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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.

January 21, 2020 County Commission Meeting.

The 1/21/2020 county commission meeting was attended by about 300 people. There was a heavy presence of LEO’s (Law Enforcement Officer’s) and even an EMS truck on standby. Why? **Kevin Ensley** [RINO] and all the other county commissioners refused to place a resolution on the agenda for a 2nd Amendment Gun Sanctuary Resolution, simply because it was being sponsored by Eddie Cabe. 300 people came to this meeting to express their views (pro and con) on this issue. Like the **Northam** event in Virginia, everyone at the this meeting were peaceful and respectful. In the end, do you think this had any effect on these five (5) commissioners?

No. This was a big nothing-burger.

This portion of the meeting, during the public comment session for an item that was not even on the agenda, lasted two (2) hours.

[**Editor’s Note:** Only a relative few people had actually signed up to speak during the public comment period. It has been a past custom, encouraged by **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III**, that the Chair would ask if anyone else who had not signed up, wanted to speak. On the video, [re: video - 51:00] you can see **Kevin Ensley** attempting to cut off the Public Comment Session and rush to the next agenda item, Constituent Concerns, but had to be reminded by **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III** to ask if anyone else wanted to speak. There appeared to be a never ending trail of people that spoke after that.]

Commissioners, during the following “Constituent Concerns” agenda item, each took about ten (10) minutes to read canned remarks that said nothing relating to how they intended to respond to peoples concerns.

[re: video recording of meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUoL0ugPLP0&feature=youtu.be>]

- **Tommy Long** gave the most boring irrelevant pathetic speech. Listen to **Long** starting at 1:50:43 into the video. **Tommy Long** gave no insight as to how he would vote if a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Amendment were ever placed on the agenda.

[**Editor’s Note:** You could watch the following hilarious video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AALREbJZEZk> and compare that to **Tommy Long’s** speech.]

- **Brandon Rogers** came the closest to providing insight as to how he might vote on such a resolution, but carefully danced around not to step on **Kevin Ensley’s** toes, and never made an actual commitment.
- **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III** was totally un-committal in how he would proceed, spending his time telling everyone how he was going to analyze this.
- **Mark Pless** admonished people attending, chiding those that had to leave the meeting (about 1/3 of the folks had left after two hours, and commissioners canned speeches started. **Mark Pless** never gave an indication if he would vote for such a resolution.
- **Kevin Ensley [RINO]** was barely able to get through this portion of the meeting. His health appears to be deteriorating, and perhaps should take some time off to rest. It was clear in **Kevin Ensley’s** remarks [re: video], that he would never allow this resolution to appear on the agenda.

The following is the sample resolution that should have been put on the agenda:

Resolution declaring Haywood County a Second Amendment Sanctuary:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Constitution, Article I, Section 30, states: A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and, as standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they shall not be maintained, and the military shall be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power. Nothing herein shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the General Assembly from enacting penal statutes against that practice.

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all Haywood County Citizens to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any and all laws that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of our Citizens under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and under the North Carolina constitution, of the citizens of Haywood County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict any 2nd Amendment right, and to use any and all legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Haywood County to keep and bear arms, and not to expend any resources to enforce gun control measures of any kind.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County: That the Haywood County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Haywood County and that public funds, resources, employees, buildings or offices not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid or assist in the enforcement of any unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Haywood County to keep and bear arms; and

That the Board of Commissioners hereby declares Haywood County, North Carolina, as a ‘Second Amendment Sanctuary.’”

Adopted this the ____ day of January, 2020.

Photo's during the meeting.

The following is a panoramic view of the attendance at the meeting.



Standing room only. WLOS camera in the background.

Eddie Cabe's Public Comment.

During Eddie Cabe's public comment [re: video at 36:33], Cabe called out **Mark Pless** for sending him a personal e-mail:

From: Steven M. Pless
<mark.pless@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: EDDIE CABE
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020, 11:24:40 PM EST
Subject: Re: 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County

Well move there they got room. Marion is a nice place they will enjoy having you. I will even write a reference if they are on the fence about letting you move there.

Mark Pless
Haywood County Commissioner
828-421-8156
Sent from my iPhone

[**Editor's Note:** Understanding the context of this e-mail. This was the evening that Mark Robinson, candidate for NC Lt. Governor, spoke at the Sagebrush Steakhouse.



Later that evening, Eddie Cabe sent the following e-mail out to commissioners (including **Mark Pless**) and others:

On Jan 13, 2020, at 9:16 PM, EDDIE CABE wrote:

Hey Monroe
McDowell County is now a
2nd Amendment Sanctuary County !!

That lead up to **Mark Pless** sending his e-mail to Eddie Cabe at 11:24pm that evening.]

When **Kevin Ensley** started asking people for comment who had not signed up on the list, the next person was Joe Allen James [re: 51:15 on video], asking if what Eddie Cabe had said was true.

It was at that point that **Mark Pless** broke one of the county commissioner cardinal rules: **Don't Interact With A Public Comment Speaker!**

Mark Pless defended his action, and you are welcome to listen to the video recording to hear Pless's tortured explanation of what he really meant to say in that e-mail. You judge for yourself.

In some circumstances, that e-mail may be construed as communicating a threat, and run afoul of North Carolina General Statutes, in that the e-mail was sent from a government server, and he signed the e-mail as a Haywood County Commissioner. These would include:

Abuse of Power, § 120-103.1 and
Misuse of Government Property, § 143B-920.

What can we expect now?

It is expected that **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III**, **Frank Queen** and others will draft some lukewarm resolution saying something like they all support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North Carolina, the Second Amendment, etc., etc., etc...

But Wait! When they all took their oath of office, they swore (on a Bible) to support those anyway.

If you want more out of your commissioners, vote **Kevin Ensley** and **Brandon Rogers** out of office at the Primary Election coming up.

Where does Jennifer Best stand on all of this?
[?]

[**Editor's Note:** REP means Republican, DEM means democrat, UNA is Unaffiliated, RINO means Republican In Name Only.]

Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing.

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