

March 18, 2012

Kirkpatrick Rant - County Commission Agenda's
Dialog between David Teague, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Becky Johnson and Jonnie Cure.

Agenda's have been provided prior to the bi-monthly county commission meetings before I started monitoring county events. My experience had been that Rebecca Morgan sent out agenda's the Thursday before the upcoming Monday county commission meetings, usually after 1:00pm, like clockwork. She sent these agenda's to local media, and I had requested that I be on the distribution list, which she did.

Since there were many interesting items in these agenda's, Jonnie Cure made the suggestion of actually creating a Link on the on-line agenda, so that taxpayers could look at these agenda items without going down to the courthouse and requesting copies. The county posted the actual agenda, and now with links, usually on Friday

After Rebecca left, the job of sending out and posting agenda's apparently fell to David Teague. I began to receive agenda's later and later in the day, and had asked on previous occasions why it was that the news media received their agenda (without links) late in the afternoon, and the actual agenda (with links) was posted only an hour or two after that.

This is where the e-mail dialog picks up, with an initial e-mail from David Teague...

As is typical with Becky Johnson, she does not take the most current exchange to reply to, rather replies to a portion of the dialog that is not the most current. So I am appending her e-mail in the proper sequence of this dialog.

For readability, I am resequencing the order of the e-mails. Normally, with an e-mail sequence, the latest e-mail appears at the top, and you have to read from the bottom up. Here, I will start with the earliest e-mail and continue to the end with the latest e-mail. Also, original highlights have been retained, and I may add an occasional **[Editors Note: ...]** for clarity or emphasis. Each e-mail begins on a new page. Several agenda's (examples) appear at the end, following the e-mails.

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
19 Big Spruce Lane
Waynesville, NC 28786

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2012 17:16:06 -0400
From: David Teague <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

Attached is the agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting. The attachments will be added to the county website shortly.

Thanks,

David V. Teague
Public Information Officer
Haywood County, NC
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828.452-6715 (fax)

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2012 19:43:28 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: David Teague <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>, Marty Stamey <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, Leon Killian <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, Chip Killian <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Kirk Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>

Mr. Teague,

The following appeared on the county website when I checked at 7:35pm. It is the full agenda for the next county commission meeting with attachment links.

You sent me an agenda without attachments at 5:16pm, note: after quitting time. Are you getting paid overtime to send me this agenda after 5:00pm? You know, Rebecca always sent it to me at 1:00pm like clock work on the Thursday before the meeting.

You, on the other hand, must still be having problems with your In Basket Bottle Neck.

You know what? You're sending me an agenda at 5:16pm that does not have attachments and then being able to look at a full agenda with links at 7:35pm is about as worthless as the Board of Equalization and Review.

Why don't you relieve your In Basket Bottle Neck and take me off your list.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

[Editors Note: I attached the on-line agenda (with links) to this e-mail. This appears at the end of the dialog.]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 08:16:36 -0400

From: David Teague <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>

To: Monroe Miller, Marty Stamey <MStamey@haywoodnc.net>, Chip Killian <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, Chip Killian <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, "Mark S. Swanger" <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, "J W. Kirkpatrick" <kirk@jwklaw.net>, "Bill L. Upton" <billupton@bellsouth.net>, "Michael T. Sorrells" <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>, Kevin Ensley <KEnsley@haywoodnc.net>, Amie Owens <AOwens@haywoodnc.net>

Mr. Miller,

Around noon yesterday, I received a call from my son that he'd gotten injured at school. I picked him up, took him to the doctor, took him home and returned to work shortly after 3 p.m. I left work at 6 p.m., after posting the agenda. Surely things like this happened in your line of work, too.

The release and posting of the agenda has always been tied to when the commissioners' notebooks were ready to be delivered to them. That is usually before 1 p.m. on Thursdays, but not always. There has always been the option of it being delayed when necessary.

Per your request, I will no longer send you an agenda by email.

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 15:02:23 -0400

From: James Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>

To: 'Monroe Miller', 'David Teague' <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>, 'Marty Stamey' <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, 'Leon Killian' <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, 'Chip Killian' <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

CC: 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson'

<becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>

Mr. Miller,

I have tried to make an effort to listen to your concerns and keep an open mind to your views and ideas over the last several years. That effort ends today. As far as I am concerned you can wait to receive the agenda when it becomes available for everyone else online. Your emails are consistently rude and condescending and your purpose is not at all to benefit or help anyone in this County, except maybe your own ego. I have tolerated your emails and negative comments for as long as I care to. If you want to make information available to the public as to County processes why don't you calculate and publish the amount of money and time you take from the employees of this county to service your requests wherein they could utilize said time to provide services to those that at least appreciate their time and efforts. Please remove my name from your email list. No need to return email because it will be deleted unless I can find a way to block it. Vicki and Becky if you would like to publish this feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

