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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.

Emergency Management Ordinance.

See: [HC Emergency Management Act, signed by Kirk Kirkpatrick on 11/16/09. READ Section §31.07\(4\)\(j\) "...without regard to the limitation of any existing law."](#) [3/25/2014...](#) on www.haywoodtp.net

or

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/140325EmergencyManagementAct.pdf>

The Libertarian Party held a regular meeting last night at Organic Beans Coffee house. The main topic of discussion was the Emergency Management Ordinance (EMO), and the invited speaker was Haywood County Sheriff Greg Christopher.

This was a while in the making. Last summer, while Windy McKinney was running for county commissioner, we both stopped by the Sheriff's office, on a Friday I believe, to discuss a range of stuff. Windy McKinney asked the Sheriff point blank, "Are you an Oath keeper". I wasn't sure what that meant, at the time. The Sheriff responded, "Yes, I am an Oath keeper".

As the EMO became a greater part of the county commission campaign, Windy had invited both Sheriff Christopher and WPD Chief Bill Hollingsed to speak on the EMO prior to the election. Due to conflicts in schedules, etc., that never happened, but Christopher did reschedule for January.

The event was publicized from the Libertarian Party, and all over facebook. The place was packed last night - standing room only. The Sheriff estimated there were over 60 people.

The Sheriff indicated to the group that he was an Oath Keeper. He indicated, based on his experience, that no recent emergency had risen to the level to invoke [Section §31.07\(4\)\(j\) "...without regard to the limitation of any existing law."](#) However, the words are in the ordinance, and the citizens of Haywood County will not have Christopher around forever, and the next Sheriff may invoke that clause.

It was generally viewed that it is not the Sheriff's job responsibility to tell commissioners that he will not enforce that section of the ordinance, nor ask that they pull it. He did, however, commit to speak with **Ira Dove**, County Manager and lawyer, regarding this meeting and the views of Haywood County taxpayers.

It was viewed my most that it was the responsibility of the people of Haywood County to force a change in the ordinance. Jim Forrester had already prepared an alternative EMO, which Christopher would take on his visit to **Ira Dove**. See -

<http://thehaywire.org/a-libertarian-alternative-to-the-unconstitutional-emergency-management-ordinance/>

There was considerable consternation against both **all** county commissioners and **David Francis**, who got booted out of office. There was a general consensus that we need new county commissioners. The next two county commissioners up for re-election are:

- **Mark Swanger [D]**
- **Kevin Ensley [RINO]**

This meeting kind of reminded me of the meetings regarding "The Rule". That was back when **Carmine Rocco** was attempting a power grab with the aid of **Mark Swanger** and **Leon Killian**, and were blown back to the Stone Age.

Look for the same to happen with the EMO.

Jess Dunlap conducted an excellent meeting, by the way.

House Cleaning in the D/A's Office.

An article appeared in the Mountaineer, On Line version today by Kevin Fuller, entitled "**DA's office undergoes some change**".

[**Editors Note:** Kevin Fuller was present at the Libertarian Meeting last night. To date, I have not had a problem with any article Kevin Fuller has written for the Mountaineer, as opposed to **Vicki Hyatt** who continues to spew venom as a Liberal Hack (re: "Haywood Republican bickering escalates"). Fullers article was interesting and informative.]

Fullers article mentioned house cleaning (firing or transferring) of several figures, some of who may not be household names.

- Heather Francis
- Russ Connor
- Rachael Groffski

Heather Francis. I had met Heather Francis twice. Once in a meeting at the D/A's office, and the second during the sentencing of **Jennifer Elizabeth Green Elliot**. Very personable. She was fired, as claimed in the article, due to political reasons.

Well, duh!

[Editor's Note: Even though Fullers articles appear on the up and up, it is still printed in the Mountaineer, which is the mouthpiece of the Haywood County Commissioners, and it will take a long time to re-establish trust.]

It was indicated that "[Francis' mother in law was heavily involved with Moore's campaign.](#)" Heather Francis is married to **Jim Harley Francis** [D] (Haywood County School Board member], and **Jim Harley Francis' father** is on the Junaluska Sanitary District Board. Remember the **Scarlette Heatherly** fiasco? Anyone who was involved with the **Jim Moore** campaign needs to look for another job.

See on www.haywoodtp.net -

[Grievance filed against Jim Moore, Candidate for DA. Reason - Keeping a more than 2 month old Governor's warrant from Tennessee in his car, therefore \[expletive deleted\] off Superior Court Judge Brad Letts. Status: Pending Grievance Number from Bar. 10/02/2014...](#)

Russ Connor. Who is this, you ask? Check again on www.haywoodtp.net -

[Transcript - Meeting with Haywood County DA Michael Bonfoey, ADA \(Assistant DA\) Jeff Jones, ADA Rachel Groffsky, Law Enforcement Officer Russ Conner and Terry Ramey regarding my submitting Criminal Complaints directly to the Haywood County Grand Jury. 5/14/2012...](#)

[Audio \(.mp3\) - Meeting with Haywood County DA Michael Bonfoey, ADA \(Assistant DA\) Jeff Jones, ADA Rachel Groffsky, Law Enforcement Officer Russ Conner and Terry Ramey regarding my submitting Criminal Complaints directly to the Haywood County Grand Jury. 5/15/2012...](#)

Russ Connor was part of the four (4) person bear trap when Jeff Jones invited me to come to his office to discuss the Criminal Complaints I had sent directly to the Grand Jury. Russ Connor spent some time detailing that he was hired by **Michael Bonfoey** and what his job description entailed.

He is now gone, along with Rachael Groffski being transferred to Buncombe County.

There is only one person remaining of the original four from that set-up meeting **Bonfoey** was behind - Jeff Jones.

No one will be able to convince me otherwise that meeting was the downfall of **Michael Bonfoey**, when he threatened me. A DA cannot do that. It was my putting an audio recording of that meeting along with the transcript (which by the way inoculated me) that I feel was the reason **Bonfoey** did not run again.

Ashley Welch [R]. Why is Ashley Welch's name in **bold**?

First of all, I congratulate **Ashely Welch** on winning the election - well done.

Second, I congratulate **Ashely Welch** for having the courage to do some serious house cleaning in the D/A's office. In what used to be a democrat bastogne, there are signs the walls are crumbling and falling, and not only in the D/As office.

Why the **bold**?

A couple of weeks ago, I visited the D/A's office, as I had done many times in the past. I usually visited either Jeff Jones or Rachael Groffski, without an appointment, and if they were free, they would usually come out to the lobby within a couple of minutes and spend as much time as we all felt necessarily, sometimes over 45 minutes, discussing various stuff. I believe that was to everyone's benefit.

When I asked to speak to **Ashley Welch** on the recent visit, I was told to wait. Shortly there after, **Ashley Welch** sent out one of her lackey's, a go-fer (don't even remember his name), and he instructed me that if I wanted to talk to **Ashley Welch**, that I had to write a letter, and send it to **Ashley Welch** via the US Mail! The lackey wrote down the address of the D/A's office on a sticky. Befuddled, I left.

I returned the following day, and told the very nice receptionist to return the sticky to the lackey, basically telling him where to stick it.

Ashley Welch is an elected official, elected by the people of Haywood County. **Ashley Welch** is a public servant, and the people of Haywood County have a right to speak to any elected official. I will be [expletive deleted] if I am going to write a letter and send it by US Mail to make an appointment with **Ashley Welch**.

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

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