

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.

David Francis [D] blunting access to County Tax Assessors, re: Michael Sorrells [D] property.

Life has not changed much dealing with **David Francis**, ex-Tax Collector and now Interim (temporary) Tax Administrator. What initially began as a simple question for Greg West, one of the property assessors under **Judy Ballard**, has turned into a full fledged pissing contest.

The subject matter regards questions relating to one of the properties jointly owned by **Michael Sorrells**, Haywood County Commissioner, and **Mark Sorrells**, one time secret candidate for President of Haywood Community College.

The issue popped up at one of the central locations in Haywood County for discovering stuff - standing in line at the parts counter at Taylor Ford. From that point, it was brought to my attention by Terry Ramey, I carefully evaluated the merits of the information, and made the call to move forward with an investigation.

I attempted to visit Greg West at his office on the 4th floor of the court house building (you have to take the front elevator or stairs to get there), and who walks up as I am talking to Greg West ...

David Francis.

Francis then invited himself to participate in my discussion with Greg West.

Not happening, I indicated. The meeting would be under more controlled conditions.

This is about where the e-mail dialog begins with **David Francis**, who has not forgotten how to obstruct. See:

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/141216FrancisDialog.pdf>

This, along with additional e-mail dialog since then is appended to this newsletter.

Further attempts to have a meeting have been blunted by both **David Francis** and now **Ira Dove**, County Manager and lawyer.

Angry Landowners.

What happened in the Taylor Ford parts line?

Some folks were discussing **David Francis** getting clobbered in the election. Not too many people like **David Francis**, you see, i.e. that is why he was voted out of office. These folks were complaining that **Michael Sorrells** has some property across the street from his gas station that is designated Farm Land, yet should be designated Commercial, and it has been this way for years. **Sorrells** has been getting away with murder for years. Farmers have approached **Michael Sorrells** about this, but he simply blows them off.

Call from Terry Ramey.

I received a call from Terry Ramey [D] late in the afternoon on December 2, 2014. "How about taking a ride out to this **Sorrells** property, and bring your camera.

Okay, I said.

We drove out Rt. 276 on the way to I-40. I had never know about this gas station that **Sorrells** owned. **Sorrells** owns two parcels of land across the street, jointly owned with his brother, **Mark Sorrells**. Directly across the street, the corner of this property is used for storage for all kinds of utility vehicles, tractor trailers, and other crap. Further down the street on the same side of the road is another entrance to his farmland, which had a bunch of logging material, tractors and stuff, and partially built walls of log cabins.

Now that I knew what property the boys back at the Parts Counter at Taylor Ford were talking about, I could check out the Maps On Line on www.haywoodnc.net and see where the boundaries were how they were designated. At least **David Francis** has not taken those off-line yet as he did with the Neighborhood Delineation information.

Photos follow immediately after the end of this newsletter and show pictures and data from Maps On Line, and photos taken by myself at this property.

The properties were identified as -

8608-68-0685 and 8608-78-2604. The following small photos are lifted from a screen shot of Maps On Line. Both of these properties are registered to **Michael** and **Mark Sorrells**.



This is 8608-68-0685. It looks like a slice was taken out of the larger piece, 8608-78-2604. To the right is **Michael Sorrell's** gas station.



This is 8608-78-2604. You can see the slice at the bottom of the property. There is, what looks like a barn at the far end of the property.

Larger photographs of these properties follow this newsletter.

It is interesting to note that **Susan Sorrell's** [reported for ethics violation at HCC] is not listed as an owner of this property. It is his brother, **Mark Sorrell's**.

Failed attempt at meeting with Tax Assessor Personnel.

Every effort was made to speak with personnel in the Tax Assessor Department, but all efforts were blunted by **David Francis**. Why is that? We will get to that.

I originally attempted to meet with Greg West, as I trust him. I could explain what I found, and we could determine the following -

- Who was the HC assessor in charge of this area (it was not Greg West)?
- Verify that observation of the photos on Maps On Line showed that there was equipment encroachment from the commercial property to the farm land.

- Verify that the photos I took confirmed encroachment.
- Based on encroachment, what should the farm land be taxed as?
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- Based on any new tax use re-assessment, what would the new yearly property tax be on the farmland?

