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April 18, 2015

UPDATE!

Subject: The Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum” - a Dialog with Dr. Doris Hammett.

This is an **update** to the original piece on April 12, 2015. Several things have transpired, making this worthy of an update.

- More e-mail dialogs with interesting people.
- Bill Nolte was the one to cough up the Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum”,
- I overcame my procrastination and finally transcribed the audio recording of last years (4/17/2014) Budget Workshop for Haywood County Schools, and
- County Commissioners are set to approve a new Funding Formula at the April 20th county commission meeting!

The format of this update will be:

- Display of The Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum”,
- Next, transcribed portions of last year’s Budget Workshop where Swanger blasts Anne Garrett,
- The New Funding Formula!
- Finally, an updated e-mail dialog from a bunch of uncooperative people.

As always, I will inter-sprinkle stuff with my comments, using the signal [**Editors Note:** bla, bla, bla.]

The first item is the famous Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum”. I looked this over and a couple of things stood out.

- I was never provided with a copy of this “Memorandum”, yet it is all about me. Must have been another lapse in Bumgarner’s integrity.
- I was flabbergasted that Mark Bumgarner, a Certified Bean Counter, was able to comprehend the calculations I performed on the Funding Formula, and recreate it into a spreadsheet.
- Bumgarner declared that both Julie Davis’s and my calculations are correct. If they are both correct, how come Haywood County Schools were denied \$15 Million Dollars when Julie Davis cooked the books and falsified PPA values?
- Bumgarner weighs into the sticky area of attempting to second guess who is correct by adding conjecture as to motivation of Julie Davis and County Commissioners. We will get to this when we examine the transcribed audio of last year’s Budget Workshop meeting.
- This “Memorandum” never saw the light of day. It was sent to both commissioners and Chuck Francis. Do you think for one moment if this contained anything bad about me that it would not have hit both newspapers faster than you can say “Monroe Miller was arrested for Cyberstalking”?

Here is the famous Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum”.

MEMORANDUM

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2014

From: Mark A. Bumgarner, CPA *MAB*

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To: Dr. Doris Hammett
Dr. Kristen Hammett

Subject: Haywood County Schools Funding Formula Analysis

You have asked me to review a handout provided to you from Monroe Miller. The handout describes the funding formula being used by the Haywood County Commissioners to compute a budget appropriation for the Haywood County Schools. With this handout, Mr. Miller is proposing different assumptions in computing the County's funding formula for the budget appropriation. My review of his revised funding formula calculations is to ascertain their usefulness in making an argument for additional funds for the Haywood County Schools.

In this handout, Mr. Monroe has written:

"Julie Davis cooked the books. Julie Davis started in 2008, falsifying PPA data, that's Per Pupil Allocation, one of the components of the funding formula calculation, resulting in dropping the calculated amount of money that the School System was supposed to get each year since 2008.

This year alone, instead of the \$14.6 Million Julie calculated, it should have been \$18.6 Million! The school system was denied access to \$4 Million Dollars because of Julie Davis. The total overall shortfall since 2008 is approximately \$15 Million dollars."

The formula is fairly easy to understand and compute, but demonstrating the mechanics of these calculations in one spreadsheet is challenging. Attached to this memorandum is my attempt to do just that. The formula starts with the PPA (Per Pupil Appropriation). The PPA is computed each year and is carried forward and used as the base for the subsequent year's calculation.

To determine the current year PPA, the prior year PPA is increased by the average of the five previous year's change in the PPA. As an example, on my spreadsheet the difference between the Actual PPAs in Column B are computed and entered into Column C. The previous five years of Percentage Changes are averaged and noted in Column D. My spreadsheet has computed the percentage change between the 97-98 year and the 98-99 year at 3.16%. This same calculation is made for each of the next four years providing the five year average of these percentage changes to be calculated and used to compute the PPA for the subject year. You will note the five year average for the 03-04 year calculation is 5.17%.

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This average is multiplied by the prior year's PPA of \$1,341.00 resulting in the 03-04 PPA amount of \$1,410.2716. To compute the budget amount the new PPA is multiplied times the ADM (Average Daily Membership). This number comes from the state and represents actual attendance numbers reported by the principals each month to the state. They compile these statistics and provide a projected ADM which is initially used in the formula (Column G). The formula is later changed for the actual 10 Day ADM (Column H) which is usually published sometime in August to November in the new fiscal year. This later 10 Day ADM is considered the final and most accurate attendance statistic for the year.

