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**Subject:** Disbelief. Ellen Pitt reaction to County Commissions response to Public Comments.

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Commissioners:

The appropriate action for you to have taken on February 7, 2022, in response to the three grandmothers, the aunt, and the child that came before you, would have been to meet with us, or schedule a meeting, to view all the documents we possessed, and to assemble information.

Instead, poor Mr Kirkpatrick leapt 10,000 feet, and over a cliff, to defend the Haywood County DSS, as has been the case when complaints were brought to you in the past. He did this with no information.

He also does not seem to understand that the Cherokee County cases we referenced have nothing to do with grandparents, but that they apparently originated from the county commissioners hiring an unqualified individual, against all advice, and that the incompetence and ignorance the commissioners, and the DSS Director insisted on hiring, have done irreparable damage to families, and may well have a price tag of a billion dollars to the taxpayers, and others, when the 30 multimillion suits are finally settled.

You cannot deny what happened to those people at the hands of DSS.

You cannot deny what happened to Aubrey Littlejohn at the hands of DSS.

You cannot deny the Adrianna Early family lawsuit against Haywood County DSS.

You cannot deny what happened in the Union County DSS case.

You cannot deny that Jayne had kinship placement of Kyler Presnell, and the circumstances of his murder.

You cannot deny that two DSS workers saw Chloe Evans the day before her murder, noted bruises all over, and took no action. Their names were even called out in open court.

You cannot deny the letter that I was sent, after reporting, and also the Swain County Sheriffs Department reporting, that a Haywood County child was present during a violent home invasion, by men with machetes, over drugs. All the court documents and arrest reports exist, and you can't cover them up.

As far as things beginning "in the home", all of you should realize by now that addiction occurs in all families, even yours.

As you help portray Mrs Jones, and other DSS workers as victims, I challenge you to read the autopsy reports of Kyler Presnell, Aubrey Littlejohn, Chloe Evans, Adrianna Early, and especially of Gabriel Duckett, who suffered a human bite mark to his tiny head, and was murdered after 11 reports had been made to Buncombe County DSS.

Did none of you hear anything at all that Mrs Scruggs said?

When Mr Rogers says, with zero information, to the Haywood County DSS, “we’ve got your back”, that tells the whole story of why babies are dying. That statement sends a strong message to anyone else who might be thinking of reporting child abuse, or DSS wrongdoing.

Who among you “has the backs” of the thousands of children struggling to survive in drug houses? Going without food, because the household money goes for marijuana? Being taken out to drug buys, in the middle of the night, or as just a few weeks ago, when a WNC 3 year-old was injured in a high-speed roll-over wreck, with an alleged drugged driver who has already been caught & released in another county?

Who “has the backs” of the people brave enough to stand up for these children against a huge, unaccountable agency that in all states, is known for altering, omitting, and shredding documents?

The review I gave you on Kyler Presnell is absolutely ridiculous, and the sad thing is that you don’t even know why.

One of you made a comment about “something falling through the cracks”.

Those “somethings” are babies. They have names, and they suffered.

Mr Kirkpatrick is quick to talk about the rights of parents, lack of rights for grandparents, blah, blah, blah.....everybody’s rights but a child’s right to stay alive or to not be tortured. Nothing supersedes that.

If social workers were doing their jobs, and keeping these children safe, they should be rejoicing, not coming before you, portraying themselves as tragic victims, as they also do in the report you have. Enough. If they are so understaffed, why aren’t you something about that, for the last 20 years that we’ve been hearing that song.

All of you, with the exception of Mrs Best, and possibly Mr Long, should resign in shame and disgrace.

Ellen Pitt, as a private individual