None of these questions were answered. Again, all blunted by **David Francis**.

So here goes...

Based on the photographic evidence of equipment encroaching from the commercial property onto the farmland, and the log cabin material on the farmland, plus a bunch of pissed off local farmers who feel **Michael Sorrell's** is getting special treatment, what would the farmland tax be per year if it was based on the same tax type as the commercial land?

Simple, an algebraic equation.

$$x/(18.07 \text{ acres}) = \$484.15/(.88 \text{ acres})$$

Solve for x.

$$x = \$9,941.58$$

What?

Sorrels is paying \$52.99 per year when he should be paying **\$9,941.58**. No wonder there are a bunch of pissed off farmers complaining in the Parts Service Department line at Taylor Ford!

How many years has this been going on? Simple, ask some of the pissed off farmers.

Why hasn't **Sorrell's** corrected this? Simple again. How would each of you like an extra \$10K in your pocket per year?

Why was **Sorrell's** panicked when Michael Matthews was elected? Good God! I'm going to loose my cash cow.

Why did **Sorrell's** do his [expletive deleted] to keep Matthews from taking his oath by raising Matthews bond rate? If he could keep **Francis** in, he would keep his cash cow.

Why did **Francis** do everything in his power to keep me from having a meeting with **Judy Ballard** and Greg West? **Francis** would be exposed (again).

[Editor's Note: Don't forget to see Toeprints, Vol. 6, Issue 1, where I was assaulted by David Francis.]

Yet, Commissioners felt **Francis** was doing such a good job, they made him Interim Tax Administrator over, guess who? **Judy Ballard** and the Tax Assessment department. And, at the same yearly pay rate that he was making as both Tax Collector and Tax Administrator.

Ira Dove has now joined this conspiracy. See the last e-mail dialog at the end of this newsletter. By refusing to kick **Francis** in the [expletive deleted] and force him to have a meeting with Terry Ramey and I with the Tax Assessment department, he joins these pieces of work.

What is the remedy(s)?

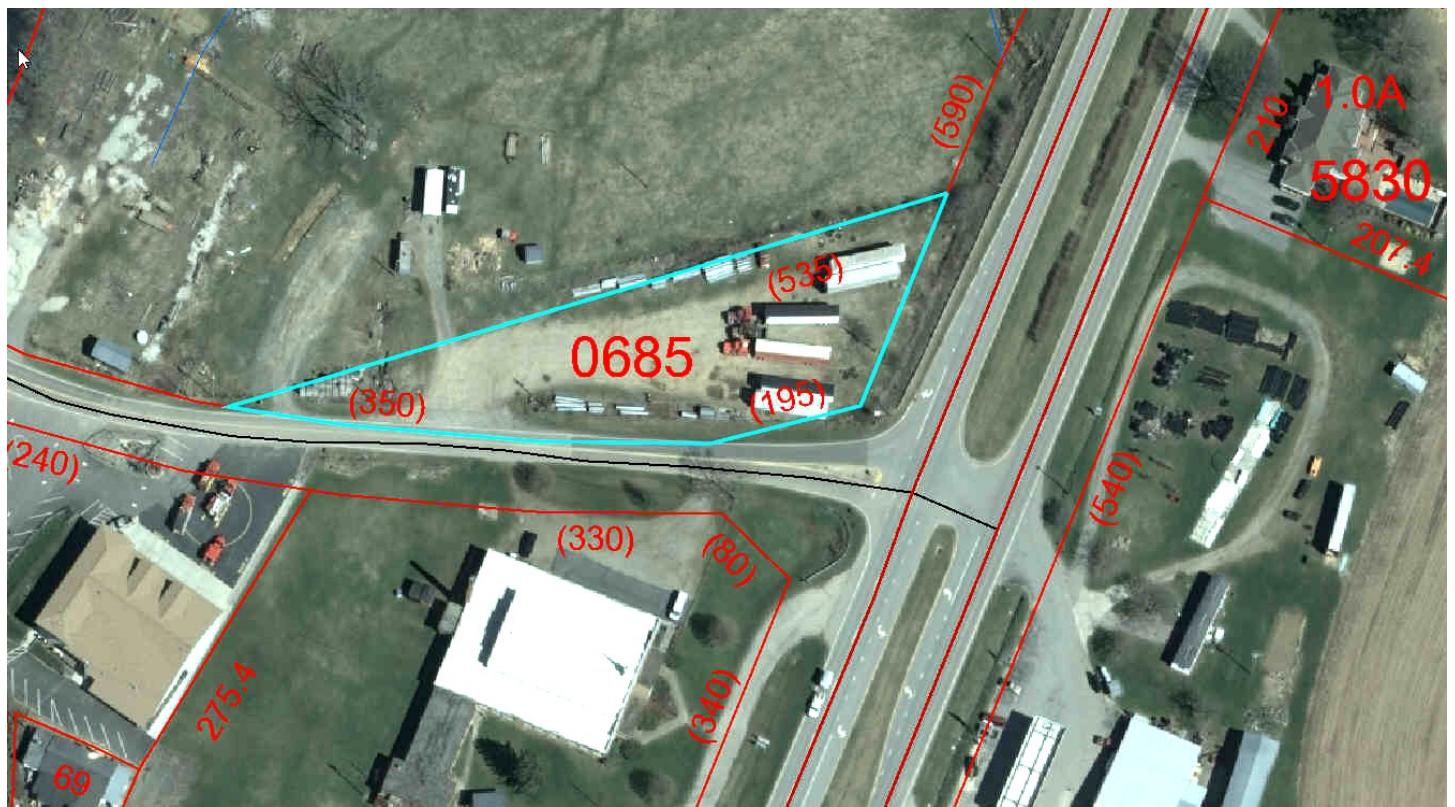
- Institute fines for **Michael Sorrell's** and have him pay restitution for back taxes. Perhaps the restitution can be earmarked for Haywood County Schools, since he was on the school board, yet failed to rally to their support when I discovered that Julie Davis Cooked the Books and Falsified PPA values for the School Funding Formula.
- On the bright side for **Michael Sorrell's**, his brother, **Mark Sorrell's** is responsible for half of these potential costs.
- Fire **David Francis**.

