Dialog with Eddie Cabe - § 128-1.1. Dual-office holding allowed.

This is a story about Abuse of Power. The main characters are the five (5) county commissioners and Mary Ann Enloe, recently re-appointed to the Board of Equalization and Review at the February 17th county commission meeting.

Enloe was re-appointed in clear violation of North Carolina General Statue § 128-1.1. Dual-office holding allowed, which provides that an individual can hold two (2) public offices, not three. Enloe is currently serving (appointed) on the Haywood County Fairgrounds Board and was appointed by commissioners to the Haywood County Community College Board of Trustees, while also having been appointed to the Board of Equalization and Review over the past several years.

Throughout this dialog, multiple influential people were copied, yet remained completely silent! The loud sound you heard in the center of Haywood County was the circling of wagons around Mary Ann Enloe. Vicki Hyatt of the Mountaineer and Becky Johnson of the Smoky Mountain News have been copied, but do you ever think you will read a word about this in either publication? Don’t forget, Mary Ann Enloe provides fluff pieces to the Mountaineer as a part time writer (and presumably gets paid).

Two commissioners are conspicuously missing from this dialog cc list:

- Kirk Kirkpatrick (running as candidate for county commissioner in the next election), and
- Kevin Ensley [RINO].

Both of these commissioners have refused to accept e-mail from me as I am on their “DO NOT COPY LIST”.

This just goes to show you the extent of what these people (county commissioners and everyone else) think they can do and get away with in this county. These people are dug in like ticks and as many as possible need to be replaced in the next election.

This dialog starts out innocently enough, with taxpayer Eddie Cabe asking simple questions regarding candidates for the upcoming appointments by county commissioners for the Board of Equalization and Review. Denny King (running as candidate for county commissioner in the next election) makes the astute observation that one of the candidates is already holding two (2) publicly appointed posts. The [expletive deleted] hits the fan after that with a dialog (mostly) between Eddie Cabe and me. Michael Sorrells chimed in and is now probably sorry he added his comment attempting to defend his wife, Susan Sorrells (Board of Trustees member at Haywood Community College).

Enjoy...

Monroe A. Miller Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer.
Good Afternoon.

I am in search of information about the posting regarding the Haywood County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve on the 2014 Board of Equalization and Review. Could you please answer these questions for me.

How much is the pay for board of equalization members?

What is the party affiliation of the board of equalization members in the past ten years?

What is the name of the board of equalization chairs for the past ten years?

How many of the 2011 “Haywood County Notice of Decisions” by the board of equalization were unanimous?

How many of the 2011 “Haywood County Notice of Decisions” by the board of equalization were not unanimous?

Thank you for your time
Eddie Cabe
Haywood county tax payer
From: EDDIE CABE  
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 5:14 AM  
To: David Teague  
Subject: Re: board of equalization  

One other Question...  
How much did each board of equalization member make sitting on the board in 2011 including the two sitting commissioners?  
Thanks  
Eddie Cabe
From: David Teague <DTeague@haywoodnc.net>
To: EDDIE Cabe
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 3:07 PM
Subject: RE: board of equalization

Mr. Cabe,
Thank you for your request. We will compile the information we have available and get it to you as soon as possible.

David Teague
Public Information Officer
Haywood County, NC
828.452.7305
828.400.9691 (cell)
828.452.6715 (fax)
Good Morning,

The Republicans of Haywood County and the Haywood County GOP members have a few more Questions About the appointments to the Board of Equalization and Review. Plus I still have not gotten answers to my first set of Questions from Feb, 8

I guess it don't matter much though, cause I see the positions are not open to Republicans!

Here read some of our thoughts on this

"We've heard the NC Dept. of Revenue encouraged commissioners to not sit on the board of equalization. Why? According to our tax collector/assessor, it’s become political.

There were 15 applicants for the board of equalization, not 14. The board is supposedly non-partisan; meaning not political.

It is our understanding that.......

