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**Subject:** Audio Recording of my being thrown out of my HCGOP “Hearing”.

In another Hit Piece by Becky Johnson, who has now migrated from the Smoky Mountain News to join Vikki Hyatt at the Mountaineer, Ms. Johnson quotes Ken Henson, HCGOP Chairman, as saying:

[[http://www.themountaineer.com/news/haywood-gop-boots-member-for-undermining-the-party/article\\_a4814fec-7c5b-11e7-97dd-9b72e7266636.html](http://www.themountaineer.com/news/haywood-gop-boots-member-for-undermining-the-party/article_a4814fec-7c5b-11e7-97dd-9b72e7266636.html)]

“... The Haywood executive committee voted to remove Miller at a special closed-session meeting last Thursday. Miller was invited to attend the hearing and defend himself, but he walked out after 10 minutes. ...”

The cast of characters ...

Two deputies from the Haywood County Sheriff’s Department showed up prior to the start of the meeting, Deputy Trantham and Deputy Smith.

Aubrey Woodard, GOP District 11 Chairman, had been appointed Sargent at Arms for the meeting.

I conspicuously placed my audio recorder in my shirt pocket, turned it on before the meeting, and met with the two deputies prior to entering the hearing building. I announced to both of them that I intended to record my hearing. They indicated, “We are just here”.

At around 6:37pm, the meeting had not started yet, and Aubrey Woodard came over to me and invited me to leave, as I was not allowed to record the meeting. I suggested to him that it would take a Sheriff Deputy, not him, to make me leave the meeting.

The following is about a minute and half recording of that interaction.

See: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/170803ThrownOutOfHearingBySheriff.MP3>

So, here is another instance of Ken Henson lying his [expletive deleted] off. I did not decide to walk out after 10 minutes, (the meeting had not even started yet), I was thrown out of my own “fair and open hearing”.

By the way, Becky Johnson’s article was the first time I had “officially” heard I was thrown out as a Precinct Chair. I had not heard anything from any HCGOP nor NCGOP official.

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