What do you want to bet that **Michael Sorrell's** will never pay a penny on any of this?

Has anyone wondered why their property tax went up? It happened at the last Commissioner Budget workshop. **David Francis** and lackey **Steven King** presented a budget that it would take \$10M over the next 10 years for Francis Farm landfill. Who verified these numbers? We will get into all this in a future Toeprints

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

Monroe A. Miller Jr.,
Haywood County Taxpayer
19 Big Spruce Lane
Waynesville, NC 28786
www.haywoodtp.net



This is 8608-68-0685. From the tax card, it is of type CP Commercial Prima. Tax for 2011 and 2012 was \$484.15 for a total acreage of .88 acres.



This is 8608-78-2604. From the tax card, it is of types -

- OP Open Land
- WD Woodland
- W Water
- CS Commercial secon

Taxes were for 2011 and 2012 was \$52.99 for a total acreage of 18.07 acres.



This photo was taken after pulling into the first driveway, on 8608-68-0685. For reference, across the street appears to be a fire station. Looking on the same side of the street towards the second property in question, appears to be construction materials.



The next few pictures are taken swinging clockwise. This shows trucks, various machinery, a white Dodge Ram, some appearing to be parked on the farm land. There is a power utility poll in the far side of the blue tractor trailer with the crane.



This is a close up of the blue tractor trailer, indicating it belongs to Stillwell Enterprises, Inc., License NC Permanent YA125205 Commercial.



This photo was taken, again, sweeping clockwise. In the distance is the barn depicted in the Maps On Line images. Again, various construction equipment, clearly on the land designated farm land, what looks like a porta-potty, utility poles, and junk.



Again, continuing clockwise, this shows the line of equipment on 8608-68-0685 which what appears to be encroachment onto the land designated as farmland.



Continuing clockwise, this shows the street in front of the property, a church across the street, and **Michael Sorrells** gas station across 276.



Zoom shot of the gas station. Visible is “orrells” on a sign in front of the gas station.



Starting sweeping counter-clockwise, this is a zoom shot of some of the equipment. Looks like snow plowing / removal equipment.



