

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.

Haywood County having a Cash Flow Problem?

Red Flags are popping up all over the place, casting an uncomfortable feeling that **Bryant Morehead** is going to be facing a Cash Flow problem sooner than later. There are small indications, but taken as a whole, add up to something more troubling, like an impending tax hike (again). The last tax hike, you remember took place after the last reveal, when **Kristian Owen** could not compute a single Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (she came up with two of them), and **Bryant Morehead** said “It didn’t matter, we are going to raise the rate anyway over both of them”. Commissioners who voted for the tax hike were:

- **Kevin “Adjudication” Ensley** [RINO]
- **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III** [D] (thrown out last election)
- **Tommy Long** [M] (Manikin)

So, in no particular order, let’s start rattling these flags off.

Haywood County 2022 Annual Financial Report.

This Annual Audit Report was given at the 1/3/2023 county commission meeting by Gould Killian CPA Group.

[2022 Annual Audit Report from Gould Killian CAP Group slide presentation. 1/3/2023. 1/5/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230103HaywoodCounty2022Presentation-audit.pdf>

General Fund Summary, page 5 shows a drop of nearly \$6.75M in the Available Fund Balance from 2021 to 2022, from \$39.8M to \$33.1M.

Page 6 shows the Fund Balance Available as a % of Net Expenditures for Haywood County drop from 40% to 34%..

County Resolution 2/6/2023 in Consent Agenda.

Buried again in the county commission Consent Agenda is a Resolution calling for reimbursement of existing expenses when the county takes out a loan on the proposed detention center.

WTF?

https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/1747848/Reimbursement_Resolution_-_Haywood_County_-_2023_detention_center_project.pdf

It is presumed that the funding county commissioners approved for Moseley of \$1.985M will be included in this resolution.

[Update! County Commissioners approved \\$1,985,000 to Moseley Architects for architecture and engineering services for the proposed Detention Center \(New Jail\) on 6/6/2022. Here is the result for nearly \\$2 Million. \(More Missing Millions?\) 6/6/2022. 12/30/2022...](#)

What have we seen from this expenditure? Nothing!

Who is paying McGill for work done with Fred Project?

Bryant Morehead requested Approval of \$800K to give to **McGill** for work on Fred Recovery Project, to be reimbursed when they get the money from the government, re: Agenda item #2 at the 1/17/2023 county commission meeting.

Request approval of contract with McGill Associates, P.A. to begin work on Phase One of the Haywood County Tropical Storm Fred Watershed Recovery Project, approval for County Manager to execute all required contract documents, and approval of associated budget amendment - \$800,000 - to appropriate funds that will be reimbursable through federal and/or state grants - County Manager **Bryant Morehead**

<https://d2kkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/haywoodcountync/bb4e9ec74ffdbb8fd398207ebb4681ef0.pdf>

Continuous Payments of \$100K to Asheville Chamber.

Bryant Morehead has signed contracts with the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce and Asheville Chamber of Commerce (latter not received yet) to provide \$100K per year since 2018, for a total of \$500K thus far, with another \$100K scheduled for this year.

For what? Nothing! Neither Chamber contributed at all for the following projects:

- Sale of J Creek property to a housing developer,
- Drake Software coming to Waynesville,
- New Harbor Freight coming to the old K Mart building.

Revenue shortfall - Property tax payment glitches.

An article in The Mountaineer, ‘Property tax payment glitches encountered both online and in mail’, no fault of the new Tax Collector, has interrupted revenue flow.

https://www.themountaineer.com/news/property-tax-payment-glitches-encountered-both-online-and-in-mail/article_9618549e-9890-11ed-8cc5-472da176c7f4.html

Bryant Morehead stonewalling Requests for Information.

Bryant Morehead / Kris Boyd are stonewalling multiple Requests for Public Information about various expenditures, i.e. hiding them. To name a few...

- Who is paying for these drawings McGill created for the new detention center? Did that money come out of the money county commissioners approved to Moseley for \$1,98,000 on 6/6/2022? If not, please provide all the money the county paid McGill to create these drawings and any other activity they have been involved with the detention center.

- "County revamps economic development program", Two (2) contracts are mentioned:
 - One in 2018, a three year contact signed between commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce,
 - A second, an amended contract, signed in July of 2020.

Please provide a copy of both of those "signed" contracts.

- I would like a "signed" copy of the contract approved for you to sign by the county commissioners at the 7/20/2020 County Commission Meeting, Consent Agenda Item #18,

18. Request approval of contract renewal - Economic Development Department - Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. - \$100,000 - to be paid from FY 2020-2021 budgeted funds and approval for County Manager to sign said contract.

\$75,735 Grant for COVID-19 by Sarah Henderson.

Why is **Ira Dove / Sara Henderson / Mark Jaben / Bryant Morehead / Kris Boyd** so desperate to grab this \$75K for DSS. Because DSS had already hired a warm body, who is being paid out of Haywood Taxpayer money, and they are looking for a free grant handout to pay \$70K of this warm body and get reimbursed.

[My Guest Column v. Dr. Mark Jaben, DSS quack doctor's Guest Column in The Mountaineer. 2/4/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230204MyGuestColumnVersusMarkJaben.pdf>

These are only a few of the clues dropped by **Bryant Morehead** about possible impending disaster, and most probably, another tax rate increase, to get these people out of trouble.

Lets review the Pink Slip list.

This list has been arranged in order of priority, i.e., first to go should be **David Francis**, etc.

- **David Francis** Pick a title.
- **Frank Queen** County Attorney
- **Bryant Morehead** County Manager
- **Kris Boyd** Asst. County Manager
- **Kristian Owen** Finance Director
- **Joey Webb** IT Hack
- **Robert Inman** Director of Elections
- **Randy Siske** Gofer #1
- **Tim Siske** Gofer #2
- **Ira Dove** Director DSS
- **Stephanie Parkins** "Retired"
- **Mark Jaben** County Medical Director

New person!

Let's add

- **Sarah Henderson** Public Health Services Dir.

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

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