

## Haywood County “Toeprints”

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### What’s Happening?

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.

### 2013 Haywood County GOP Convention.

The Haywood County GOP held the yearly convention on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Canton Armory. A total of 98 delegates for the convention were selected from the 29 precincts, and voted on new leadership for the GOP and adopted an addition to the Plan of Organization.

Prior to this adoption, the GOP had nine (9) executive members to run operations. This adoption opened the membership of the executive committee from the base level of five (5) (four elected and one appointed) to potentially 34 people (the base five plus the chair (or vice-chair) of each precinct).

### Modification to the Plan of Organization.

**[Editors Note:** This is the draft language similar to what was proposed. Final version on file.]

The Haywood County Plan of Organization Committee makes a motion that the Haywood County Republican Party adopt the Plan of Organization adopted by the North Carolina State Republican Party on June 1, 2012 as the Haywood County Republican Party Plan of Organization with the following modification:

#### ARTICLE 1

Haywood County Executive Committee

##### 1. Membership

The voting members of the Haywood County Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as duly elected by the County Convention
- The Precinct Chairs as duly elected in accordance with the 2012 North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization (The Precinct Vice-Chair may vote in the absence of the Precinct Chair.)

- The Finance Chairman approved by the Executive Committee.

### Quorums.

The Plan of Organization requires a quorum of 25%. That means, if all 29 precincts had valid chairs and/or vice chairs, that a quorum is required of a maximum of 9 people [25% of 34 people, or less, depending on the number people filling the chair position at each of the 29 precincts].

### New Executive Committee.

A new slate of executive committee members was elected. What does all this mean? It means Republicans now have a greater voice in what happens at monthly meetings. If you had attended previous GOP meetings, especially since the end of November 2012, you should see a great change in how these meetings are conducted. I liken it to “Old School” vs. “New School”, (mostly).

The new executive members elected at the convention are:

- Pat Carr, Chair
- Mitchell Powell, vice-Chair
- Brian Strum, Secretary
- Tracy Coward, Treasurer (ran unopposed).

### Speakers.

Several prominent elected officials spoke at the convention.

- Mark Meadows [R], US Representative
- Jim Davis [R], State Senator
- Michele Presnell [R], State Representative

Other folks that spoke were:

- Mike Clampitt [R], State Legislature Sargent at Arms
- Bill Wilke [R], Candidate for Sheriff

Other elected folks present, but not invited to speak:

- **Kevin Ensley** [RINO], Haywood County Commissioner
- **Jim Blythe** [UNA], Head of TeaParty (not elected)

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Left to right: (Unknown), **Kevin Ensley** [RINO], **Jim Blythe** [UNA] , Maggie Valley Mayor Ron DeSimone [UNA]

[**Correction** - The gentleman on the left was originally incorrectly labeled Mr. Deeb. Mr. DeSimone's name was spelled incorrectly and originally labeled [R] and should have been [UNA]. Sorry for any confusion.]

**Legend:** If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing.

- [ R] Republican
- [RINO] Republican In Name Only
- [UNA] Unaffiliated

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