Subject: The Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum” - a Dialog with Dr. Doris Hammett.

What started out as an innocent update to Dr. Doris Hammett regarding the upcoming county commissioners Budget Workshop for discussing Haywood County Public Schools and Haywood Community College has turned into a tumultuous novel with mystery, intrigue and suspense. Yet, you will not see one word about any of this in our two local newspapers, The Mountaineer and the Smoky Mountain News.

The format for this is similar in the past. E-mails (with some e-mail addresses redacted) are presented in a chronological order, with people responding out of sequence, as Becky Johnson usually does, are inserted at the proper time point. The earliest e-mail appears first.

I decided to print what I have at this point so that you can develop expectations of what might happen from here on out. So, expect an update in about a week or so, most likely after the Budget Workshop.

The HC School and HCC Budget Workshop is currently scheduled for April 23rd at 8:30am in the training center at the old WalMart Building.

Odds are, this Mark Bumgarner Funding Formula “Memorandum” will never see the light of day.

Enjoy.

Monroe Miller
Haywood County Taxpayer

Please note my new disclaimer, which you will start to see frequently. I thank the plaintiff who had me arrested (subsequently Case was Dismissed, re: http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/150402CaseDismissed.pdf) for bringing this particular N,C,G,S, to my attention, which covers me like a blanket.

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Dr. Hammett,

It's been a while since I have written to you. A lot of water has passed under the bridge. Where you aware I got arrested by an operative of the Haywood County GOP? Well, I put that to bed, see: http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/150402CaseDismissed.pdf

As it turns out, and I will put this in the words of one of the folks observing this situation from afar, when he said: "It's interesting that the one who had charges filed against him comes out with a better reputation (demonstrated integrity) and the person filing the charges ruined her reputation for doing so (liar?)."

Anyway, the reason for this e-mail, is that the last item on last Monday's county commission agenda was "14. Date selection for Budget Work Session for Haywood County Schools and Haywood Community College – Ira Dove, County Manager"

Ira Dove suggested two dates, each at 10am: Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23. Kirk Kirkpatrick objected, saying 10am cut into his workday, and wanted the meeting moved up. The final date agreed upon was Thursday, April 23 at 8:30am. Kirkpatrick seemed to think the whole meeting would not take to long, and his workday could be preserved. The meeting will be held in the training room at the Old Walmart Building.

It is interesting to note that not one word has ever been said about the Funding Formula. Ira Dove has put that into a deep dark hole (along with revisions to the EMO), never to be heard from again. Michael Sorrells and Bill Upton, have not said word one about the funding formula, nor has Chuck Francis or the entire Haywood County School Board.

I am thinking 8:30am is a little early for you to be attending this meeting, but I will cover it and record the meeting again and give you a full report to let you know which commissioner bashes Anne Garrett again.

Hope you are doing well.

Regards,

Monroe Miller
Thank you Monroe for including me in this email thread. Please keep me informed regarding the results of this Work Session for Haywood County Schools.

Jonnie Cure'
Real Property Owner, Haywood County
Registered Voter
Avid follower of www.HaywoodTP.net
Waynesville South 1 Precinct Chair
Haywood County Republican Executive Board Member
April 8, 2015

Dear Monroe:

Thank you for your note and update. As you infer, it is almost impossible for me to get to Haywood County. My husband, Tom Flynn, had streptococcal pneumonia in February as I did. However he had complications of a bleeding duodenal ulcer requiring four units of blood. He lost his ability to swallow and had to be retrained. He developed a urinary tract infection, could not sit, dress or walk. He is better, but remains in the hospital unit here at Givens. This is sufficient for my personal status.

Last year, I asked Mark Bumgarner, of Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill and Associates, to review the pages and your figures as a community service. He has done our tax and money planning for years and I have utmost confidence in him and his work. Mark is very civic minded and has been involved in the community for years in many different ways. Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation. I sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August.

I consider the Funding Formula discussion is behind us. I participated in the Haywood County Schools Foundation conference April 2nd and am delighted to see the schools use the money available to them so effectively. The progress of the education program is magnificent.

We will make greater gains with positive support. I ask you to join in this support for our students.

