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What's Happening?

This is a **SPECIAL EDITION** of Toeprints...

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

HCC Board of Trustees Meeting.

There will be a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting of the Haywood Community College held at 4pm on Wednesday, September 15th, in the Board Room of the Administration Building. This is a public meeting. A **draft agenda** of the meeting follows on page 2 of this **SPECIAL EDITION** of Toeprints. Although these are public meetings, it is not known where the public announcements of these meetings are posted, other than a local newspaper. This works well for the regularly scheduled meeting on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month, but not so well for special meetings, such as the last meeting held on 9/2/2010. [This agenda was kindly sent to me by Mrs. Teresa Starrs at HCC.]

Minutes.

It was brought to my attention that the minutes of the last County Commission Meeting, held on 9/7/2010 will contain every word spoken during the following agenda item - verbatim:

VII. Old Business

5. The General Education Building, the construction of a new Professional Creative Crafts Building, the extension of water lines, and parking improvements. Julie Davis, Finance Director and Chip Killian, County Attorney.
 - a. Approving Resolution – ATTACHMENT 14
 - b. Installment Financing Contract – ATTACHMENT 15
 - c. Deed of Trust – ATTACHMENT 16
 - d. Agency Haywood Community College Installment Financing Contracts for the renovation of Agreement
 - e. Lease

Why is that? It was brought to my attention that recording every spoken word in the minutes - **verbatim** - is very rare. The speakers were **Mark Bumgarner**, Chair of HCC Board of Trustees, **Donna Forga**, Vice-Chair of HCC Board of Trustees (running for District Court Judge in Nov.), and **Rose Johnson**, President of HCC.

Becky Johnson and The Smoky Mountain News.

Upon reflection, after re-reading **Becky Johnson's** article regarding the Creative Arts Building on 9/8/2010 in the Smoky Mountain News, I'm perplexed with one of the statements [re: in **Bold** and Underlined.] she made. Here is a short section of the article in context:

[Ultimately what convinced commissioners was unanimous backing by the college board of trustees itself. Until recently, the college trustees had been split on various aspects of the project, from the total building price tag to solar energy features. **But last week, on the eve of a final vote by the county, the trustees convened and unanimously endorsed the project.**

"They wanted to go to the commissioners with a unified vote," **Johnson** said.

Mark Bumgarner, chairman of the HCC board, admits the move was critical. Commissioners said as much as well.

"If you had come in here today and it was still a 6-5 decision, I would be uncomfortable that you didn't have a stronger consensus," said Commissioner Chairman **Kirk Kirkpatrick**. "I don't want to be in the position as a commissioner to stop a project another board wants to go forward with. If they are all in consensus now with the project, I would feel comfortable approving it, but not because I am sold on it completely."

"Now that you have a consensus I feel a lot better," agreed Commissioner **Bill Upton**.]

What? [Editors Note: Again referring to the above sentence in **Bold** and Underlined]. What made **Becky Johnson** pull that statement out of thin air?

Did **Becky Johnson** attend the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on 9/2/2010? **No**.

Does **Becky Johnson** have an audio recording of the meeting? **Don't know**. [Editor's Note: I recorded the entire meeting in two segments, excepting the 10 - 15 minute closed session.]

Then how could **Becky Johnson** possibly know that all the Board of Trustees did at that meeting was to unanimously agree to a motion to remove some of the Creative Arts Building construction costs to bring it back in line with the original bids [re: Toeprints, Issue #13]?

Everyone is invited to attend the HCC Board of Trustees meeting on 9/15/2010, and should attend. It is a public meeting. Maybe we will get a few answers to some of these perplexing questions.

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HAYWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 15, 2010 4:00 p.m.
BOARD ROOM ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | Mark Bumgarner |
| II. Ethics Statement | Mark Bumgarner |
| III. Invocation | Donna Forga |
| IV. Approval of Minutes (4 sets) | Mark Bumgarner |
| V. Report of SGA | Nicole Owen |
| VI. Report of Committee on Personnel | Lynne Barrett |
| <u>For Action</u>
Ratification - New Full-time Employees
Policies:
Revised - Privacy of Personnel Records
New – Personnel Records Subject to Inspection
Possible Change to Trustee By-Laws | |
| <u>For Information</u>
Part-time Employees | |
| VII. Report of Committee on Technology, Education and Student Affairs | Steve Sorrells |
| <u>For Action</u>
Policies
• Class Absences for Religious Observance
• Right to use Student's Work | |
| VII. President's Report | Rose Johnson |
| September Executive Summary
Update on Solar Lease
Update on Lease and Agency Agreement with County | |
| VIII. Chair's Report | Mark Bumgarner |
| IX. Closed Session | |
| • [G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1)] – Minutes pertaining to Legal Advice in Regard to Contract Negotiations at meetings on August 12, 2010; August 18, 2010; August 30, 2010; and September 2, 2010
• [G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1)] – Legal Advice in Regard to Solar Contract & Lease Negotiations | |
| X. Adjournment | |