

Here is how you research and dig into this stuff.

- Start with the PIN address.
- Look up with Maps Online.
- Grab the Deed of Records Book and Page Number.
- Print the most recent Deed, the one that says Haywood Co.
- Look up the association Case File on that property.
- Go to the Justice Center and start pulling files.
- Ask Jared Sutton for assistance, he is very helpful.
- You can go directly to where the files are stored it is all public area.

Having done all that, I have summarized the information obtained from these files. The table at the end of this newsletter contains two sets of information. First, by column, the information on the original posting.

- PIN.
- Advertised Tax Value,
- Address.

Next, the data from the case files.

- Case number,
- Tax Proceeds.
- Pinkston Commission,
- Van Winkle legal fees.

All of the case files containing the letters "CVD" are civil cases, and contain all the evidence that the county bid on and purchased private property. There are two case files that contain "M", and these are Sheriff's Deeds, already reported in http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T130731.pdf, with these deeds being signed off by then Sheriff Bobby Suttles.

There is one instance of no case file. When this property is looked up, it shows that it is still owned by the original owners. How is **Francis** going to pull the sale of that property off?

The next column is called Tax Proceeds. As it turns out, all of these properties were handled by **Mark Pinkston**, who works for the **Van Winkle** Law Firm in Asheville. All of these property transactions contain the same insanely high costs from **Pinkston** and **Van Winkle** as the two properties reviewed before in Haywood County Toeprints,

 $\frac{http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T130816SE.pdf}{http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T130817SE.pdf}\,,\,and\,$

When I had requested public information from **Julie Davis**, Finance Director for evidence that the county had paid these insanely high legal fees, all I got from her was:

- "There was no check paid from the county for these properties."
- "Van Winkle did not receive the amounts listed below from the county. The law firm is paid for legal services for the tax department as needed. Generally, the law firm bills the county for work done and the county pays those bills. Some bills are not invoiced or paid until the process in completed. In the case of the properties listed below, until the properties are sold, the process is not completed. I hope this answers your question. In essence, you are asking for something that is not there to find, no matter who looks for it."
- "When "the process" is complete when the properties are sold and the invoices that will be sent to us are paid then I will be happy to send you the amounts paid and the accounts from which they were paid. You are incorrect in your assumptions that "the process" on the two properties ended with the county taking possession."
- "The documents that you have requested do not exist."

These Tax Proceeds are all signed off by **June Ray**, Clerk of Superior Courts as contained in the final audit for all of these files.

So **Julie**, if we look at the total of all Tax Proceeds for monies that have been collected from God-knows-where, the total comes to \$52,832.

So **Julie**, we are now looking at \$52,832. Do you think you can find out where that money came from to pay off **Van Winkle**?

Not finished yet. Lets look at what **Mark Pinkston** and **Van Winkle** raked out of this. Remember, **Mark Pinkston** was a commissioner for these proceedings, appointed by **June Ray**. **Pinkston** made \$3,053 in commissioner fees. **Van Winkle** made \$28,433 in legal fees.

Upset Bidding on Francis's under the radar private properties.

In what appears to be **Francis** and **Killian** making up rules as they go along, **Killian** declared that Upset Bidding should start subsequent to the August 19th county commission meeting on the following two properties:

a. Parcel Number – 7687-04-4513 – Case 10CVD109
 b. Parcel Number – 8608-76-2254 – Case 09CVD1331

Notices started appearing on the county web page (the following is one of them).

http://www.haywoodnc.net/downloads/Bids_Notices/sept20 13/upsetbid091313.pdf

I have not noticed if these are appearing in the Mountaineer, as I only purchase the paper if my name appears on the front page.

Byron Hickox.

Byron Hickox is a Code Enforcement Official for Town of Waynesville, NC.

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Jason Rogers.

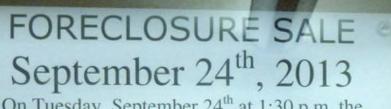
Jason Rogers is a Code Administrator for the Town of Waynesville, NC.

