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Subject: Email Dialog - Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley and Cory Vaillancourt, colorized!

An email dialog was posted yesterday on <u>haywoodhappenings.org</u> between **Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley** and **Cory Vaillancourt**.

 $\underline{\text{https://haywoodhappenings.org/content.haywoodhappenings.org/viewtopic.php?t=} 180\&sid=666b21b784b1b84f917831520a5f696a}$

This lead to Scott McLeod/Greg Boothroyd/Kyle "Far Right Marxist" Perrotti/Cory Vaillancourt posting an article in the smn tabloid on 1/17/2023, entitled: "Haywood commissioners issue joint statement on Ramey".

https://smokymountainnews.com/news/item/34975-haywood-commissioners-issue-joint-statement-on-ramey

This article involves the following county commissioners:

Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley[RINO]Tommy Long[M]Jennifer Best[BS]Brandon Rogers[BS]Terry Ramey[R]

[Editors Note: The following is a key for deciphering the party affiliation of each commissioner -

[RINO] Republican In Name Only

[M] Manikin[BS] Back Stabber[R] Republican

The email dialog needs a little cleaning up to be completely understandable, as **Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley** indicated his response would be in red, which did not appear on the haywoodhappening.org post. Therefore, in the interest of providing Haywood County Taxpayers with clarity regarding the email Dialog-**Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley** and **Cory Vaillancourt**, I am re-posting their dialog, in color. I cannot resist interjecting my own opinion into this dialog to expose what is going on here. So, here we go...

[Editor's Note: Since there was confusion with color not being present in the haywoodhappening.org post, I will distinguish the text by **Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley, Cory Vaillancourt** and myself with the following code:

Cory Vaillancourt - regular text

Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley - red and italic

Me - blue and bold

This way, it will be clear who says what even if printed in standard black and white.]

Cory,

See answers in red bold print to your questions below. This response is from the four commissioners (Brandon, Tommy, Jennifer and me) that you sent the email to. All are in agreement.

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Psalms 91:3, 5-6 Surely He shall deliver you from the perilous pestilence. You shall not be afraid of the pestilence that walks in darkness. [Me] Is this supposed to be a threat from Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley?

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 11, 2023, at 12:30 PM, Cory Vaillancourt < cory@smokymountainnews.com wrote:

Good afternoon commissioners, and happy New Year!

I'm working on a story about delinquent taxes, and I'd like to get your thoughts in writing.

On Sept. 28, 2022, The Smoky Mountain News reported that a Republican candidate for Haywood County Board of Commissioners, Terry Eugene Ramey, owed thousands in back taxes to the county, with some bills dating to 2012. This fiscal year, the county will collect more than \$52 million in property taxes — by far its largest source of income.

At that time, Ramey said he'd pay the bills if they were valid. A subsequent review of the bills with the county's tax assessor determined that the bills are indeed valid.

As of Jan. 10, Ramey still has 13 outstanding tax bills in Haywood County, and has repeatedly threatened The Smoky Mountain News for reporting on his delinquencies.

Since being sworn into office on Dec. 8, Ramey has cast 13 votes, some of them concerning more than \$38,000 of taxpayer money — all without paying his own taxes.

1. It is acceptable for an elected official to threaten members of the media.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

[Ensley] It is never acceptable for public officials to threaten the press. The Constitution's first amendment guarantees freedom of the press. This was granted along with the other amendments to protect the Republic and everyone's freedoms. Newspapers have "letters to the editor" for an elected official, or anyone for that matter, to refute what they believe to be misinformation.

[Me] Wait a minute! This is a loaded question, with little to relate to the previous four (4) paragraphs at all. Cory Vaillancourt should have asked "It is acceptable for <u>Terry Ramey</u> to threaten members of the media?" Instead, Cory Vaillancourt asked a generic question, and Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley responded with a generic response. For Cory Vaillancourt to take Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley's response out of context and then attempt to apply it to the previous four (4) paragraphs is journalistic suicide. Cory Vaillancourt is an S.O.B. and snake in the grass. I am wondering how Jennifer Best, Tommy Long, and Brandon Rogers feel about being thrown under the bus by both Cory Vaillancourt and Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley. What are these supposed threats all about, anyway?

