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Subject: Another Mark Jaben Email, 3/7/2023. More email dialog...

Another email from **Mark Jaben**. To save time, rather than correcting his email, sending it back to him, then transcribing this whole thing into a format compatible for posting on www.haywoodtp.net, I am saving a step, applying corrections to his email one time, posting it on www.haywoodtp.net, and sending him the link, so he and everyone else in the world can read it simultaneously.

Here is the email received from **Mark Jaben** on 3/7/2023, at 8:23pm. His email will be reduplicated after the original, and the drill is the same, anything in this guy's email I have a problem with will be underlined, and my response will be in **bold red**. Here we go...

Subject: Re: Meeting time and date, #4
Date: Wed, 8 Mar 2023 01:23:36 +0000
From: Mark J. Jaben <Mark.Jaben@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller, Ira Dove <ira.dove@haywoodcountync.gov>, Sarah Banks <Sarah.Banks@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Terry Ramey <Terry.Ramey@haywoodcountync.gov>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Thomas A. Long <Tommy.Long@haywoodcountync.gov>, Brandon C. Rogers <brandon.rogers@haywoodcountync.gov>, Jennifer Best <Jennifer.Best@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kevin Ensley <Kevin.Ensley@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Miller,

Thanks you for your comments as they indicate we are moving toward a shared understanding of what has happened with regard to this meeting, although there is one thing that I find disappointing.

First, you have made it clear that you now understand Ms Presson is the one who delayed this meeting twice. Thank you for acknowledging that.

Thank you for acknowledging that you now understand that Ms Banks did not punch out. You are again wrong that the first meeting time was 'approved' by all. It was floated without that.

Thanks for acknowledging that Mr. Morehead has a legitimate interest in this meeting.

Thanks for acknowledging you heard it wrong or misunderstood about Ira Dove insisting on the venue.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to include all the BOCC, each of whom also has a legitimate interest in this meeting.

Your agreement on these facts is very important as we move forward. Much appreciated.

I'm confused though because I took this statement from your email: 'to resolve differences and issues with the way Item #1 was presented on the agenda.' And then this from another of your emails: 'to discuss the issues that concerned people in this county.' So whether or not you originated these ideas, you are making use of them. Thanks for taking responsibility for your words.

I was hoping that you could help bring some civility to this meeting. But as you declare, this is not your meeting. And you indicate you have no substance to contribute (other than some 'secret' request) or any interest other than making sure this meeting takes place. You even claim not to know who else will attend, which frankly is not very believable. And you have been clear there is nothing that would change your mind. Since it is Mr. Ramey's meeting, this suggests you have no confidence in his ability to schedule and manage that meeting. Finally, without a vested interest in what takes place or anything to contribute, I am left to wonder why you even want to be there. I believe Mr. Ramey is more than capable, as are we, to work this out. We appreciate your interest, but you aren't helping anything here. Perhaps you can save yourself, and all of us, some time and move on to other issues that concern you.

Sincerely, Mark Jaben, MD

[Editor's Note: Corrected email follows...]

Mr. Miller,

Thanks you for your comments as they indicate we are moving toward a shared understanding of what has happened with regard to this meeting, although there is one thing that I find disappointing.

Nothing has happened with regard to this meeting, as there has yet to be a meeting, since Sarah Henderson/Banks punched out of the originally scheduled meeting that was to take place on 2/22/2023 at 8:00am in the tiny county commissioners conference room outside the county managers office.

Only one thing? It appears you have again sent an entire email loaded with more than one thing. Can't wait to read what follows.

First, you have made it clear that you now understand Ms Presson is the one who delayed this meeting twice. Thank you for acknowledging that.

I did not underline your statement regarding Janet Presson in your previous email because I could not get hold of her to confirm your statement. So how on God's Green Earth can you possibly come to a conclusion that I have made it clear that I now understand that Ms. Presson is the one who delayed this meeting twice? Is this the same convoluted logic you use when you read Vaccine Studies?

Thank you for acknowledging that you now understand that Ms Banks did not punch out. You are again wrong that the first meeting time was 'approved' by all. It was floated without that.

Nothing I indicated in my previous email acknowledged that I understood Ms Banks did not punch out. On the contrary, I was out of town the weekend prior to the scheduled meeting on 2/22/2023. I was originally to return on the Tuesday prior to the Wednesday morning meeting, but unexpectedly came back a day earlier. Tuesday is when Terry Ramey informed me that Sarah Henderson/Banks had punched out of the meeting, saying she had made another commitment. Of course, I blew a fuse, and indicated I would refuse to attend the meeting with out Sarah Henderson/Banks present. That was when chaos ensued, and eventually, everyone had decided the meeting would not be worthwhile without Sarah Henderson/Banks present, and the whole thing was canceled. To my knowledge, no rescheduled meeting has been agreed upon.