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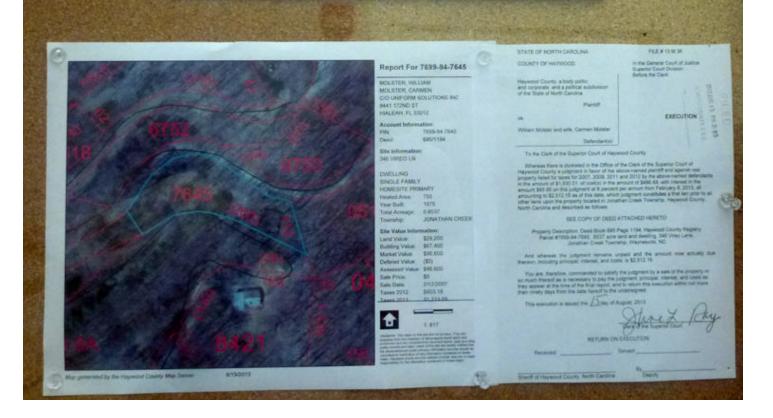
Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing. [RINO] Republican In Name Only (i.e. **Kevin Ensley, Mitchell Powell**).

[Editors Note: Who is Mitchell Powell?]

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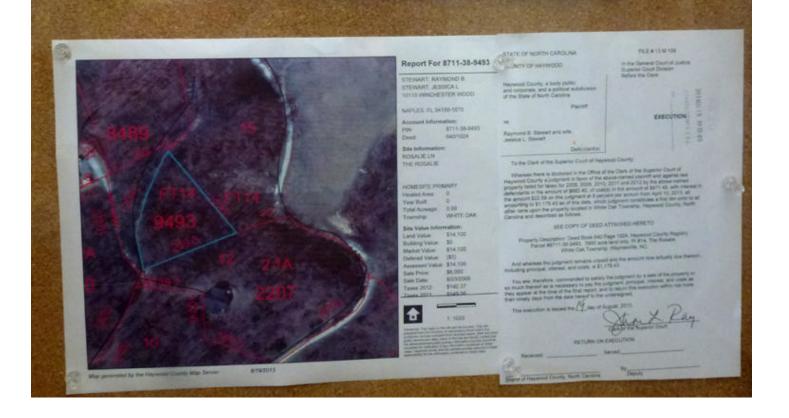


On Tuesday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m. the following properties will be sold on the courthouse front steps.



FORECLOSURE SALE October 1st, 2013

On Tuesday, October 1st at 1:30 p.m. the following properties will be sold on the courthouse front steps.



Parcels for sale by Haywood County. Please see David B. Francis or Tracy Wells for further details.

Parcel Number	Property Address	Property Description	Tax Value
8666-08-2739 7666-97-3194 8713-51-9902 8713-51-7847 8608-76-2254 7687-04-4513 7699-65-7779 7697-32-5891 8700-38-2600 8713-53-6585 8666-29-4258	27 Winfield St., Canton Soco Road, Maggie Valley Irwin Way, Clyde Blackberry Lane, Clyde 447 Sunshine Cove Rd., Waynesville Off Braves Knob Rd., Maggie Valley Spellbound Rd., Waynesville Lt 28, Sect N, Maggie Valley Country Club Teaberry Ridge Rd., Waynesville Lt 6, Sect B, Hurricane Ridge, Clyde 36 Gibson Street, Canton	.1500 acre - vacant land .7700 acre - vacant land .9879 acre - vacant land .7540 acre - vacant land 4007 acre - land & single wide 1.1469 acres - vacant land 3.660 acres - vacant land .3886 acre - vacant land 3.0505 acres - vacant land 3.1309 acres - vacant land	\$900.00 \$19,300.00 \$31,200.00 \$27,600.00 \$31,700.00 \$24,800.00 \$45,700.00 \$36,900.00 \$37,000.00 \$43,600.00 \$52,200.00

PIN	Advertised Tax Value	Address	Case No. Pr	Tax coceeds	Pinkston Commission	Van Winkle
7666-97-3194 7687-04-4513 7697-32-5891 7699-65-7779 8608-76-2254 8666-08-2739 8666-29-4258	19,300 24,800 36,900 45,700 31,700 900 52,200	Soco Road, Maggie Valley Off Braves Knob Road, Maggie Valley Lot 28, Sec N, Maggie Valley Country Club Spellbound Road, Waynesville 477 Sunshine Cove Road, Waynesville 27 Winfield Street, Canton 36 Gibson Street, Canton	08CVD700 10CVD109 10CVD112 11CVD1219 09CVD1331 10CVD328	6,779 6,220 7,532 7,206 12,582 5,271	377 360	4,005 3,640 3,977 2,802 6,822 3,571
8700-38-2600 8713-51-7847 8713-51-9902 8713-53-6585	37,000 27,600 31,200 43,600	Teaberry Ridge Road, Waynesville Blackberry Lane, Clyde Irwin Way, Clyde Lot 6, Sec B, Hurricane Ridge, Clyde	12M167 11CVD269 11CVD269 12M208	7,242	362	3,616
Totals	350,900			52,832	3,053	28,433