2. It is hypocritical for someone who owes back taxes to make decisions regarding taxpayer money.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

[Ensley] Questions 2, 4 & 5 would relate to the fact that an election was held and 26,927 voters cast a ballot. Of those,13,498 (50.13%) voted to elected Mr. Ramey. The issue about his taxes had been reported and printed in the press prior to the election. Our taxes support our schools, community college, EMS, Fire departments, Sheriff's department, library, mandated state/federal programs and many other initiatives that enhance our quality of life. Our opinion is that, as an elected official, we should be an example and promptly pay our taxes.

[Me] Wait another minute! Same crap Cory Vaillancourt pulled in the first question. Instead of the question he asked, he should have been specific and asked: "It is hypocritical for Terry Ramey who owes back taxes to make decisions regarding taxpayer money?" Again, a generic question, eliciting a generic response from Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley. Ensley is wrong about his calculation of the percentage of voters who voted for Terry Ramey. There is no way on God's Green Earth that Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley has access to know how each Haywood County Voter voted. Some people don't vote for all three choices, for example. What is known is that across the board of people who won, specifically Republicans that won over democrats, is that the ratio was 60% to 40%. Any one individual attempting to guess what Terry Ramey won by will have a different result based on the criteria they use. Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley cherry picked and came up with the lowest percentage he could. Again, for Cory Vaillancourt to take Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley's response out of context and then attempt to apply it to the previous four (4) paragraphs is journalistic suicide. Cory Vaillancourt is an S.O.B. and snake in the grass. I am wondering how Jennifer Best, Tommy Long, and Brandon Rogers feel about being thrown under the bus by both Cory Vaillancourt and Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley.

3. County commissioners are paid for their service each month. Terry Ramey's paychecks should be garnished until his taxes are paid.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

[Ensley] Haywood County has an elected tax collector and he has the authority to garnish wages from anyone who is delinquent.

[Me] Wait another minute! Terry Ramey is in good standing with the Tax Collector, and is on a payment plan. Cory Vaillancourt is wrong in his initial statements, which in my view, constitutes liable. Terry Ramey indicated his payment plan is about \$300 / month. Garnishment would be 10% of his wages, would be about \$100 / month. Who in their right [expletive deleted] mind would choose garnishment over an agreed upon established payment plan? That's right, Cory Vaillancourt. At least Cory Vaillancourt specified this question to Terry Ramey, rather than asking a generic question.

4. Terry Ramey should recuse himself from all board votes until his taxes are paid.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

5. Terry Ramey should resign from the board.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

[Ensley] The voters of Haywood County elected Mr. Ramey and he will have to face them. The county commission has a public comment session at every regular board meeting. If Haywood County voters have lost their trust in him, then they have the opportunity to voice whether or not a resignation is in order.

[Me] If anyone should be resigning from the board, it should be Kevin "Adjudication" Ensley + the three back stabbers. They should all be thrown out of the Republican Party for this stunt. Questions now abound if these four commissioners had a meeting about county business to decide and vote on county stuff that should have been publically noticed.

My deadline for these responses is Sunday, Jan. 13. All answers will be noted in my story.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss this, on or off the record.

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Haywood commissioners issue joint statement on Ramey Written by Cory Vaillancourt Tuesday, January 17, 2023



Then-candidate Terry Ramey speaks at a Haywood GOP forum in 2022. Cory Vaillancourt photo

Republican Commissioner Terry Ramey should pay his taxes and stop threatening the media for reporting on the issue, according to a rare joint statement issued by the other four Republicans on the Haywood County Board of Commissioners.