For the fiscal year 03-04, the \$1,410.2716 is multiplied by the ADM of 7,915 to arrive at the budget amount of \$11,162,300. As best I can determine, the amounts shown in Column B, "Actual PPA" are indeed the actual PPA amounts used to fund the Haywood County School's budget appropriation.

What I have been able to confirm with my review is the divergence of the use of the formula for the fiscal periods 08-09, 09-10, 10-11, 11-12. My worksheet shows the Computed PPA in Column E based upon the formula. When the computed PPA is multiplied times the appropriate ADM or 10 Day ADM, the result is reflected in Column J. The actual budget appropriation is reflected in Column K and the differences between the computed amount and the actual budget amount is reflected in Column L. The differences are relatively immaterial except for the years when the divergence as noted above took place. Monroe Miller obtained an email sent to the Haywood County Commissioners and others from the County Finance Officer, Julie Davis, dated June 13, 2014. In this email Julie states: "The years MM has referenced below and asked for my calculations, years 08-09 through 11-12, were years that we did not use the formula for appropriations due to the economy."

With all of the above information, Mr. Miller "reverse-engineered" the PPAs being used and has recomputed the PPA amounts which he contends are the correct PPA amounts to use for all years subsequent to 07-08 when the divergence from the formula began. His "reverse-engineered" PPAs are reflected in the table entitled, "Monroe Miller Re-Calculated Haywood County Schools Funding Formula".

His assumption incorporated into his "reverse-engineered" PPA amounts is that the "Actual PPA" amounts as used by Julie Davis are not the correct PPAs to use and if the formula was not set aside for the fiscal periods 08-09 through 11-12, the PPA amounts would continue to be calculated according to the formula using the five year forward average PPA amounts instead of the actual PPA amounts.

Which one of these calculations is correct? I would propose both of these calculations are correct. It is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. The March 2009 resolution establishing the current formula does not give any guidance. The resolution says, "Haywood County Per Pupil Appropriation increased by the 5-year Average Percent Increase X (Times) NC PDI ADM state planning allotment, using the highest projection amount, and adjusted to actual budget year 10 day ADM when information becomes available + ABC Revenues = Total Current Expense Appropriation from the County. The resolution does not say "actual" or "computed" PPA.

In conclusion, the county commissioners have used actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation. The use of Mr. Monroe's computed PPA amounts could also be appropriate, except the difference between the two calculations for the 14-15 fiscal year is over \$4 Million Dollars. The county commissioners initially set the formula aside when the fiscal year 08-09 difference between the formula and what they were willing to appropriate was around \$1 Million Dollars. It may be a reach for the county to provide \$4 Million Dollars of additional funding to the Haywood County Schools on a current basis. Mr. Monroe's calculations, however, can be used to demonstrate the outcomes if the formula had been strictly followed for all years without any divergence indicating the funding potentially could be higher than the county's current funding formula calculations.