Doris Bixby Hammett, MD
Say Mr. Bumgarner,

Dr. Hammett just mentioned you analyzed my analysis of Julie Davis' Funding Formula Calculations and came to the conclusion that both of us were correct, in a memorandum you put out. Yet, Haywood County Public Schools got screwed out of about $15 Million Dollars from the county. You know what, I missed getting a copy of that memorandum. Can you send me a copy?

I wanted to go over your memorandum in detail, to insure that you did not have the same lapse of integrity as you did at the 9/7/2010 County Commission meeting where you (then Chair of the HCC Board of Trustees), Rose Johnson (then president of HCC) and Donna Forga (then Vice Chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, aspiring to run for District Court Judge) stood shoulder to shoulder and told commissioners that the HCC Board of Trustees was in full agreement with the FLS Solar Thermal Design (re: Haywood County Toeprints, Vol. 1, Issue 13). If you have difficulty in remembering any of this, minutes of that portion of the county commission meeting were transcribed verbatim.

I'd like to splash this memorandum on www.haywoodtp.net. Looking forward to getting my copy.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller
Subject: Re: Funding Formula Update
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2015 17:13:30 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Mark Bumgarner <markcpa@rbk-cpa.com>, 'Anne Garrett' <anne@haywood.k12.nc.us>, 'Julie Davis' <jhdavis@haywoodnc.net>, 'Ira Dove' <idove@haywoodnc.net>, 'Mark Swanger' <markswanger@bellsouth.net>, 'KIRK KIRKPATRICK' <kirk@jwklaw.net>, 'Bill Upton' <billupton@bellsouth.net>, 'Michael Sorrells' <sorrells@cbvnol.com>, 'KEVIN ENSLEY' <lkensley@bellsouth.net>, 'Jonnie Cure' <jcubed41@gmail.com>, 'Denny King', 'Eddie Cabe', 'Jeremy Davis', Jenifer Wood <jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Chuck Francis, Chair HCSB <cfrancis@haywood.k12.nc.us>, Donna Forga <donnaforga@bellsouth.net>, Vicki Hyatt <vhyatt@themountaineer.com>, Becky Johnson <becky@smokymountainnews.com>, Kevin Fuller <kfuller@themountaineer.com>
Dr. Hammett,

Sorry to bother you again. I have attempted to have Mark Bumgarner send me his memorandum concluding both Julie Davis and I were correct in our analysis of the Funding Formula, but have been unable to obtain a response from Mr Bumgarner. Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the memorandum you commissioned Mark Bumgarner to create to me?

Thank you,

Monroe Miller
April 8, 2015

Dear Monroe:

I do not understand a person so angry at life, events and persons as you are. You do not say a kind word from memory or for the present. “You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar” I am embarrassed by your remarks when my comments are made with the hope that you do wish to be constructive.

After your cutting remarks about Mr. Bumgarner as well as persons I admire, I would not ask him to send you a copy of his reply to me.

I consider the discussion about the “Funding Formula” behind us and I am looking forward to the future. I wish you would do so as well.

Doris Bixby Hammett, MD
Burning more bridges I see

Sent from my iPhone
Vicki,

Thank you for your comment.

Monroe Miller
Vicki,

A wise man once told me:

"Build your opponent a golden bridge to retreat across" - Sun Tzu

Monroe Miller
Vicki,

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So, Mr. Bumgarner,

Evidently, this memorandum that you created, "... Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. ..." will never see the light of day.

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So, Mr. Fuller,

Why don't you write a crime story on Julie Davis, Haywood County Finance Director, falsifying PPA values for the Funding Formula? Re: Cracked the Code on the Haywood County Schools Funding Formula! Julie Davis cooked the books (i.e. falsified the calculation). Denied School System $15 Million Dollars and should Resign or be Fired. 6/16/2014... Isn't $15 Million Dollars high enough amount for you to consider for an article? You're the crime writer for the Mountaineer, aren't you?

