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Mr. Boothroyd,

Becky Johnson has proved once again that she just cannot get it right in her latest article “Row over property values in Haywood still raging unabated” . As I have said before, she is a slow learner. She wrote:

“Other than righteous indignation I have not heard anyone attempt to defend Francis’ numbers,” Miller said.

If the revaluation was so off, Francis responded, then why didn’t Miller appeal his property values?

“I think my numbers are so good he didn’t even appeal his,” Francis said.

There is a disconnect between what Becky Johnson quoted what I said during my public comment at the last commission meeting verses the response she quoted Francis as saying.

At all times, when I have referred to “Francis’ numbers”, I have referred to the spread sheet that he created of total property values for Haywood County for the period of time between 2006 and 2011. [See the attached spread sheet, also on my website, [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net).]

Judy Ballard indicated to me on May 19<sup>th</sup>, that there are two inputs she uses to update the spreadsheet:

- The pre-bill. That is the sum of all tax bills sent to taxpayers each year. Since they don’t change each year (unless there is a change in the actual tax rate), that is basically a constant or baseline number, and
- New Construction. Each year, values of new construction are added to the sum of the pre-bills.

David Francis qualified those two items the next day by adding that if a house burned down, it was removed.

As I indicated to Assistant Attorney General Mark Teague on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, “There is **no** provision for any decrease, unless a house burns down, then it is removed. The fatal flaw in his assessment is that he fails to account for any decrease due to a drop in demand or any other factor.”

During all this time since originally pointing out this fatal flaw in Francis’ [spreadsheet] numbers, and I’ll say it again, “Other than righteous indignation I have not heard anyone attempt to defend Francis’ numbers” . They are not defensible.

So, as you can see, I was referring to Francis' spreadsheet numbers, and Becky Johnson turned the entire context upside down and quoted Francis responding on a completely different subject. Isn't that incompetent or something?

It's been a while since I have seen Becky Johnson covering a county commission meeting, and was surprised to see her at the last meeting. You should consider re-assigning Colby Dunn back to covering the meetings. She really wasn't doing that bad of a job.

Regards,

Monroe A. Miller Jr.

enc: Francis Spread Sheet

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*Does not include  
Blue Ridge*

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	5/18/2011
Town of Canton	251,787,800	254,174,750	258,572,880	259,788,150	286,287,980	271,208,300	262,488,000
Beaverdam	538,446,260	559,829,350	577,728,240	588,200,210	594,570,960	617,505,490	601,391,190
Catahochee	5,753,480	5,986,140	6,215,410	6,408,610	6,629,760	5,675,800	5,602,700
Cecil	52,823,372	54,457,462	57,888,552	58,804,062	57,548,162	58,406,200	57,682,400
Town of Clyde	56,763,540	58,407,500	60,818,560	62,193,770	63,281,220	67,554,900	66,376,200
Clyde Out	345,840,700	356,481,340	366,148,920	369,971,675	349,236,075	341,393,000	337,260,400
Crabtree	259,679,120	289,605,420	292,056,650	302,901,150	298,868,070	286,951,500	281,456,300
East Fork	173,245,050	202,927,880	207,512,670	211,640,990	213,408,580	206,637,600	195,478,800
Fines Creek	194,099,820	202,042,780	209,901,480	217,325,360	225,358,260	196,430,700	192,965,800
Iron Duff	132,868,560	156,857,910	169,849,320	179,210,740	184,630,120	166,182,700	162,673,700
Jonathan Creek	359,840,360	382,322,710	413,003,080	431,308,560	504,935,030	502,777,500	489,021,300
Town of Maggie	268,741,570	299,655,170	331,591,700	366,358,510	390,627,020	388,008,600	374,304,700
Pigeon	361,583,170	389,652,840	376,632,270	382,275,070	389,782,240	390,013,000	383,933,200
Town of Waynesville	899,771,710	910,770,740	946,192,160	957,396,869	987,460,480	1,028,146,300	1,006,032,100
Waynesville Out	1,149,586,260	1,195,651,650	1,235,365,100	1,260,432,060	1,287,019,630	1,283,270,000	1,260,420,000
White Oak	64,036,620	76,106,980	79,209,710	79,887,120	79,376,440	85,141,600	83,577,000
Ivy Hill	668,412,400	602,245,490	641,787,270	600,231,370	688,744,300	913,315,100	880,727,900

5,983,379,792      6,237,155,922      6,530,671,982      6,684,214,396      6,787,564,357      6,791,618,290      6,621,401,690

273,516,000      153,547,374      103,350,001      4,053,933      170,216,600

*Pre Bid  
New Contract*

*From David Franklin  
5/19/2011*