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17	03-04	1,410.00	5.15%	5.17%	1,410.2716	B16+(B16 X D17)	7,843		(E17 X G17)=	10,517,463	10,518,870	(1,407)
18	04-05	1,489.00	5.60%	5.56%	1,488.4237		7,915			11,162,300	11,164,088	(1,788)
19	05-06	1,568.00	5.31%	5.29%	1,567.7454		7,877			11,724,313	11,729,270	(4,957)
20	06-07	1,652.00	5.36%	5.27%	1,650.6692		7,897			12,380,486	12,381,006	(520)
21	07-08	1,734.94	5.02%	5.02%	1,735.0073		7,976	7,948	(E20 X H20)=	13,119,519	13,129,647	(10,128)
22	08-09	1,808.75	4.29%	5.39%	1,826.6549		8,027	8,013		13,902,613	13,902,083	530
23	09-10	1,860.41	9.52%	3.84%	1,763.9826		8,093	7,906		14,437,876	13,926,920	1,010,956
24	10-11	1,879.59	1.03%	4.62%	1,946.4121		8,174	7,742		13,656,753	14,403,307	(746,554)
25	11-12	1,829.66	-2.66%	3.77%	1,950.4097		7,750	7,663		14,915,356	14,403,307	512,049
26	12-13	1,869.29	2.17%	2.17%	1,869.2742		7,668	7,636		14,893,329	13,971,307	922,022
27	13-14	1,899.09	1.59%	1.59%	1,899.0901		7,665	7,567		14,144,798	14,144,926	(128)
28	14-15	1,943.34	2.33%	2.33%	1,943.3430		7,564	7,584		14,402,699	14,402,707	(8)
29	15-16	1,960.70	0.89%	0.89%	1,960.6931		7,536	7,536		14,645,033	14,645,044	(11)
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45	07-08	1,732.00	4.97%	5.00%	1,732.4783	B45+(B45*D46)	8,027	8,013		13,882,348	13,902,083	(9)
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47	09-10	1,920.00	5.26%	5.28%	1,920.3782		8,174	7,742		14,867,568	14,403,307	464,261
48	10-11	2,020.00	5.21%	5.22%	2,020.1464		7,750	7,663		15,480,382	14,403,307	1,077,075
49	11-12	2,125.00	5.20%	5.21%	2,125.2408		7,668	7,636		16,228,339	13,971,307	2,257,032
50	12-13	2,235.00	5.18%	5.19%	2,235.2917		7,665	7,567		16,914,452	14,144,926	2,769,526
51	13-14	2,352.00	5.23%	5.23%	2,351.9252		7,564	7,584		17,837,001	14,402,707	3,434,294
52	14-15	2,475.00	5.23%	5.22%	2,474.6845		7,536	7,536		18,649,272	14,645,044	4,004,178
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[**Editors Note:** I made an audio recording of the infamous Budget Workshop held last year in the Training Room of the old Walmart Building. The entire recording lasts about an hour and 40 minutes, a little too long to post on www.haywoodtp.net. I have transcribed portions of the meeting dealing with references to the Funding Formula. Be aware that when I attended this meeting, I had never heard of the “Funding Formula” before, and so some of what was said during this meeting only took on significance as I was transcribing it here. What I do know is that, at the time, I was infuriated with Swanger belittling Anne Garrett for not using this Funding Formula at this presentation. Consequently, you are now all aware of my investigation into what this Funding Formula was all about. I have included time stamps at different points in the meeting, and noted who was speaking. Key phrases are in **bold and underline.**]

27:10

Swanger: I’m recalling something Dr. Garrett said earlier. Many of you are too young to remember the battles that the school system and county used to have [unintelligible] on budget requests and funding. Back in 2003 Kirk and myself, and Kevin were elected on the board, and we thought a funding formula would be the answer, or an answer, to some of the funding battles that I alluded to. So, uh, Kirk and I were on a committee with Julie Davis and Jack Workenhiem (sp?), Bill was superintendent of schools, and Dr. Garrett was the Assistant. And so, we met and hammered out an agreement, that, um, both boards ultimately endorsed, through a vote, and the bottom line to that agreement is that commissioners, based on this formula, will appropriate “x” number of dollars, depending on the number of students and, so forth, that the formula represents, and then the elected officials serving on the school board made the decision as to how to spend that money. The school board establishes its own priorities, and this includes the supplement, it includes any other expenses, except for capital outlay. **So, uh, that’s worked very well since 2003 through last budget year.** So, I see a lot of numbers and so forth, but the bottom line is that the school board is the authority responsible for deciding how to spend that money. So ...

[**Editor’s Note:** Everyone up and down the line from Swanger to Julie Davis used the excuse that the county did not have the money beginning in 2008, so they went off the Funding Formula. Yet, no one had ever provided one instance of proof that is what happened. So Julie Davis got very busy cooking the books to falsify the PPA values to change them so that her new values reflected whatever commissioners approved for 2008 and the following years. Here, Swanger admitted during this meeting that the Funding Formula has worked very well since 2003, and never mentioned once that the Funding Formula was turned off like with a light switch from 2008 to last year, when it was used again to strangle Haywood County Schools out of \$15 Million Dollars. Julie Davis should resign or be fired for falsifying the PPA values.

Sorrells: Okay, I’ll turn it over to Tracy so we can do the capital outlay.

37:28

Swanger: Dr. Garrett, um, do you think ... Is the administration and the school board, I know we got several board members here, are everyone ... **is everyone to your knowledge on board with the Funding Formula?**

Garrett: Yes.

Swanger: So moving forward then ... So for planning purposes, we can plan on utilization of that formula.