Six (6) applicants were democrat. 100% of the democrat applicants were appointed to the board of equalization for a total of six (6) appointed.

Four (4) applicants were republican. 100% of the republican applicants were NOT appointed for a total of zero (0) appointed.

Four (4) applicants were unaffiliated. 25% of the unaffiliated applicants were appointed for a total of one (1) appointed.

One applicant affiliation is unknown to us.

What are the odds that 100% of the democrats applying would be seated, and 100% of the republicans applying would not be seated?

I have always thought it was a conflict of interest for our commissioners to sit on this board. Fortunately our state has encouraged commissioners to stay off the board. However, our sitting commissioners did appoint two former commissioners to the board last night.

It is my opinion; the board of equalization by all appearances is political, even with commissioners not sitting on the board. ""
The answers to your questions about the Board of Equalization and Review are below in blue. I apologize for the delay in getting a response to you.

Sincerely,

David Teague
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One other Question...

- How much did each board of equalization member make sitting on the board in 2011 including the two sitting commissioners? Payment to the 2011 Board of E&R – Mary Anne Enloe – $2,125.00; Mark Swanger (chairman) – $2,575.00; Evelyn Cooper – $2,100.00; Wade Francis – $1,995.00; and Carroll Mease – $2,100.00. The rate of pay was $130 per day for the chairman and $105 for the other members. Commissioner Bill Upton was named as an alternate member of the Board of E&R, but our records do not indicate that he received payment for service.

Thanks
Eddie Cabe
Mr. Teague
Thank you for your time.
Eddie Cabe
Mr. Teague

I have included (in this e-mail) your previous answers to my questions for the benefit of all.
And would like to ask a couple more Questions about our new board members.

It appears 7 people were appointed to the Board of Equalization and Review

Stovioll, Jim Francis, Jimmy Flynn, Evelyn Cooper, Jan Pressley, Wade Francis, Mary Ann Enloe, .... Right?
How many of these hold Dual offices?
In other words how many of these 7 people are presently serving on other boards or positions that they have been appointed to by the Commissioners?
Thank you again sir.

Eddie Cabe
Denny King
Haywood County Taxpayer
kingsplace@charter.net
February 20, 2014

VIA EMAIL
Mr. Ira Dove
Haywood County Interim Manager / Social Services Director
idove@haywoodnc.net

Board of Equalization and Dual Office Holding
It is my understanding on February 17, 2014, the Haywood County Commissioners appointed a member to the board of equalization that is currently serving on two other boards. Is this appointment in error pursuant to NCGS 128-1.1 and Article VI, Sec. 9 of the North Carolina Constitution?

Please send me a list of all boards Ms. Mary Ann Enloe was serving on in 2011.
Best regards,
Denny King

CC VIA EMAIL:
Chairman Board of Commissioners - Mark Swanger
Commissioner - Bill Upton
Commissioner - Kirk Kirkpatrick
Commissioner - Michael Sorrells
Tax Assessor - Judy Ballard

CC VIA USPS MAIL DUE TO ENSLEY'S SEGREGATED "BLOCKED" EMAIL LIST:
L. KEVIN ENSLEY, Commissioner
170 Yates Cove Road
Waynesville, NC 28785
Editors Note: This went to the only county commissioners I am allowed to copy, Swanger, Upton and Sorrells. Barbara Parker is the current president of HCC. Vicki Hyatt is the news editor of the Mountaineer, and Becky Johnson is a reporter for the Smoky Mountain News. Ira Dove is a lawyer.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: § 128-1.1. Dual-office holding allowed.
Date: Thu, 20 Feb 2014 12:29:46 -0500
From: Monroe Miller
To: Eddie Cabe
CC: Denny King <kingsplace@charter.net>, Mary Ann Enloe <maryannenloe@bellsouth.net>, Barbara Parker <bmparker@haywood.edu>, Mark Swanger <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, Michael Sorrells <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, Bill Upton <billupton@bellsouth.net>, Ira Dove <idove@haywoodnc.net>, Candace Way <ecway@haywoodnc.net>, Jonnie Cure <jcubed41@gmail.com>, Lisa Womack, Brian Strum, Pat Carr <carr4pat@aol.com>, Nicole Revels, Andrew Jackson, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>

Eddie,

What do you make of this?

