

## 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.

***The Kite Runner*, Fairgrounds Board and Mark Swanger.** What does the book *The Kite Runner*, the Fairgrounds Board and **Mark Swanger** have in common?

Developing ...

### MTAC.

What is MTAC? (No, it is not the Multiple Threat Alert Center in NCIS.) It is a community Media/Technology Advisory Committee which address various Public School related issues. In Haywood County, it is comprised of seven (7) people:

- Todd Trantham – Technology Director
- Kim Jackson – Media Director
- Teresa Cook – Testing Director
- Wendy Rogers – Principal
- Ira Hyde – School Media Specialist
- Jeff Haney – Principal
- Randy Pressley – Teacher

This committee decides things such as if books like *The Kite Runner* are appropriate for 10<sup>th</sup> graders to be forced to read in our public schools. See:

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/150612MTACPublicMeetingon6-16-15.pdf> ]

and

<http://www.wlos.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/the-kite-runner-appeal-heard-school-officials-21511.shtml#.VYBr30YxApl>

### Landfills.

The following questions were presented to DNER personnel on 6/2/2015 regarding three topic areas.

#### White Oak Landfill.

- [edm.nc.gov/denr-portal/](http://edm.nc.gov/denr-portal/). Access to Documents on DENR website?
- Projection of White Oak Fill/closure date at current daily rate?
- Monthly Reports on Santek Activity. Ask DENR or County? Santek Contract page 15, 32.
- How many cells to be opened?
- Cell opening schedule advancing from original schedule?
- 20 year life, based on 400 tons/day. (Santek Contract page 13). Daily limit removed from contract May 2014.
- Post Closure - What is minimum Santek can do (penalties) and eliminate future closure costs?
- Performance Security. If Santek breaks agreement, does Haywood get this? Page 38 of Agreement.
- Bond amount required of Santek?
- Any way to determine if Santek walked away from two other landfills?

#### Francis Farm Landfill.

- Any Current Daily fines? (\$15,000 / day ?)
- How many current violations in effect?
- Haywood County School employees working on top of landfill. Any safety issues? See photo.
- Underground contaminated water plume - drawings on DENR website? Can I get a copy?
- Is there a viable plan in place to fix Francis Farm?
- Cap of 43,000 cubic yards of dirt on top of landfill. What will that do? It is porous.

- Construction in 2015 per power point presentation. What Construction?
- Corrective measures by DENR in 2015-2016? What are these? (PP presentation).
- Permit modification and design 2016-2018. What is this?
- Begin Construction 2018-2019? What construction.
- Report that there are cattle drinking contaminated water.
- Methane generator installed to convert to electricity. Has it ever run?

Yates Cove.

In the event White Oak is closed in the near future, have any permitting inquiries been made to DENR regarding two potential properties for a new landfill.

- PIN 8628-00-2692 owned by **Michael** and **Mark Sorrells**, (**Michael Sorrells** is a County Commissioner).
- PIN 8617-99-2193 owned by Luanne Leatherwood Webb, first cousin to **Michael Sorrells**.

DENR personnel responded to some of these questions. It was decided to Request Public Information from **Ira Dove**, **David Francis** and **Marc Pruett** regarding these and other issues. The requests have been made, and waiting for their response ...

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

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