Thanks for acknowledging that Mr. Morehead has a legitimate interest in this meeting.

Bryant Morehead is not part of this meeting, and has nothing meaningful to contribute to the original meeting Terry Ramey called for when you and Sarah Henderson/Banks stood shoulder to shoulder at the 2/6/2023 county commission meeting at the 3 hour and 45 minute mark on the video and agree

to attend this meeting. Bryant Morehead is certainly welcome to sit in on the meeting, in his respective role as a county manager.

Thanks for acknowledging you heard it wrong or misunderstood about Ira Dove insisting on the venue.

I never acknowledged that I heard it wrong or misunderstood about having Ira Dove insisting on the venue. I have yet to see an email from either Ira Dove or Bryant Morehead indicating otherwise. If you continue to insist that Ira Dove is open to another venue, have him send either me, Terry Ramey or Bryant Morehead an email stating otherwise.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to include all the BOCC, each of whom also has a legitimate interest in this meeting.

Copying the entire BOCC on an email is distinctly different than inviting them to a meeting which, I did not. Is it time for you to take a cognitive test? In fact, if every county commissioner came to this meeting, it would be in violation of Open Meeting Laws, as there would be a quorum of commissioners present conducting county business, much as they got into trouble about having the now infamous meeting condemning Terry Ramey which is plastered all over www.haywoodtp.net. If more than a quorum of county commissioners are present (that would be over two), it would have to be a publicly noticed meeting, and everyone in the county could attend, making it extremely difficult to achieve the goal Terry Ramey originally was attempting to achieve. Your convoluted logic continues to astound me. Again, it is not my meeting, and I am not giving you the opportunity to do anything. It is Terry Ramey's meeting.

Your agreement on these facts is very important as we move forward. Much appreciated.

I hope it has been made clear that the only person who thinks there has been agreement to these facts has been you.

I'm confused though because I took this statement from your email: 'to resolve differences and issues with the way Item #1 was presented on the agenda.' And then this from another of your emails: 'to discuss the issues that concerned people in this county.' So whether or not you originated these ideas, you are making use of them. Thanks for taking responsibility for your words.

These were concerns Terry Ramey expressed during the five (5) hour county commission meeting on 2/6/2023. Don't forget, there were twenty (20) citizens that spoke during the public comment period at this meeting that you simply cannot "un-hear".

I was hoping that you could help bring some civility to this meeting. But as you declare, this is not your meeting. And you indicate you have no substance to contribute (other than some 'secret' request) or any interest other than making sure this meeting takes place. You even claim not to know who else will attend, which frankly is not very believable. And you have been clear there is nothing that would change your mind. Since it is Mr. Ramey's meeting, this suggests you have no confidence in his ability to schedule and manage that meeting. Finally, without a vested interest in what takes place or anything to contribute, I am left to wonder why you even want to be there. I believe Mr. Ramey is more than capable, as are we, to work this out. We appreciate your interest, but you aren't helping anything here. Perhaps you can save yourself, and all of us, some time and move on to other issues that concern you.

I would like to think that I would have substance to contribute to this meeting, as my views obviously differ from yours. However, this meeting's goal is to have a nice conversation about how people with differing views are able to communicate those with others that have differing views. I had thought what type of question I might bring up during this meeting, and I did come up with one. It is certainly not some sinister secret request, rather to encourage conversation to take place.

I indicated that the meeting would be comprised of you three, and Terry Ramey (+4). That is all I indicated. Nothing more.

The purpose of this meeting is not to change peoples mind, so I suggest you take a good look at yourself, what you are saying. I don't know how many times it is necessary to reiterate to you what the purpose of this meeting is, but I don't believe it was ever to change peoples minds.

“Since it is Mr. Ramey’s meeting, this suggests you have no confidence in his ability to schedule and manage that meeting.”

WTF? Where to you get off saying that? Bryant Morehead has jumped into the position of scheduling the meeting, acting as an intermediary between Sarah Henderson/Banks, who obviously does not want to attend this meeting and everyone else. As you said, people work, and it was an achievement to have everyone in agreement to attend the scheduled meeting on 2/22/2023, until Sarah Henderson/Banks punched out. We now have to work hard to reschedule the meeting. I don't see you working very hard to achieve this, other than your [expletive deleted] emails, which don't help.

Who said I don't have a vested interest in this meeting? I have an interest, along with the twenty (20) other people who gave public comments at the 2/6/2023 county commission meeting. I am certainly in a position to let people in Haywood County know that at the end of this meeting, everyone will be smiling with each other.

I'm glad you appreciate my interest, and we will all work towards having a successful meeting, and I will certainly devote whatever of my time is necessary to make this happen.

At the beginning of your email, you indicated that there was only one thing you found disappointing. I'm sure glad there weren't two things.

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Haywood County Taxpayer.**

Sincerely, Mark Jaben, MD