

## 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.

### Tommy Long.

A variety of topics were discussed at a recent meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Haywood, **Tommy Long** being the invited guest and presenter. It got a little contentious after the meeting, in the parking lot. One of the hot button topics was what was the status of the new jail and the right of way situation. What’s going on? **Tommy Long** should know, I thought to myself.

It was I that first discovered the issue with the +/- 100 foot rail road (RR) right of way, after a surveyor brought it to my attention. Where was **L. Kevin “Adjudication” Ensley**? He is a surveyor and should have known.

[RFQ 2021 Detention Center Expansion And Addenda.](#) Railroad right of way is (unofficially) +/- 100 Feet. Nothing in this RFQ mentions a railroad right of way. Both Moseley and Hemphill designs encroach. 11/13/2020. 3/1/2022...

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220301RFQ2021DetentionCenterExpansionAndAddenda.pdf>

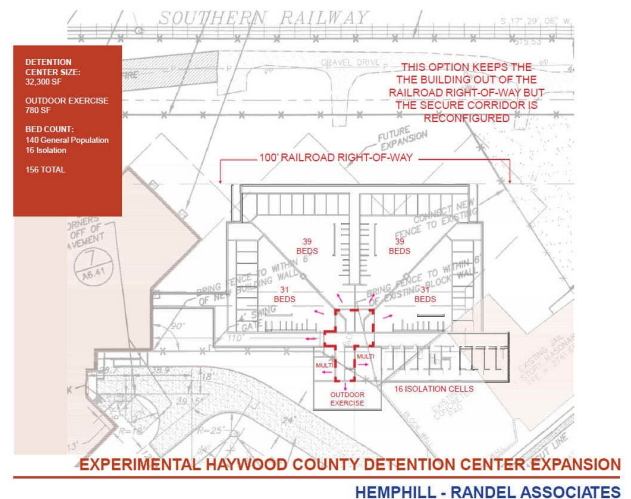
Two architectural firms made a presentation to county commissioners on 3/24/2022, (which I posted two days before the presentation). That means that both architectural firms know about the issue of the +/- 100 foot RR right of way.

- [NEW JAIL. Hemphill-Randel Detention Projects. Presentation to the Board of Commissioners, March 24, 2022, 6:30 pm. New design, takes into account avoiding the 100 foot Railroad Right of Way. Guess who wins! 3/22/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220322HemphillRandelHCDCProposedExpansion.pdf>

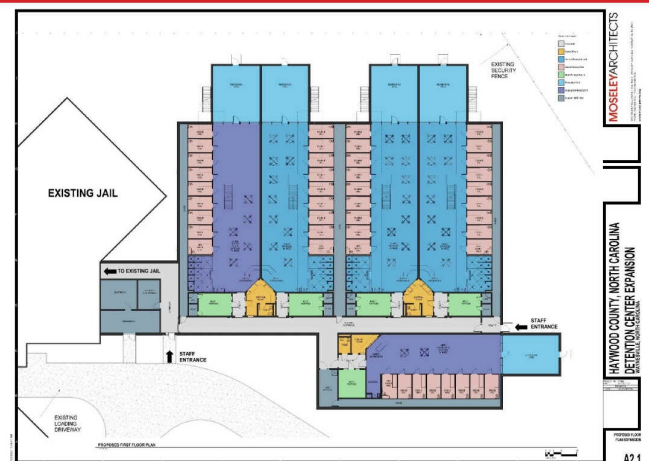
- [NEW JAIL? Moseley Architects, in association with McGill, Haywood County Detention Facility Expansion. Presentation to the Board of Commissioners, March 24, 2022, 6:30 pm. No new design taking into account encroachment into the 100 foot Railroad Right of Way. Guess who loses! 3/22/2022...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220322MoseleyHCDCProposedExpansion.pdf>



Hemphill-Randel shows an architectural drawing clearly depicting the +/- 100 foot RR right of way, and a proposal which avoids the right of way entirely. Interesting enough, this slide was never shown to the county commissioners at the 3/24/2022 meeting.

### Your Project – First Floor Plan



Here is a drawing by Moseley, paying no attention to the +/- 100 foot right of way.

Who was the county guy administering these quotes? None other than **Kris Boyd**, new assistant county manager.

The project was awarded to Moseley.

Then, during the June 6, 2022 county commission meeting, regular agenda item#3, again by Assistant County Manager, **Kris Boyd** -

3. Request approval of AIA Agreement with Moseley Architects P.C. for architecture and engineering services for the proposed Detention Center expansion in the amount of \$1,985,000; approval for County Manager to sign said agreement and approval of budget amendment - Capital Project Fund - Master Facilities - \$1,985,000 - to appropriate architect and engineering fees for the Detention Center expansion - Assistant County Manager **Kris Boyd**

WTF?

**\$ 1,985,000?**

What the [expletive deleted] is this for?

It was about this time that **Frank Queen**, Haywood County Lawyer, started bloviating (i.e. - talk at length, especially in an inflated or empty way) about the RR right of way, and how this was no big deal.

So, one could only surmise that this was a big bunch of money to hand over to Moseley to that they could continue blindly along designing the new Jail in the RR right of way.

Fast forward to the parking lot meeting with **Tommy Long**. I recall confronting **Tommy Long** in the parking lot asking where things stood with the right of way negotiations. After all, **Tommy Long** is running again for County Commissioner, he ought to know. He fumbled with some type of response that there is precedent about stuff being built in the RR right of way. I called him out, saying I was getting nothing from him other than smoke and mirrors.

That was last Thursday. Fast forward again to Monday's county commission meeting, and the Constituent Concerns, Item V. on the agenda. All of the other commissioners looked like whipped puppies, but there was **Tommy Long**. He started, of course with another folksy tall tail from his family, then on to the inane topic of Pesticide, then on to Fred, and then, almost as an afterthought, said that he had a meeting with some folks, and they wanted to know what was going on with the RR right of way.

**Bryant Morehead** jumped in to save the day [re: video of 8/1/2022 meeting]. **Morehead** indicated negotiations have broken down. RR not budging, wanted county to provide insurance coverage. RR had provided a letter for previous jail in right of way, saying they would not require it be torn down. County is in a real bind right now because there is not enough parking space. Lots of moaning and groaning... The other bidder already had a drawing for a jail that was not in the right of way. I see favoritism here, re: **Kris Boyd**.

So what's happening here?

Translation.

**Kris Boyd** attempting to flood Moseley with money, so they can charge ahead with drawings and plans with the Jail encroaching on the RR right of way. This is a typical democrat ploy, get Moseley pregnant with moving forward with a faulty design, so the county will have no choice but to have **Frank Queen** charge ahead with a lawsuit.

Then **Bryant Morehead** spilled the beans, indicating negotiations had broken down.

So, two things/questions have resulted:

- How much money did Moseley throw down the toilet before having to change course, and
- I suppose we should really be grateful to **Tommy Long** for bringing this whole fiasco up during the Constituent Concerns portion of the last County Commission Meeting.

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

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