We are now in the second driveway, located on the larger piece of property designated farm land. There is a pile of cut logs, a dumpy looking trailer, and what appears to be a portion of a log cabin. It appears as though these might be samples, or models of log cabins for someone that is selling log cabins.

Off in the distance is the church across the street to the right, and the **Sorrells** gas station across 276.



A whole little village of log cabin model homes. There is some machinery parked in front of the models. Off in the distance is the barn, for this land designated as farmland.



A large tractor, pallets, logs and building supplies.



Zoom photo of one of the companies on 8606-68-0685, Reinhart Food Service.



From across the street, broader photo of equipment on 8606-68-0685.

[Editors Note: The following is a documentary of my attempting to set up a meeting with Greg West and others in the Tax Assessor Department. All efforts were blunted by **David Francis.**]

Subject: appointment
Date: Thu, 04 Dec 2014 12:07:43 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Greg,

Will you be available tomorrow for a question? If so, what time.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Sat, 06 Dec 2014 10:00:13 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, David Francis <dbfrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews

Greg,

We will try this again, sometime next week, after the new Tax Collector has been sworn in. They anyone can come to this meeting, even Sorrells.

Please acknowledge this e-mail.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Fwd: Re: appointment
Date: Sat, 06 Dec 2014 10:02:31 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Greg,

This should have gone to you (not me) first time around.

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment
Date: Mon, 8 Dec 2014 15:40:10 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>

Mr. Miller:

If you would like to schedule a meeting with Judy Ballard and myself, to discuss a concern over an evaluation of a property you may do so. Mr. West does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area.

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
215 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2602

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Mon, 08 Dec 2014 11:47:46 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>

Mr. Francis,

Who is the assessor that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells? He will need to attend. We will need access to a computer during this meeting. Greg West is also invited, even though he does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area., i.e., I am requesting that he attend. Terry Ramey will also be attending this meeting, and why not have Sorrells drop in. Don't know if Mike Matthews will be able to break away from his new duties, but he is also more than welcome.

How about Thursday morning, around 10am.

Why is it that your title is now Interim Tax Administrator? Did that somehow change with the past election?

You might want to stop by personally and relay this message to Ira Dove, as he has not been responding to any of my e-mails. I asked him this morning, as he was serving ice tea after the swearing in, if his computer was broken, and he only responded "Sweet or Unsweetened".

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 08:25:31 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

[?]

Mr. Francis,

I never received the courtesy of an confirmation / acknowledgment from you regarding your invitation to me to schedule a meeting.

I never received:

- The acknowledgment
- Confirmation of a time
- Confirmation of the date
- Confirmation of a meeting place, one that contains access to a computer

Who the assessor was that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells.

You never indicated why your title is now Interim Tax Administrator. I mean, who am I dealing with here?

Too busy trying to figure out how to clean up that pesky Settlement at End of Term(s)?

Let's try this again. Is your invitation still open for this meeting, or shall I try again with Greg West?

Monroe Miller

p.s. How did the commissioners get away with appointing you Interim Tax Collector without you having to take the oath of office and not showing commissioners that you had a \$410,000 bond?

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 09:53:36 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvhol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Greg,

It appears that David Francis has again dove into the bunker. Looks like we are on again. What time will be good for you?

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 16:29:50 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Miller:

Since you have been up here everyday this week, I thought you would come on in for the meeting.

Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am.

I took the oath as required.

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
215 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2602

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 12:07:46 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

You thought wrong.

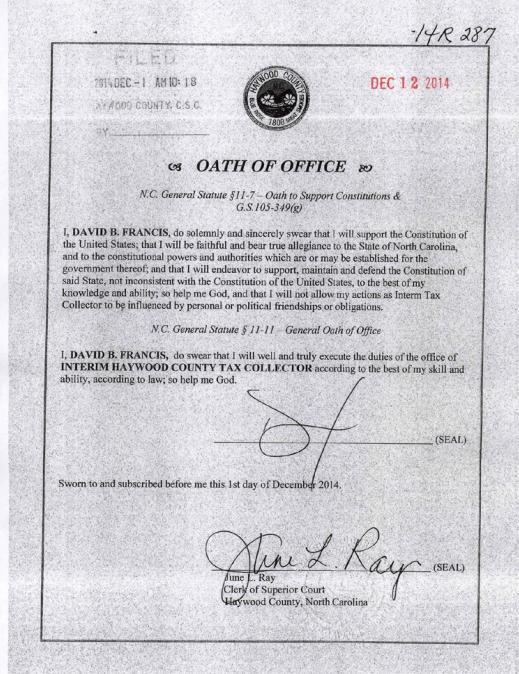
Are we scheduling another meeting or do I move forward with Greg West?