Kirk

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 16:42:56 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'David Teague' <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>

CC: 'Marty Stamey' <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, 'Leon Killian' <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, 'Chip Killian' <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>

Mr. Teague,

Please inform Mr. Kirkpatrick his name has been removed from my address book, as was Kevin Ensley's.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 18:44:45 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'David Teague' <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>

CC: 'Marty Stamey' <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, 'Leon Killian' <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, 'Chip Killian' <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>

By the way, Mr. Teague,

Please inform Mr. Kirkpatrick that I had already requested to be removed from your list of people to send the advance copy of the agenda to, if he had read the bottom of this e-mail.

Also, have Mr. Kirkpatrick take a look at some Interesting Stuff on my website, www.haywoodtp.net, with the following link:

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/120313Oaths.pdf>

[UPDATE Oath's of Office, Haywood County Commissioners James Weaver Kirkpatrick III, Mark Swanger, Bill Upton, Haywood County DA Michael Bonfoey, Amanda Owens, June Ray Clerk of Superior Court 3/13/2012...](#)

He is on there.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 18:51:14 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'David Teague' <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>

CC: 'Marty Stamey' <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, 'Leon Killian' <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, 'Chip Killian' <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>

Additionally, Mr. Teague,

Please inform Mr. Kirkpatrick that the activity level on my website yesterday was at the "going nuts" level. Highest in history.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 18:58:55 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'David Teague' <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>

CC: 'Marty Stamey' <mstamey@haywoodnc.net>, 'Leon Killian' <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, 'Chip Killian' <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>, Caroline Klapper <caroline@themountaineer.com>

Finally, Mr. Teague,

I hope that Becky Johnson and Vicki Hyatt print all this dialog, as they have been given ample opportunity to grab hold of the Oath issue, but they have treated it like the Black Plague. Maybe either one of them will do a story on it, or perhaps, Vicki will have Caroline Klapper draw the short straw again.

Let me know if they don't want to print it - I will.

Thanks again,

Monroe Miller

[Editors Note: This e-mail was sent by Becky Johnson. She forwarded this to David Teague after the Kirkpatrick Rant, but did not include the rant in her message].

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2012 15:45:54 -0400

From: Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

To: david teague <dteague@haywoodnc.net>, Monroe Miller, Marty Stamey <MStamey@haywoodnc.net>, chip killian <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, Chip Killian <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, mark swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, kirk kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, "Bill L. Upton" <billupton@bellsouth.net>, "Michael T. Sorrells" <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

CC: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>, Kevin Ensley <KEnsley@haywoodnc.net>, Amie Owens <AOwens@haywoodnc.net>

David,

I wanted to thank you for providing such detailed and comprehensive agendas in advance of commissioners meetings, and making attachments available online.

Other counties we cover do not provide such descriptive agendas nor do they make attachments available online at all, and often send them out only a couple days prior to the meeting.

Attached is an example of the agendas we typically get from Swain, which come out Friday afternoon prior to their Monday meetings. You will notice it is far less descriptive than Haywood's and offers no supplemental information to the public.

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Becky Johnson, news editor
Smoky Mountain News
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828-452-4251 (office)

[Editors Note: An attachment of another agenda was attached to this e-mail, shown after the end of the dialog].

[Editors Note: I have never challenged anyone on not creating a good agenda for the Haywood County Commission Meetings. They look perfectly fine to me, as shown by the example that follows. What I had challenged was the timeliness of sending out an agenda to news media (without links) to following so shortly thereafter posting the agenda (with links) on the county web site.]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2012 16:39:19 -0400

From: Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>

To: Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

CC: david teague <dteague@haywoodnc.net>, Monroe Miller, Marty Stamey <MStamey@haywoodnc.net>, chip killian <chip.killian@nelsonmullins.com>, Chip Killian <CKillian@haywoodnc.net>, mark swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, kirk kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, "Bill L. Upton" <billupton@bellsouth.net>, "Michael T. Sorrells" <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Kevin Ensley <KEnsley@haywoodnc.net>, Amie Owens <AOwens@haywoodnc.net>

David, glad to see that others find my suggestion that attachments be entered as links on the Haywood County Commissioner agendas. Many other people have also mentioned to me how informative these links are. It is encouraging to know that every once in a great while the commissioners find my public comments useful. It was truly a convoluted process to figure out what was really going on at the meetings when it was necessary to go to the courthouse and request copies of these attachments prior to the meetings.

I too appreciate the county accepting my suggestions that the attachments be a link on the agenda on the website.