"An election was held and 26,927 voters cast a ballot. Of those, 13,498 (50.13%) voted to elect Mr. Ramey. The issue about his taxes had been reported and printed in the press prior to the election. Our taxes support our schools, community college, EMS, fire departments, sheriff's department, library, mandated state/federal programs and many other initiatives that enhance our quality of life," reads the statement, sent to The Smoky Mountain News by Chairman Kevin Ensley on Jan. 11 and bearing the names of fellow commissioners Jennifer Best, Tommy Long and Brandon Rogers. "Our opinion is that, as an elected official, we should be an example and promptly pay our taxes."

On Sept. 28, 2022, The Smoky Mountain News first reported that a candidate for Haywood County Board of Commissioners, Terry Eugene Ramey, owed thousands in back taxes to the county, with at least one bill dating back to 2012. This fiscal year, the county will collect more than \$52 million in property taxes — by far its largest source of income.

At that time, Ramey said he'd pay the bills if they were valid. A subsequent review of the bills with the county's tax assessor determined that the bills are indeed valid. On Nov. 8, 2022, Ramey earned enough votes to claim the last of three contested seats, despite his delinquencies.

As of Jan. 10, Ramey still has 13 outstanding tax bills in Haywood County totalling more than \$2,500.

Since being sworn into office on Dec. 8, Ramey has cast 13 votes, some of them concerning more than \$38,000 of taxpayer money — all without paying his own taxes.

Ramey has repeatedly threatened multiple individuals at The Smoky Mountain News for bringing light to his delinquencies, both before and after the election.

"It is never acceptable for public officials to threaten the press," the commissioners' statement reads. "The Constitution's First Amendment guarantees freedom of the press. This was granted along with the other amendments to protect the Republic and everyone's freedoms. Newspapers have 'letters to the editor' for an elected official, or anyone for that matter, to refute what they believe to be misinformation."

When asked if they thought Ramey should recuse himself from board votes until he pays his taxes, or resign, commissioners said that it was up to the public to demand those outcomes.

"The voters of Haywood County elected Mr. Ramey and he will have to face them," they said. "The county commission has a public comment session at every regular board meeting. If Haywood County voters have lost their trust in him, then they have the opportunity to voice whether or not a resignation is in order."

Now that Ramey receives a paycheck — about \$1,000 a month — from the very county he's been stiffing on tax bills for the past 11 years, there's been talk about garnishing those wages.

When asked if the county should take that step, commissioners deferred to the county's tax collector.

On Jan. 11, Republican Tax Collector Sebastian Cothran said that he wouldn't garnish Ramey's earnings because Ramey had signed up for a payment plan.

"Usually if they're working with us, we wouldn't do that," Cothran said.

Details of the plan, made available to SMN by Cothran, state that Ramey is to pay \$300 a month until the debts are fully paid. In the interim, he'll be charged .75% interest per month, and 2% each January, should the debts last that long. Both rates are set by state statute.

That means Ramey should have his debts paid off by this coming December, if he doesn't miss any payments or make any additional payments.

During that time, county commissioners will work on and vote to implement the county's next budget, likely nearing the \$100 million range.

Commissioner Terry Ramey's delinquent tax bills, as of Jan. 17, 2023.

Name	Year	Amount	Bill #
Terry Eugene Ramey	2022	\$49.98	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2021	\$54.37	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2020	\$53.38	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2019	\$57.29	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2018	\$61.38	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2017	\$65.39	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2016	\$61.44	8115
Terry Eugene Ramey	2013	\$644.26	9002
Ram Dog Enterprises LLC	2014	\$429.49	206544
Ram Dog Enterprises LLC	2013	\$520.85	206544
Ram Dog Enterprises LLC	2013	\$90.84	569920
Ram Dog Enterprises LLC	2013	\$34.07	533047
Ram Dog Enterprises LLC	2012	\$451.01	206544
TOTAL:		\$2,573.75	
Source: secure.webtaxpay.com/search			