1:04:20

Swanger: That's why as elected officials, your board and our board, we have to establish priorities. And then we have to fund those priorities. Aside from the mandated things that we have to do. So, you know, um, the supplement is within your power to change. **If it's a priority for you, out of the Funding Formula.** You have the dollars, it's just a matter of how you spend it. And that's your decision.

1:06:32

Kirkpatrick: If this explanation of, of, are, of these things is just explained the complexity of the decisions that you all have to make, is that because, I mean, you got the Funding Formula, and we got this presentation where you're saying that you're under budget on all these things, it's like, I guess I'm a little, a little confused about what you're asking for.

Garrett: Okay ,what we're asking for 6.87% increase, and you all have made it obvious that we are not going to get it.

Kirkpatrick: But, but you want, but you said earlier you wanted the Funding Formula .

Garrett: We did.

Kirkpatrick: So, you guys thing that the Funding Formula is not good enough.

Garrett: We're not saying that. We're saying that our needs are changing too, and it might be that we do go back to the Funding Formula, but the Funding Formula is fair, I [unintelligible].

Kirkpatrick: Well ...

Garrett: And these are additional things that we want to do. Beyond the Funding Formula.

Kirkpatrick: Okay. I guess ... You understand my ...

Garrett: I do.

Swanger: **Some people would say you really don't have a Formula if you start with the Formula for a starting point and you ask for more ...**

[**Editor's Note:** This is what spewed out of Swanger's mouth at that meeting that infuriated me. As it turns out, he and Julie Davis are the ones most guilty of not following the Funding Formula.]

The New Funding Formula.

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Resolution

FORMULA FOR FUNDING SCHOOL LOCAL OPERATING APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, funding of education is a top priority for Haywood County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education agree that the best system for funding school local operating expense is on a per pupil allocation; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education agree that it would be beneficial to examine and modify the existing formula as follows:

Haywood County Per Pupil Appropriation increased by the 3-year average percent increase, x current

fiscal year's 10-day ADM* +
ABC Revenues =

Total local operating appropriation from the County.

*For first year only (2015-2016 fiscal year), adjusted when fiscal year 2015-2016 10-day ADM is known, which will include charter school students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution establishing the formula of funding for school local operating expense for the next three years, unless unusual economic conditions dictate otherwise, after which the funding formula will be reviewed.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2015.

Mark S. Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ira Dove, County Manager and Clerk to the Board

Continuation of e-mail dialog since April 12, 2015.

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2015 22:25:20 +0000
From: Stoney Blevins <tsblevins@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill L. Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, J W. Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, L. Kevin. Ensley <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark S. Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Dan Forest <info@danforest.com>

Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your e-mail. I cannot provide you with a copy of the memorandum that you desire, as I have never seen this document, nor do I have it in my possession.

Have a pleasant evening,

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Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 2015 21:33:13 -0400
From: Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>
To: Monroe Miller

Hi Monroe,

1) I missed last week's commissioner meeting so was glad to see when the workshop was going to be in your email traffic and will attend.

2) I did appreciate your how-to instruction manual on Toeprints of dealing with charges, including the expungement recommendation, and I will certainly do an update to the saga accordingly when that goes through.

FYI - We also made an editor's note in the online version of the original story that you were subsequently cleared of the charge.

3) I was not charged for my public record request. There were no photo copying, postage or other hard costs associated with the request, so it would have been legally shaky for the county to bill me for a record request that requires staff time only by the designated keeper of the records, unless the staff time is significant. I thought it was interesting to quantify the decline, however.

4) I do not share your opinion that the county was legally wrong or somehow being intentionally malicious by not upholding the school funding formula.

There are three possible scenarios here and all are of a political nature: 1) Whether they purported to be upholding the funding formula while they in fact were not, or 2) whether they publicly admitted and disclosed they were not upholding it, or 3) whether they never claimed one way or another if they were or weren't upholding it and the public just went on thinking they were of their own accord.

There is a difference between political posturing and fraud, and there is a difference between disliking the funding level and accusing someone of fraud by deviating from a voluntary, self-imposed funding schedule.

So, does the funding formula deserve coverage? Yes. But I just can't get on the bandwagon of accusing anyone of fraud in this instance.