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment
Date: Sun, 14 Dec 2014 10:36:05 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

It took passing your cryptic response to several people before it was deciphered that the date you referenced was for a new suggested meeting time rather than when you took the oath (a date which had not yet occurred). I visited the Justice Center Friday and pulled the following oath:



It is time stamped at 10:18am, Dec. 1, 2014, just after the December 1st county commission meeting. This was one of the items I had previously asked you for (see below). I don't see why you could not have provided that. I still have not seen that you presented to the commissioners that you had a \$410,000 bond.

So to recap, let's prepare for this meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am.

- Confirmation of a meeting place, one that contains access to a computer. Where is your office or place this meeting will take place?
- Who the assessor was that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells. That assessor will need to be present.
- You never indicated why your title is now Interim Tax Administrator. I mean, who am I dealing with here?
- Greg West is invited to this meeting.
- Terry Ramey is invited to this meeting.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Don't know if Mike Matthews will be able to break away from his new duties, but he is also more than welcome.

Please acknowledge all of these items. If you can't get it right, we will reschedule and keep doing this until you can get it right.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 2nd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 14:20:18 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe , Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Time is getting short before the proposed meeting Wednesday. Please confirm the parameters listed below.

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Please acknowledge all of these items. If you can't get it right, we will reschedule and keep doing this until you can get it right.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 2nd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 16:17:13 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Your refusal to acknowledge / confirm these items means to me that you are cancelling another meeting.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 16:21:40 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King , Eddie Cabe , Jeremy Davis

Mr. Francis,

Your suggestion of a new meeting time, at least I think it is a suggestion of a new meeting time - "Wednesday, December 16, 2014 10:30am", December 16th is a Tuesday, Wednesday is December 17th - which is it?

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 22:29:04 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller:

Wednesday at 10:00 Judy Ballard's office. Ms. Ballard will not be in attendance.

The appraiser who reviewed those properties is no longer with the County. Current appraiser for Jonathan Creek is on a mission trip overseas.

Interim is another word for temporary.

Greg West will not be there.

Terry Ramey sure.

I don't think Mike Matthews wants to attend.

Thanks,

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
215 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2602

Subject: Re: appointment, 3rd request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 19:49:35 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnl.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>

Mr. Francis,

You too, can save me a little time copying and pasting, if you will not delete all of the names on the copy list when you reply to me. As you can see, I have carefully re-inserted all the names and the balance of the commissioners names.

It is unfortunate that:

- Judy Ballard cannot attend,
- The un-named current assessor for Jonathan Creek is overseas and cannot be present,
- Greg West will not be there.

Since this meeting is all about assessment stuff, it requires that assessors be present. Please get with Judy Ballard, Greg West, and any other assessor who has a little time and we will reschedule the meeting to include assessors. Don't forget to invite Sorrells, and you can also invite an additional commissioner to attend, as long as there are not three commissioners, that would be a quorum.

Let me know when Judy Ballard, Greg West, and any other assessor will be available to attend. Remember, I wanted originally to talk to Greg West, not you. Talking with only you on this matter will be unproductive to everyone.

How about Friday?

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 5th request.
Date: Mon, 15 Dec 2014 22:32:36 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

Mr. Francis,

On 12/8/2014 10:40 AM, you, David Francis wrote: (see the beginning of this e-mail)

Mr. Miller:

If you would like to schedule a meeting with Judy Ballard and myself, to discuss a concern over an evaluation of a property you may do so. Mr. West does not evaluate any properties in the Jonathan Creek area.

David B Francis

Make this happen, and quit trying to [expletive deleted] this up.

Monroe Miller

p.s. Press is now invited.