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So, Ms. Johnson,

I enjoyed reading your (sort of) statistical analysis of the volume of my e-mail to county officials prior to and during my Warrant for Arrest for Cyberstalking episode, in your article Judge rules harassing emails not tantamount to cyber stalking in Haywood GOP drama -

"... The volume of email from Miller to county officials has plummeted since the cyberstalking charges were filed in January. During 2014, Miller sent 350 emails to various county employees. In the two-month period following the cyberstalking charges, Miller sent only 13 emails to county employees. The volume dropped by 75 percent, from one a day on average to one every four days on average. The email tallies were provided under a public records request to the county. Others who were routinely on the receiving end of Miller’s emails have noted a precipitous decline over the past two months as well. ..."

I have to admit, that being arrested episode did slow me down a little bit, but as you can see, I am starting to get back in the swing of things and bring my e-mail activity back to it's normal level. What I found most hilarious (like the Cease and Desist Order Temple) was that you made a public request to the county to tally these numbers, and they actually took the time to research this and respond to you. Which account did they charge that time to? (Do I have a separate account yet?)

Just to keep you current on my arrest record "Jacket", I submitted the fee yesterday to begin the petition for expunging the file. It is a process that takes from 4 to 6 months. I am sure that your paper and the Mountaineer will be eager to print this final chapter in this saga when this becomes expunged.

The main question for you to think about, however, is what happened to the Funding Formula? Will commissioners dare to bring it up in their April 23rd workshop, or did I kill it?

Please join us during this workshop and find out.

Monroe Miller
Mr. Dove and Mr. Nolte,

On April 8, 2015, I received an e-mail from Dr. Dorris Hammett which contained the following paragraph (and is found as the second e-mail in this e-mail string). Dr. Hammett alluded to the existence of a "Memorandum" regarding the Funding Formula created by Mark Bumgarner, and commented on the accuracy of my calculations.

"Last year, I asked Mark Bumgarner, of Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill and Associates, to review the pages and your figures as a community service. He has done our tax and money planning for years and I have utmost confidence in him and his work. Mark is very civic minded and has been involved in the community for years in many different ways. Mark, using your figures, pointed out that in a memorandum that both Julies and your calculations are correct. However, it is the assumption of which PPA amount should be used in the calculations in the years the formula was set aside because of the economy which will be the ultimate determining factor as to which calculation is correct. The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation. I sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August."

Both Chuck Francis and the entire set of Haywood County Commissioners received this "Memorandum" created by Mark Bumgarner, which contains information about me. This information became public record when it was openly sent to public officials. I don't care which of you (Nolte or Dove) send me a copy, but you can save yourselves some time coordinating this, as long as one of you sends me this "Memorandum".

Each of you please acknowledge this Request for Public Information.

Thank you,

Monroe Miller

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Dr. Hammett,

When you "... sent the entire summary to the Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners in August.", why didn't you send me a copy of the summary at the same time? How did I feel about that when you told me? I felt like I had been stabbed in the back.

Further, your statement relating to which PPA values that were used is incomplete. You indicated "The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation".

The complete statement should have been - "The county commissioners used the actual PPA to determine the budget appropriation that were falsified by Julie Davis when she reverse calculated alternative PPA values. [Re: Cracked the Code on the Haywood County Schools Funding Formula! Julie Davis cooked the books (i.e. falsified the calculation). Denied School System $15 Million Dollars and should Resign or be Fired. 6/16/2014... ] Julie Davis should still resign or be fired." The problem has not been resolved by Mark Bumgarner's "Memorandum", only swept under the carpet.

Monroe Miller

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Mr. Miller.

I have no knowledge of the record you are requesting.

Bill Nolte
Mr. Nolte,

Check with Chuck Francis and/or Dr. Hammett.

Monroe Miller
Mr. Blevins,

I understand from the Letterhead on a letter from DSS my friend Terry Ramey received, was that you are now an Assistant County Manager. Ira Dove sent me some stuff alluding to this the other day, and, your name with this title appeared on the last Agenda for the County Commission Meeting.

Don't worry, we will get to this. Please be patient.

In the meanwhile, Ira Dove has not responded to my Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner yet. He is probably too busy re-writing the revisions for the Emergency Management Ordinance (EMO) that Swanger solicited a while ago [re: http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T150121.pdf]. So, in your new capacity as Assistant County Manager, can you fulfill my Request for Public Information - Funding Formula Memorandum from Mark Bumgarner?

All I am getting from Bill Nolte is the run-around.

Thanks,

Monroe Miller

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