I also would suggest that you post the checking accounts on the internet. This will allow taxpayers to further understand where their tax money goes. You might want to start with the legal account. That would be very interesting to taxpayers to see how much of our taxpayer money is going to legal fees and to whom this money is being paid. What do you think of that proposal?

Jonnie Cure' Waynesville, NC

[Editors Note: This is a follow up e-mail from Jonnie Cure to me].

----- Original Message -----

Subject: From Jonnie to Monroe... Agenda for Monday's BOCC meeting

Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2012 16:44:56 -0400

From: Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>

To: Monroe Miller

Monroe, what a "kiss ass" email this is from Becky Johnson to all these people in the address line. Her email to them is a response to your email telling them to forget sending you the agenda without links! Are they all not a hoot? Would be funny if they could not do so much damage!Jonnie

[Editors Note: This is the agenda (with links) I forwarded to David Teague in the second e-mail].

HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA FOR
March 19, 2012

The Board will meet in the HAYWOOD COUNTY COURTROOM
of the HISTORIC COURTHOUSE at 215 N. Main Street, Waynesville
beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Citizens must sign up for public comment prior to 5:20 p.m. and are limited
to three (3) minutes. Audience members may not address the Board at any time
during deliberations unless recognized by the Chairman.

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Mark S. Swanger
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input on the new
Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing Program and Application -
David Teague, Grants Coordinator - ATTACHMENT 1
- IV. Public Comment Session
- V. Constituent Concerns
- VI. Discussion / Adjustment / Approval of Consent Agenda
- VII. Consent Agenda
 1. Approve March 5, 2012 regular meeting minutes
 2. Approve February 2012 - Refunds, Releases, Amendments and Discoveries - David
Francis, Tax Administrator - ATTACHMENT 2
 3. Budget Amendments:
 - a. Health - Environmental Health - \$312 - Lead poisoning prevention and education
funding- ATTACHMENT 3
 - b. Animal Services - \$1,900 - donations to cover training and temporary help
expenses - ATTACHMENT 4
 - c. Social Services - \$184,677 - additional Crisis Intervention Program funding -
ATTACHMENT 5
 - d. General Fund - \$100,000 - fuel - increase across departments, from contingency -
ATTACHMENT 6
 - e. General Fund - various departments - \$148,485 from increased sales tax revenues -
ATTACHMENT 7
 - f. C/P Fund - \$764 - Revenue/Expense increase to close out project. Funds already in
project - ATTACHMENT 8
- VIII. New Business
 1. Request approval of revised Memorandum of Understanding between the USDA Natural
Resources Conservation Service and the NC Department of Agriculture Consumer
Services - Division of Soil and Water Conservation and the Haywood County Soil and
Water Conservation District and Haywood County - Carlyle Ferguson, Chairman, Haywood
Soil and Water Conservation District - ATTACHMENT 9
 2. Request approval of Joint Resolution of the Town of Clyde and Haywood County for
Flood Ordinance Administration - Kris Boyd, Planning Director - ATTACHMENT 10
 3. Property Tax Commission Appeal - David Francis, Tax Administrator - ATTACHMENT 11

4. Request approval of Revised Haywood County Flood Properties Policy for Use and Maintenance - Claire Carleton, Director, Recreation and Parks - ATTACHMENT 12

a. Request approval for one new buyout lease request - Claire Carleton - ATTACHMENT 13

b. Request approval for two buffer lease requests - Claire Carleton - ATTACHMENT 14 - Lease 1 and Lease 2

5. Request approval of revised contract for signage project from Blue Ridge National Heritage Area - Angie Chandler, Executive Director Blue Ridge National Heritage Area - ATTACHMENT 15

6. Request appointment of extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) representative to Maggie Valley Planning Board - Marty Stamey, County Manager - ATTACHMENT 16

IX. Closed Session

Attorney/Client Privilege - G.S.§143-318.11(a)(3)

X. Adjournment

[**Editors Note:** This is the agenda Becky Johnson forwarded to David Teague. Apologies for not reduplicating the format accurately, but substance is there.]

Swain County Commissioners
Regular Session
March 12, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

I.....Call to Order, Phil Carson, Chairman
- Pledge of Allegiance

II.....Adjustment of Agenda

III.....Approval of Minutes
-February 13 work session
-February 13 regular session
-February 28 public hearing
-February 28 special session
-February 28 work session

IV.....Administrative Reports -Tax Collector's Report
-Finance Report

V..... Closed Session Items as required by law

VI..... Action Items to consider:
a. Budget Amendment - DSS
b. Adoption of 2012 NC Building Codes
c. Hand Made Bryson City Donation - Island Park Plants
d. Resolution - NC Rural Center Building Reuse Grants
e. Proclamation - Girl Scouts 100th anniversary

VII..... New Business:

VIII..... Informal discussion

IX..... Public Comment

X..... Adjournment