Enloe has been on the Board of Equalization for a while now while Chairman of the Fairgrounds Board, so it looks like the first time she violated this NC General Statute was when the commissioners appointed her to the HCC Board of Trustees.

It would be interesting to go back and determine how many of her votes on the HCC Board of Trustees were valid during this interval.

Which appointed position do you think she will punch out on? I say all three!

Is this a jail-able offense?

§ 128-1.1. Dual-office holding allowed.
(a) Any person who holds an appointive office, place of trust or profit in State or local government is hereby authorized by the General Assembly, pursuant to Article VI, Sec. 9 of the North Carolina Constitution, to hold concurrently one other appointive office, place of trust or profit, or an elective office in either State or local government.

Monroe
Eddie,

Correction!

One would have to go back and ask how many of her votes were valid on any of the three boards she was on while holding more than two (2) offices...

  Board of Equalization and Review
  HCC Board of Trustees
  Fairgrounds Board

Monroe
Eddie,

Shouldn't the new Interim County Manager, Ira Dove, have screened all these applicants for the Board of Equalization and Review so the commissioners don't walk away with egg on their faces after a vote like this?

Where is a lawyer when you need one to answer these pesky questions?

BUT WAIT! Ira Dove is a lawyer.

Monroe
Monroe,

The answer to your question is no? As I understand it Mr. Swanger has stopped any screening of Applicants. The new rule is simply appointing only those with a (D) after their name. There were 15 applicants for the board of equalization.

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A very very Political move Mr. Swanger!
Monroe,

I got a question for you. That Enloe lady, is she the one who was mayor of Hazelwood?

Did that entire town not go bankrupt and have to be absorbed by Waynesville or something like that? Do you recon that’s why the Fair Grounds is going bust also and had to hit the Tax Payers for about $430,000.00 in the form of a Bailout? Does this mean HCC could be next to go belly up! This is really sad for Haywood.....

Have a great day
Eddie Cabe
Hi Eddie,

These are all good questions, and I will provide information that I have.

First is an e-mail I had received from Mary Ann Enloe on May 5, 2011, as we were dialoging when I was attempting to get IRS form 990 tax information regarding the Fairgrounds Board finances. I will highlight the e-mail I received from her in blue, copied directly into this dialog. It provides some of Ms. Enloe's background and achievements.

[Editors Note: This is an e-mail I had received from Mary Ann Enloe on May 5, 2011, which shows that she was involved with the financial decisions with the Haywood County Fairgrounds Board. She was Chair at that time, and probably still is. Her letter is indented and in blue.]

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: Reply to your question about 2011 $45,000 funding from BOCC to HCF, Inc.
Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 22:18:45 -0700 (PDT)
From: MARYANN ENLOE <maryannenloe@bellsouth.net>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller:

This is the second acknowledgment of your email which was acknowledged the first time. As I said in the first one, you will receive "hard" copies of the 990's when they are available. When they are delivered to us by the HCAAC, you'll be the first to know.

Within the next few weeks, all old HCAAC records that are available will be transferred to the new Haywood County Fairgrounds, Inc. office space provided by volunteers at the Fairgrounds. The now-defunct HCAAC doesn't need the paperwork and we will soon have adequate storage space for it. Whatever is turned over to us will be available for public perusal by appointment.

As a matter of record, Tuesday night's email to you was forwarded to the HCFB within less than two hours after I sent you the original--10:47 p.m. Tuesday. At that time the email I sent you was also added to the HCFB's Yahoo Group.

As you know, The HCFB has until May 15 to file our paperwork with the IRS. As I emailed you earlier, we will meet that deadline. In your email you referred to a "502-c3", but I'm sure you meant to type "501-C3."