The Republican and Democratic lawmakers in Raleigh have yet to sort out if the state cut education funding and by how much. Republicans claim they didn't cut education funding, but Democrats say otherwise. Did Raleigh's Republican majority commit fraud by claiming they increased education funding, when in fact, per capita they cut education funding. It is a matter of semantics and that is the art of politics, not fraud.

If someone wanted to run for commissioner on a platform of increasing local school funding, it would be interested to see how voters responded.

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Becky Johnson, reporter
Smoky Mountain News
828-507-9141 (cell)
828-452-4251 (office)

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 2015 12:30:44 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Stoney Blevins <tsblevins@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill L. Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, J W. Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwkllaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, L. Kevin. Ensley <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark S. Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Dan Forest <info@danforest.com>, Kathi McClure <kmcclure@haywoodnc.net>

Mr. Blevins,

Thank you for the courtesy of a reply in your new position and capacity as Assistant County Manager.

I understand that you may never have seen the document I requested nor that you have it in your possession (yet). However, I respectfully request that you do your job and ask any of the five (5) county commissioners for their copy and send it on over. The five (5) county commissioners are already copied on these e-mails, and must be fully cognizant (along with you) that Dr. Hammett indicated on 4/8/2015 that "I sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August." I also ask that Bill Nolte also do his job and check with Chuck Francis and get his copy.

Here's an idea. Since Ira Dove, your boss and the guy that appointed you, seems to be too busy to respond to this Request for Public Information, why don't you take over for him as Assistant County Manager, re-writing the EMO, and that should give him more time to look into this Request for Public Information.

You know, the same darn thing (DSS person being simultaneously appointed as Assistant County Manager) happened over in Buncombe County. No one knew about that until the DSS person over there started to expand her empire and I starting bringing this fact to some folks attention, and now she is lit up on the radar. I am still trying to figure out about how it came to be you are the Assistant County Manager also, and are not getting paid for doing so. So, as I said, please be patient, we will get into this in more detail.

Here is an attached document, provided to me by your boss, created by our HC Human Resources person, Kathi McClure, which alludes to your becoming an Assistant County Manager as part of your job requirement / responsibility. It is undated, yet proof - it is right there in the job description. You magically become an Assistant County Manager. Do you know how this happened?

Looking forward to the elusive Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula "Memorandum". (Also see: The Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula "Memorandum" - a Dialog with Dr. Doris Hammett. 4/12/2015...)

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Public Records Request
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2015 08:48:52 -0400
From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>

Mr. Miller,

Attached are the records you requested regarding Dr. Hammett's communication and Mr. Bumgarner's comparison.

Sorry for the delay. The record was not saved in Mr. Francis' email. We had to go through an archive retrieval process which can take some time and resources.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 2015 09:17:06 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Stoney Blevins <tsblevins@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill L. Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, J W. Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, L. Kevin. Ensley <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark S. Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Dan Forest <info@danforest.com>, Kathi McClure <kmccclure@haywoodnc.net>

Mr. Nolte,

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2015 10:46:27 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>
CC: Stoney Blevins <tsblevins@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill L. Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, J W. Kirkpatrick <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, L. Kevin. Ensley <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark S. Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Dan Forest <info@danforest.com>, Kathi McClure <kmclure@haywoodnc.net>

Dr. Hammett,

Look at this attachment! It is a new Funding Formula to be approved at Monday's County Commission Meeting? I found it on the agenda on www.haywoodnc.net.

Where did this come from? Was a committee formed to create this new Funding Formula?

Has anyone bothered to figure out how much Haywood County Schools gets this year?

Will they use my numbers for PPA values, or will they use Julie Davis' cooked values?

Note to Anne Garrett - you will save yourself a whole bunch of time instead of wasting it during the Budget Workshop if you just go in and ask for \$ "x" amount as defined by this new and improved Funding Formula. Let me know if you would like me to perform an alternative calculation to determine how much money Julie Davis has denied the Haywood County School System this year.

You know what I am doing right now? I am transcribing portions of the audio recording I made of last years Budget Workshop held on 4/17/2014. I hate transcribing. But do you know what? I came across something that I had forgotten during that meeting. It was Swanger lecturing Anne Garrett about the history of the Funding Formula. He recalled history of it being developed, and said "So, um. that's worked very well since 2003 through last budget year". Swanger stated they were using the Funding Formula for all this time. Swanger made no mention of switching the Funding Formula off, like a light switch in 2008, the first year they deviated from the Funding Formula, and then switching it back on last year. Instead, Julie Davis started at that point in 2008 cooking the books and recomputing PPA values based on final values Haywood County Schools were actually allocated.