[Editors Note: All e-mails up to this point where shown on www.haywoodtp.net -

Dialog with David Francis, Interim (temporary) Tax Administrator, blunting access to County Tax Assessors, re: Michael Sorrells property. 12/16/2014...

or

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/141216FrancisDialog.pdf>

The following are more recent...]

Subject: Re: appointment, 5th request.
Date: Tue, 16 Dec 2014 11:58:10 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

Mr. Francis,

See: [Dialog with David Francis, Interim \(temporary\) Tax Administrator, blunting access to County Tax Assessors, re: Michael Sorrells property. 12/16/2014...](#)

Monroe Miller

Subject: RE: appointment, 5th request.
Date: Tue, 16 Dec 2014 20:45:55 +0000
From: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

Sorry, Friday will not work. Please email your concerns to me.

David B Francis
Haywood County Interim Tax Administrator
215 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2602

Subject: Re: appointment, 6th request.
Date: Tue, 16 Dec 2014 16:11:17 -0500
From: Monroe Miller <monroemillerjr@bellsouth.net>
To: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>
CC: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>

Mr. Francis,

Sorry, e-mailing concerns to you won't work either. Check with Judy Ballard and Greg West to see if they are available Monday.

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 7th request.
Date: Thu, 18 Dec 2014 08:55:56 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Greg West <GWest@haywoodnc.net>, Judy Ballard <JBallard@haywoodnc.net>
CC: David Francis <DBFrancis@haywoodnc.net>, Ira Dove <IDove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Mike Matthews, Michael T. Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Jonnie Cure, Denny King, Eddie Cabe, Jeremy Davis, KIRK KIRKPATRICK <kirk@jwklaw.net>, KEVIN ENSLEY <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Roy Cooper <OpenGov@ncdoj.gov>

Mr. Ballard and Mr. West,

Francis, your boss, seems to be intentionally cutting you out of this proposed meeting (i.e. speaking for you) and throwing you under the bus. Since I cannot get a straight response from Francis, please let me know when both of you will be available for a meeting. We will then confirm the meeting, and Francis can attend if he wants.

FYI. This meeting is as much about Francis as it is Sorrells, and it appears Francis, Interim Tax Administrator, is doing everything in his power to thwart either of you (or anyone else) attending. Must be something big.

Additionally, I should have the actual video of Francis assaulting me on my website, www.haywoodtp.net shortly.

I hear Francis is attempting to land a cushy job at Old Town Bank. [?]

Please let me know both your availabilities for a meeting regarding Sorrells.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

Subject: Re: appointment, 8th request.
Date: Sat, 03 Jan 2015 11:52:02 -0500
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Mr. Francis,

This is the last time that I will request a meeting with Haywood County Assessment personnel regarding an issue with Michael Sorrells property. Please confirm the following parameters -

- Confirmation of a meeting place, one that contains access to a computer. Where is your office or place this meeting will take place?
- Who the assessor was that evaluates properties in the Jonathan Creek area, specifically those properties owned by Michael Sorrells. That assessor will need to be present.
- You never indicated why your title is now Interim Tax Administrator. I mean, who am I dealing with here?
- Greg West is invited to this meeting.
- Terry Ramey is invited to this meeting.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Don't know if Mike Matthews will be able to break away from his new duties, but he is also more than welcome.

Otherwise I will take what I have and make it quite public without the meeting.

Mr. Dove,

I see by the new Haywood County Organizational Chart, which I had requested from you and never received, but found it as Attachment 6 on Monday's agenda for the county commission meeting (attached), that this character David Francis now reports to you. Perhaps you can exert your influence, whatever influence you have outside of Mark Swanger throwing you under the bus, to have Francis comply with this meeting. Not going to look good for either him or you if this meeting does not happen.

Monroe Miller

p.s. Mr. Dove, a couple of more observations regarding that organizational chart -

- Why is there no line connecting Tax Administrator bubble to the Solid Waste bubble? Everyone knows that David Francis is running the show because his partner Steven King [re: Budget Workshop] is not capable.
- Why is there an Assistant County Manager bubble, that shares the position of HHS Director? Is that still you?
- Who runs the Library? You or the Library board?

[**Editors Note:** I never heard from either Francis or Dove. Both of them dove into the bunker.]