Also, Tuesday's email was addressed to "MR. Enloe"...My husband died in 1977. Please change your records to read "Mrs. Enloe or Ms. Enloe".

Feel free to email me anytime. I will read every email you send me and I will reply to you and your contact list that I have done so.
I made a decision when the cyberspace era arrived that I would not acknowledge opinions which attempt to sully reputations. I'm just a 70-year-old woman who, with the exception of college and a year near Heidelberg, Germany, has lived in the same little old Haywood County house by the side of the road just trying to get along and earn herself a hole in Green Hill.

I am always glad to address logical questions which can be answered with quantifiable data. I do that for everybody. I'll be happy to do that for you--one time for each question, with no 'follow-up acknowledgments to acknowledgments'--within two weeks of receipt of your email, unless it is physically impossible to meet that timetable. If your questions cannot be answered within two weeks, you and your contact list will be notified. An answer-date estimate will be given.

Mary Ann Enloe
Music director and Organist: St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Member: First United Methodist Church, Waynesville, NC
Former Member: FUMC Administrative Board
Correspondent: two WNC newspapers
Chairman, Haywood County Fairgrounds, Inc. board of directors (HCFB)
Member. Salvation Army board of directors
Member, Commission for a Clean County
Member & Former Chairman: Haywood County Board of Equalization & Review
Former Member: NC Assoc. of County Commissioners board of directors
Former Member: NC League of Municipalities
Former Member: Mountain Projects board of directors
Former Member: Tourism Development Authority board of directors
Founding Member & Secretary: Haywood County Arts Council
Retired Purchasing Agent: Fortune 500 Company
Former Member: NC American Cancer Society board of directors
Former Chairman: Haywood County ACS Chapter
Founding Member: Haywood County Council of Government
Former Title IV teacher: Haywood County Schools
Former Member: Smoky Mountain Mental Health board of directors
Former Member: Hazelwood School & Tuscola PTO
Former Member: Tuscola Band Parents
Retired Member & Secretary: Dayco Management Club
Certification: Ford Motor Co., "Total Quality Management"
Certification: Mayors School, Institute of Government, UNC-CH
Certification: County Commissioners School, IOG, UNC-CH
Former Member: Governor's Smart Growth Commission
Mayor: 12 years
County Commissioner: 8 years
Mother: 40 years
Widow: 34 years

Since Mary Ann Enloe is on this copy list, I encourage her to respond directly to your question if she drove Hazelwood into bankruptcy.

Regarding the Fairgrounds debunkle, I can say that the problem was exacerbated because the Fairgrounds was run by a 501 C3 corporation and never had enough money, which is why Bruce Crawford, the Haywood County Building Inspector let the place run for over six years with a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, culminating with the North Carolina Department of Insurance shutting the place down. Please see my criminal complaints against Bruce Crawford and Johnny Glance (Haywood County Fire Marshall) on www.haywoodtp.net -

Criminal Complaints against Bruce Crawford, Haywood County Building Inspector, and Johnny Glance, Haywood County Fire Marshall, sent to Haywood County Grand Jury.
12/31/2012...
These Criminal Complaints are sitting on Michael Bonfoey's (Haywood County DA) desk at this very moment, collecting dust.

County Commissioners had to cough up $430K (of taxpayer money) to put in toilets and ADA facilities into the Fairgrounds Arena Building before the place could be re-opened.

As far as HCC going bust, I haven't gotten over the new president, Barbara Parker, sand-bagging me at a recent HCC Board of Trustees meeting regarding my request for public information regarding the operation of the FLS solar thermal equipment. I am so livid with her I cannot see straight. Since she is on this copy list, perhaps she will respond to your question.

Monroe
Eddie,

I currently have a small army of people checking into Chapter 14 (Criminal Law) of the North Carolina General Statues, to see if this (Enloe's participation on more than Dual-office holding) is indeed a jail-able offense. Will keep you informed...