Even though I hate transcribing, I always kick myself for procrastinating in doing so, as the results always out way the effort. I have another five (5) sections of the recording to transcribe, then I will summarize everything and tie it into Mark Bumgarner's "Memorandum", the one where he says both Julie Davis and my calculations are correct. Here is news for Mr. Bumgarner - one is not correct.

Hope this has been enlightening for you.

Monroe Miller

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[**Editors Note:** This is the original text from the piece on April 12, 2015, starting here...]

What started out as an innocent update to Dr. Doris Hammett regarding the upcoming county commissioners Budget Workshop for discussing Haywood County Public Schools and Haywood Community College has turned into a tumultuous novel with mystery, intrigue and suspense. Yet, you will not see **one word** about any of this in our two local newspapers, The Mountaineer and the Smoky Mountain News.

The format for this is similar in the past. E-mails (with some e-mail addresses redacted) are presented in a chronological order, with people responding out of sequence, as Becky Johnson usually does, are inserted at the proper time point. The earliest e-mail appears first.

I decided to print what I have at this point so that you can develop expectations of what might happen from here on out. So, expect an update in about a week or so, most likely after the Budget Workshop.

The HC School and HCC Budget Workshop is currently scheduled for April 23rd at 8:30am in the training center at the old WalMart Building.

Odds are, this Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum” will never see the light of day.

Enjoy.

Monroe Miller
Haywood County Taxpayer

Please note my new disclaimer, which you will start to see frequently. I thank the plaintiff who had me arrested (subsequently Case was Dismissed, re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/150402CaseDismissed.pdf>) for bringing this particular N,C,G,S, to my attention, which covers me like a blanket.

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Subject: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 09:48:19 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Dr. Hammett,

It's been a while since I have written to you. A lot of water has passed under the bridge. Where you aware I got arrested by an operative of the Haywood County GOP? Well, I put that to bed, see: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/150402CaseDismissed.pdf>

As it turns out, and I will put this in the words of one of the folks observing this situation from afar, when he said: "It's interesting that the one who had charges filed against him comes out with a better reputation (demonstrated integrity) and the person filing the charges ruined her reputation for doing so (liar?)."

Anyway, the reason for this e-mail, is that the last item on last Monday's county commission agenda was "14. Date selection for Budget Work Session for Haywood County Schools and Haywood Community College – Ira Dove, County Manager"

Ira Dove suggested two dates, each at 10am: Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23. Kirk Kirkpatrick objected, saying 10am cut into his workday, and wanted the meeting moved up. The final date agreed upon was Thursday, April 23 at 8:30am. Kirkpatrick seemed to think the whole meeting would not take to long, and his workday could be preserved. The meeting will be held in the training room at the Old Walmart Building.

It is interesting to note that not one word has ever been said about the Funding Formula. Ira Dove has put that into a deep dark hole (along with revisions to the EMO), never to be heard from again. Michael Sorrells and Bill Upton, have not said word one about the funding formula, nor has Chuck Francis or the entire Haywood County School Board.

I am thinking 8:30am is a little early for you to be attending this meeting, but I will cover it and record the meeting again and give you a full report to let you know which commissioner bashes Anne Garrett again.

Hope you are doing well.

Regards,

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2015 10:40:58 -0400

From: Jonnie Cure

To: Monroe Miller

CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Thank you Monroe for including me in this email thread. Please keep me informed regarding the results of this Work Session for Haywood County Schools.

Jonnie Cure'

Real Property Owner, Haywood County

Registered Voter

Avid follower of www.HaywoodTP.net

Waynesville South 1 Precinct Chair

Haywood County Republican Executive Board Member

Subject: RE: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2015 11:10:38 -0400
From: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>
To: 'Monroe Miller'
CC: 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>

April 8, 2015

Dear Monroe:

Thank you for your note and update. As you infer, it is almost impossible for me to get to Haywood County. My husband, Tom Flynn, had streptococcal pneumonia in February as I did. However he had complications of a bleeding duodenal ulcer requiring four units of blood. He lost his ability to swallow and had to be retrained. He developed a urinary tract infection, could not sit, dress or walk. He is better, but remains in the hospital unit here at Givens. This is sufficient for my personal status.

