Monroe A. Miller, Jr. 2200 Camp Branch Road Waynesville, NC 28786 February 13, 2022

Subject: <u>Stonewall Blevins</u>, [Flashback, re: www.haywoodtp.net, - achieves] has become relevant again.

Stonewall Belvins (a.k.a. **Talmadge Blevins**, a.k.a. **Stoney Blevins**) held a meeting at DSS on 8/18/2017 that included me and others. I recorded the meeting. Additionally, the meeting was transcribed, real time, by a DSS employee, Amy Stevens, on a laptop computer while sitting at the meeting, at the direction of **Stonewall Belvins**.

That recording (170818StonewallBlevins[redacted].MP3 - 187,624 KB), has never been publically released¹, i.e. it names names, some children. This recording is as damning to both **Stonewall Blevins** and **DSS** as the "Never Trump!" recording was to **Lynda Bennett**.

I took hand written notes at this meeting, as I usually do and did so during the Lynda Bennett [re: Never Trump!] meeting.

There is considerable history regarding **Stonewall Blevins** on <u>www.haywoodtp.net</u> under Interesting Stuff Achieves.

All of these recollections resurfaced while I attended last Monday's county 2/7/2022 commission meeting and listened throughout the Public Comment Period. Then I had to listen to James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III and Brandon Rogers defend DSS. I was not happy with these commissioners defending DSS. Ira Dove was present at the meeting.

Obviously, Ellen Pitt was not satisfied with their responses, and called for these commissioners to resign in shame and disgrace.

Disbelief. Ellen Pitt reaction to County Commissions response to Public Comments, County Commission meeting 2/7/2022. 2/9/2022...

or

https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220209aDisbeliefEllenPitt.pdf

The following are my Heavily Redacted notes from the 8/18/2017 meeting.

¹ A copy of the recording was presented to NC Leg Rep Chuck Edwards <u>Edwardsin@ncleg.net</u> on or about 9/17/2020 on a flashie drive. To my knowledge, this recording was never used or made public.

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I wanted verification from Ira Dove / DSS, so I requested a copy of the transcript.

Subject: Request for Public Information / Records. Request #1.
Date: Sat, 5 Sep 2020 08:49:43 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Ira Dove <Ira.Dove@HaywoodCountyNC.gov>
CC: Bryant Morehead <bryant.morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, [redacted].

Mr. Dove,

This is a Request for Public Records for a transcript of a meeting that took place on 8/18/2017 at DSS with Stonewall Belvins, myself, [redacted], Amy Stevens and Gayla Jones. Amy Stevens meticulously took notes on her laptop during the entire meeting, which lasted about an hour and a half, hardly coming up for air. I would like a copy of that transcript. Please provide in a pdf format.

Thank you, Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

To which I received the following from Ira Dove.



HAYWOOD COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY 157 Paragon Parkway, Clyde, NC 28721-9481

Ira Dove, Agency Director

Public Health Dental Office

828-452-6675 Social Services 828-452-6701 Meals on Wheels Environmental Health 828-452-6682 Maple Leaf Adult Respite 828-452-6620 828-356-2442 828-456-9488

September 14, 2020

Mr. Monroe Miller Via email

Dear Monroe Miller,

The Agency Attorney, Rachael Hawes, and I have reviewed your request made on September 5, 2020 for documentation the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency may hold regarding a meeting held on August 17, 2017 that you say that you attended which also included former Director Talmadge Blevins, and others. Upon careful consideration, and with neither confirming nor denying the presence of any others, any documentation possibly generated from a meeting with you that day constitutes confidential information due to its subject matter.

Disclosure of confidential records held by the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency is expressly prohibited. In reaching this determination, a few previously published Opinions of the North Carolina Attorney General related to confidential records were reviewed in addition to statutes. Thus, I regret to inform you that we cannot comply with your request.

With kind regards,

Ira L. Dove

cc: Rachael Hawes

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To which I replied:

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information / Records. Request #2. Date: Tue, 15 Sep 2020 19:39:05 -0400 From: Monroe Miller To: Ira Dove <Ira.Dove@HaywoodCountyNC.gov> CC: Bryant Morehead <bryant.morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, [redacted]

Mr. Dove,

In response to your Blow-Off letter to me today, I have a couple of comments.

First, you got the date wrong in your letter. The meeting was held on 8/18/2017, not 8/17/2017.

Second, who the [expletive deleted] do you think you are, when you said "that you say you attended"? It was a public meeting, held in the DSS conference room.

Third, when you said "with neither confirming nor denying the presence of any others". Now you know I have a recording. Additionally, as I usually do at important meetings, I took two (2) pages of notes, which includes the names of the attendees.

I have heavily redacted those notes, carefully taking out names associated with the topic of the meeting, but carefully leaving all names of DSS people. You are referenced at the person hiring Stonewall Blevins, circled in red.

I am attaching a marked up copy of your blow-off letter to me, and a copy of the heavily redacted notes I took.

The next place I expect this recording to show up it is in the hands of a Grand Jury. Please pass this information onto Stonewall Blevins and Rachael Hawes. By the way, if you were not aware, Stonewall Blevins is currently in a pile of [expletive deleted].

Have a nice day.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Haywood County Taxpayer

Who the [expletive deleted] is Rachael Hawes? Here is a photo (center)...



The following appeared on WLOS on 9/22/2020, <u>State committee subpoenas official in Buncombe</u> <u>County DSS case.</u>

State committee subpoenas official in Buncombe County DSS case, by WLOS staff Tuesday, September 22nd 2020.

