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Subject: Open Letter to Haywood County Commissioners, re: Public Records Request Policy.

Commissioners - You have a problem with the Public Records Requests Policy that you all approved at the last county commission meeting, presented by Chip, a.k.a. Leon, Killian III. Either there is an invisible attachment written in invisible ink to this document, or Julie Davis, your Financial Director, is flagrantly violating this policy.

See: <http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/180318RevisedPublicRecordRequestPolicy.pdf>

Terry Ramey and I, while conducting a wrecking ball tour of the county on Friday (3/23/2018), decided to pay an impromptu visit to Julie Davis to obtain current information relating to the county debt, debt service, interest being paid, etc., etc., etc. We used the rear elevator so that we would not be out of breath walking up four flights of stairs. When we got to forth floor, we were met with a security device and a locked door. I pressed the button, and Donna Corpening (Purchasing Manager) came to the door and opened it. She explained that Julie Davis was out, and there was no one else who could answer our simple questions.

Then, magically, Julie Davis popped out of the elevator (1:23 pm), saw us and headed straight for the ladies room. After a little bit, she came out and asked if she could help us. We explained what we wanted, and she indicated she had a 1:30, a 2:00, and a 2:30. However, she could help us with a short question, and we headed to her highly secure office.

Julie Davis, a long time ago, had provided me actual debt data, by going to a CAFR (Certified Annual Financial Report), going to a single page with a small column of data and telling me what the actual debt was. She made a short calculation (I still have the adding machine paper), and she said "This is the debt".

Julie first told us the CAFR was on the county website. I indicated I could not find it.

[**Editors Note:** I had already requested this information on 3/2/2018.]

Subject: Re: Request for Public Records - Bid Process - Dirt Spreading Project, Request #31
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2018 16:21:42 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Julie Davis <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <candace.way@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Donna Corpening <dcorpening@haywoodnc.net>, Kris Boyd <kboyd@haywoodnc.net>, Chip Killian <Chip.Killian@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kmcclure@haywoodnc.net>, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Brandon Rogers <bcrogers@haywoodnc.net>, David Francis <david.francis@haywoodcountync.gov>, Don Yelton <yelton221@gmail.com>, Greg Christopher <gchristopher@haywoodnc.net>, Cory Vaillancourt <cory@smokymountainnews.com>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Eddie Cabe, Terry Ramey, Mark Cathey <mark.cathey@mcgillengineers.com>, Scott Burwell <scott.burwell@mcgillengineers.com>, Christy Brown <christy.brown@mcgillengineers.com>, tommy@jlscompanyllc.com, bensageinc@gmail.com, tshuler@maggievalleyclub.com, rabbitskinexcav@bellsouth.net, cameronspressley@yahoo.com, rbestexcavating1@bellsouth.net, Phillip Wight

Ms. Way and or Julie Davis,

I am looking to get a clear understanding of all of the current Haywood County Debt Service, along with the interest the county is currently paying this year. I know from past discussions with Julie Davis, that this information is found in the CAFR.

Request for Public Record #31. Please provide a link to the latest CAFR on the Haywood County website (or elsewhere) that have sections specifically detailing current debt and interest being paid by the county. If no link exists, please scan the CAFR and send it to me.

Monroe Miller

Here's what I got!

Subject: RE: Request for Public Records - Bid Process - Dirt Spreading Project, Request #31
Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2018 13:32:50 +0000
From: Candace Way <candace.way@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Julie Davis <julie.davis@haywoodcountync.gov>, Joel Mashburn <Joel.Mashburn@haywoodcountync.gov>, BOCC <BOCC@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Miller,

Information can be found here:

http://www.haywoodnc.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2404&Itemid=274

Regards,
Candy

This is a link to a bunch of summarized financial stuff, which is in a completely different format than information from the CAFR.

One of the various links on this county page is called Debt Service:
<http://www.haywoodnc.net/files/budget1718/DebtService.pdf>

It is a three (3) page document showing Debt Service, Debt, projections, etc.

I had seen this before, and realized it was not the type of information I had received from Julie Davis in the past.

When we persisted, Julie Davis finally realized that she was speaking to a Candidate for County Commissioner. She adopted a whole new attitude. She grabbed a CAFR (a thick bounded document) and immediately flipped it open to two pages, and explained these were the debt numbers we were looking for. I asked about her doing a calculation.

She did not have time.

What if we make an appointment?

She replied she is not making an appointment to do a calculation.

Then she offered to make Terry a copy of these two pages (front and back = four pages). A quick

mathematical calculation in my head revealed that we would be on the hook for (4 x \$.08 = \$.32) 32 cents.

She rushed out the copy machine, came back and handed Terry four pages from the CAFR.

She said there is no charge.

WTF???

Oh, she said, Terry is a candidate running for office. He could be a county commissioner. I always give free copies to candidates because they have paid the filing fee to run for office. I have always done that.

WTF?

My head is about to explode!

So, here we are. Is there a separate Public Records Request Policy for county employees? Did that get approved at a closed session meeting?

Or, does this woman completely disregard the Public Records Request Policy you all just approved at the last meeting, handing out free copies of stuff, and does her own thing, like:

- The funding Formula fiasco where she denied Haywood County Public Schools over \$15 Million Dollars,

[Flashback! The gift that keeps on giving. 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...](#)

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/140616CrackedTheCode.pdf>

- Write a check to Steve L. Miller for work done, when a PO was issued to his son, Steve J. Miller for \$8,044?

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T180203.pdf>

I believe two (2) things need to happen here.

1. Read Julie Davis the riot act, and have her start charging candidates money for copies of stuff, just like everyone else has to do, or
2. If she continues to be allowed to hand out free stuff to candidates, I would like to request two (2) complete copies of the CAFR, one for Terry Ramey (the Wrecker guy) and Phillip Wight (the Wight Guy), so both those candidates can read the entire CAFR in greater detail.

Thanks,

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Haywood County Taxpayer