Last year, I asked Mark Bumgarner, of Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill and Associates, to review the pages and your figures as a community service. He has done our tax and money planning for years and I have utmost confidence in him and his work. Mark is very civic minded and has been involved in the community for years in many different ways. Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation. I sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August.

I consider the Funding Formula discussion is behind us. I participated in the Haywood County Schools Foundation conference April 2nd and am delighted to see the schools use the money available to them so effectively. The progress of the education program is magnificent.

We will make greater gains with positive support. I ask you to join in this support for our students.

Doris Bixby Hammett, MD

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 13:03:20 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>
CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnc.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>

Say Mr. Bumgarner,

Dr. Hammett just mentioned you analyzed my analysis of Julie Davis' Funding Formula Calculations and came to the conclusion that both of us were correct, in a memorandum you put out. Yet, Haywood County Public Schools got screwed out of about \$15 Million Dollars from the county. You know what, I missed getting a copy of that memorandum. Can you send me a copy?

I wanted to go over your memorandum in detail, to insure that you did not have the same lapse of integrity as you did at the 9/7/2010 County Commission meeting where you (then Chair of the HCC Board of Trustees), Rose Johnson (then president of HCC) and Donna Forga (then Vice Chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, aspiring to run for District Court Judge) stood shoulder to shoulder and told commissioners that the HCC Board of Trustees was in full agreement with the FLS Solar Thermal Design (re: Haywood County Toeprints, Vol. 1, Issue 13). If you have difficulty in remembering any of this, minutes of that portion of the county commission meeting were transcribed verbatim.

I'd like to splash this memorandum on www.haywoodtp.net. Looking forward to getting my copy.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 17:13:30 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>

CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvno1.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

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Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 18:17:46 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>

CC: Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnc.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

Dr. Hammett,

Sorry to bother you again. I have attempted to have Mark Bumgarner send me his memorandum concluding both Julie Davis and I were correct in our analysis of the Funding Formula, but have been unable to obtain a response from Mr Bumgarner. Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the memorandum you commissioned Mark Bumgarner to create to me?

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2015 19:58:54 -0400
From: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>
To: 'Monroe Miller'
CC: 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnl.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lakensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

April 8, 2015

Dear Monroe:

I do not understand a person so angry at life, events and persons as you are. You do not say a kind word from memory or for the present. “You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar” I am embarrassed by your remarks when my comments are made with the hope that you do wish to be constructive.

After your cutting remarks about Mr. Bumgarner as well as persons I admire, I would not ask him to send you a copy of his reply to me.

I consider the discussion about the “Funding Formula” behind us and I am looking forward to the future. I wish you would do so as well.

Doris Bixby Hammett, MD

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2015 20:01:54 -0400
From: Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>
To: Monroe Miller

Burning more bridges I see

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 20:08:31 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>

CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

Vicki,

Thank you for your comment.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 20:17:23 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>

CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

Vicki,

A wise man once told me:

"Build your opponent a golden bridge to retreat across" - Sun Tzu

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 20:19:38 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>

CC: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

Vicki,

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Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 20:40:37 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>

CC: 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>

So, Mr. Bumgarner,

Evidently, this memorandum that you created, " ... Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. ... " will never see the light of day.

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 21:02:26 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>
CC: 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <kensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

So, Mr. Fuller,

Why don't you write a crime story on Julie Davis, Haywood County Finance Director, falsifying PPA values for the Funding Formula? Re: Cracked the Code on the Haywood County Schools Funding Formula! Julie Davis cooked the books (i.e. falsified the calculation). Denied School System \$15 Million Dollars and should Resign or be Fired. 6/16/2014... Isn't \$15 Million Dollars high enough amount for you to consider for an article? You're the crime writer for the Mountaineer, aren't you?

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 2015 09:48:56 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>
CC: 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <kensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>

So, Ms. Johnson,

I enjoyed reading your (sort of) statistical analysis of the volume of my e-mail to county officials prior to and during my Warrant for Arrest for Cyberstalking episode, in your article Judge rules harassing emails not tantamount to cyber stalking in Haywood GOP drama -

"... The volume of email from Miller to county officials has plummeted since the cyberstalking charges were filed in January. During 2014, Miller sent 350 emails to various county employees. In the two-month period following the cyberstalking charges, Miller sent only 13 emails to county employees. The volume dropped by 75 percent, from one a day on average to one every four days on average. The email tallies were provided under a public records request to the county. Others who were routinely on the receiving end of Miller's emails have noted a precipitous decline over the past two months as well. ..."