A state committee has issued a subpoena for Talmadge "Stoney" Blevins, agency director for Buncombe County Health and Human Services, after a 9-year-old was left without a place to go when her father was arrested on drug charges in March. (Photo credit: WLOS staff)

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (WLOS) — A state committee has issued a subpoena for Talmadge "Stoney" Blevins, agency director for Buncombe County Health and Human Services, after a 9-year-old was left without a place to go when her father was arrested on drug charges in March.

Sen. Chuck Edwards (R-Henderson) requested the subpoena.

Buncombe County officials said a new policy requires a social service worker to respond immediately to the scene during that type of crisis.

According to police reports, the girl's father Dustin Ball was driving erratically on Interstate 40 with his daughter, a man and a woman in the car with him. Police made a traffic stop in which officers said they discovered drugs and "needles under the seats and in door pockets of the car."

SENATOR CRITICIZES SOCIAL WORKERS IN CASE INVOLVING 9-YEAR-OLD WITH NOWHERE TO GO

The three adults were arrested, and Ball reportedly told police his daughter could stay with a man he knew. Police said when they went to meet the man in a motel room in Black Mountain, he appeared to be under the influence of drugs and didn't know the girl.

Authorities said they found methamphetamine and about 200-300 needles on the bed, nightstand, TV stand and in the bathroom.

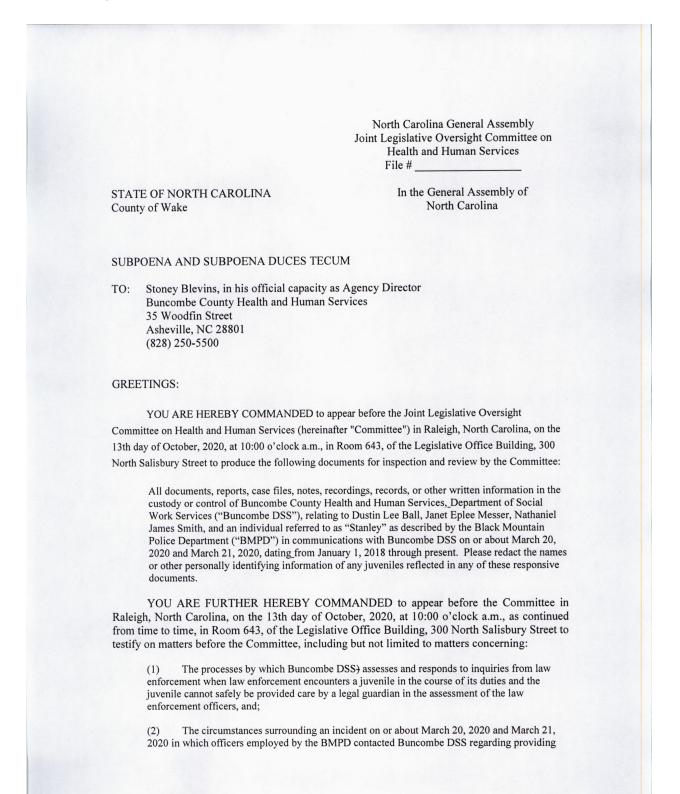
According to reports, police contacted DSS and a staffer said she could not call a worker to the scene but could only write a report.

Officers took her to the police station and waited for a family member to pick her up the next day.

"When I found out about this situation, I was absolutely appalled and horrified. When this child needed help the most, she was let down. If it wasn't for the Black Mountain police, this young girl could have been left in an extremely dangerous situation," Edwards said in a news release. "It is unacceptable to have social services even suggest leaving a child in a hotel room with a stranger and drugs. Buncombe County DSS hasn't been forthcoming with information about this situation. It needs to publicly answer questions, and the subpoena will allow us to get those answers."

According to the news release, the subpoena covers "all documents, reports, case files, notes, recordings, records or other written information" Buncombe DSS has related to the March incident (redacted to conceal personal information). The release said Blevins would be compelled to testify about how the county DSS responds to law enforcement inquiries involving juveniles and the circumstances of the March incident.

The following is a SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM for Stonewall Blevins.



temporary care for a juvenile whom the officers encountered while making multiple arrests on the same date(s); and

(3) Buncombe DSS's response to that incident and inquiry, which included, but was not limited to, a recommendation by Buncombe DSS that the juvenile be left with a non-family member identified as "Stanley" in a hotel room.

This subpoena is issued upon authorization of:

Tim Moore Speaker of the House of Representatives Phil Berger President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Issued this 22nd day of September 2020, by majority vote of the Committee:

Representative Donny Lambeth Co-Chair, Jt. Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services 300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 303 Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 Senator Joyce Krawiec Co-Chair, Jt. Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services 300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 308 Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Representative Josh Dobson Co-Chair, Jt. Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services 300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 307B Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

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I certify that the above 20, and that on the	day of	, 20	day of, it was served of	, on
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G.S. 120-19.2; G.S. 1A-1, Rule 45

To my knowledge, Stonewall Blevins skated clear of this.

But hey, I would be willing to have a private sitting to have the following people listen to my recording:

- James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III
- Brandon Rogers
- Ira Dove
- Ellen Pitt and all the grandparents in Haywood County.

Let me know...

Monroe A. Miller, Jr. Haywood County Taxpayer

LetsGoBrandon

[Editor's Note: That's fjb, not Brandon Rogers].