Monroe
Eddie,

Please find attached the Application for Appointment Form that Enloe filled out for the Board of Equalization and Review on 2/4/2014 [re: Attachment 9 of last county commission meeting]. Note the first question:

COUNTY BOARDS OR COMMITTEES PRESENTLY SERVING ON:
"Fairgrounds; Haywood Community College."

This gal has nerve.

This just goes to show you the extent of what these people (county commissioners and everyone else) think they can do and get away with in this county.

I was looking over a past Toeprints, http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T120917.pdf, reviewing some ethics problems Susan Sorrells (wife of current county commissioner Michael Sorrells) had related to HCC Board of Trustee stuff, and it occurred to me that this is also a possible ethics problem for Enloe.

The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

k. For the Community College System, the voting members of the State Board of Community Colleges, the President and the chief financial officer of the Community College System, the president, chief financial officer, and chief administrative officer of each community college, and voting members of the boards of trustees of each community college.

I will dust off the complaint form that I used for Susan Sorrells and fire one off to the State Ethics Commission as soon as I can get it notarized. The interesting thing here is that there is a common denominator to this fiasco, and that is Michael Sorrells, who is running for County Commissioner again. He is the husband of Susan Sorrells, and he took part in a vote + run-off vote at Monday's county commission meeting which landed Enloe on this board again.

Will keep you posted.

Monroe

[Editors Note: A complaint was filed against Mary Ann Enloe with the North Carolina Ethics Commission and sent off this day, for failing to qualify for holding the position of Board of Trustee at the Haywood Community College, as she was holding to other appointed positions at that time.]
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO:

NAME: Mary Ann Farmer

HOME ADDRESS: 416 Willow Ave

EMPLOYER: Retired

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Self

NOMINATED BY: Self

DATE: 2/4/2014

PHONE: 452-4896

COUNTY BOARDS OR COMMITTEES PRESENTLY SERVING ON:
Fairgrounds; Haywood Community College

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE:
Mayor, County Commissioners, Fire Chief, City Manager, Light Gas & Water Company

PLEASE STATE REASON(S) WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD/COMMITTEE:
I have a broad knowledge of the NC Advocacy Act and budgeting. I have also been a long time member of the Board of Education. As a former Board of Education President, I understand the role of a chairman and co-chairman.

For the purpose of diversity and balance on the County’s Boards and Commissions, please complete the following:
Race: W  Sex: F

I am a resident of the City: V

I have been a resident of Haywood County for 10 years.

Signature of Applicant: Mary Ann Farmer

Haywood County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or disability in admission or access to or treatment or employment, in its services, programs, and activities in compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

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Appointed: Appointed: Appointed:
Term: Term: Term:
Beginning: Beginning: Beginning:
Expiring: Expiring: Expiring:

Revised January 2003

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The interesting thing here is you're ethics complaint against Susan Sorrells was found to have no violation and you were sent the finding but I find no reference to it at all in your publication. Maybe you should report that to all your conspiracy theorist before you start on someone else.
Mr. Sorrells,

Thanks for your reply. I thought everyone in the county was asleep, or had no interest in this matter.

I was provided a Notice by the N.C. ETHICS COMMISSION received on June 12, 2013, contained in a Certified Mail envelope stamped in Big Red Letters "CONFIDENTIAL". Contained in the notice at the end of the letter (I'm sure your wife got one of these also) was a statement that said:

"As provided by N.C.G.S. § 138A-12(n), the complaint, notice of *********, and all other related information and documentation are confidential and not public records".

That is why you have found no reference to this from me, but by virtue of your sending your last e-mail, it seems to me you just violated this confidentiality notice.

Monroe Miller
Sheriff Christopher and Chief Hollingsed,

Please read the following e-mail dialog and attachments. This is to bring you up to speed on Mary Ann Enloe. FYI.

(Start at the end and work backwards).

Thank you,

Monroe Miller