I have to admit, that being arrested episode did slow me down a little bit, but as you can see, I am starting to get back in the swing of things and bring my e-mail activity back to it's normal level. What I found most hilarious (like the Cease and Desist Order Templet) was that you made a public request to the county to tally these numbers, and they actually took the time to research this and respond to you. Which account did they charge that time to? (Do I have a separate account yet?)

Just to keep you current on my arrest record "Jacket", I submitted the fee yesterday to begin the petition for expunging the file. It is a process that takes from 4 to 6 months. I am sure that your paper and the Mountaineer will be eager to print this final chapter in this saga when this becomes expunged.

The main question for you to think about, however, is what happened to the Funding Formula? Will commissioners dare to bring it up in their April 23rd workshop, or did I kill it?

Please join us during this workshop and find out.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 2015 18:40:07 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <kensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>

Mr. Dove and Mr. Nolte,

On April 8, 2015, I received an e-mail from Dr. Dorris Hammett which contained the following paragraph (and is found as the second e-mail in this e-mail string). Dr. Hammett alluded to the existence of a "Memorandum" regarding the Funding Formula created by Mark Bumgarner, and commented on the accuracy of my calculations.

"Last year, I asked Mark Bumgarner, of Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill and Associates, to review the pages and your figures as a community service. He has done our tax and money planning for years and I have utmost confidence in him and his work. Mark is very civic minded and has been involved in the community for years in many different ways. Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation. I sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August."

Both Chuck Francis and the entire set of Haywood County Commissioners received this "Memorandum" created by Mark Bumgarner, which contains information about me. This information became public record when it was openly sent to public officials. I don't care which of you (Nolte or Dove) send me a copy, but you can save yourselves some time coordinating this, as long as one of you sends me this "Memorandum".

Each of you please acknowledge this Request for Public Information.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2015 07:41:36 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>
CC: 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Becky Johnson' <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, 'Kevin Fuller' <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, 'Mark Bumgarner' <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Vicki Hyatt' <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure', 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', 'Jenifer Wood' <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB ' <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Donna Forga' <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Andrew Jackson

Dr. Hammett,

When you " ... sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August.", why didn't you send me a copy of the summary at the same time? How did I feel about that when you told me? I felt like I had been stabbed in the back.

Further, your statement relating to which PPA values that were used is incomplete. You indicated "The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation".

The complete statement should have been - "The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation that were falsified by Julie Davis when she reverse calculated alternative PPA values. [Re: Cracked the Code on the Haywood County Schools Funding Formula! Julie Davis cooked the books (i.e. falsified the calculation). Denied School System \$15 Million Dollars and should Resign or be Fired. 6/16/2014...] Julie Davis should still resign or be fired." The problem has not been resolved by Mark Bumgarner's "Memorandum", only swept under the carpet.

Monroe Miller

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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2015 16:43:11 -0400
From: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lakensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King

Mr. Miller.

I have no knowledge of the record you are requesting.

Bill Nolte

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 2015 17:06:23 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>
CC: Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lakensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King

Mr. Nolte,

Check with Chuck Francis and/or Dr. Hammett.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2015 09:49:38 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Stoney Blevins <tsblevins@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Bill Nolte <nolte@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Anne Garrett <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Jeremy Davis, Doris Hammett <dbhammett1@hotmail.com>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Eddie Cabe, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Jonnie Cure, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>, Denny King, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Dan Forest <info@danforest.com>

Mr. Blevins,

I understand from the Letterhead on a letter from DSS my friend Terry Ramey received, was that you are now an Assistant County Manager. Ira Dove sent me some stuff alluding to this the other day, and, your name with this title appeared on the last Agenda for the County Commission Meeting.

Don't worry, we will get to this. Please be patient.

In the meanwhile, Ira Dove has not responded to my Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner yet. He is probably too busy re-writing the revisions for the Emergency Management Ordinance (EMO) that Swanger solicited a while ago [re: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T150121.pdf>]. So, in your new capacity as Assistant County Manager, can you fulfill my Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner?

All I am getting from Bill Nolte is the run-around.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller

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