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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.


**Kevin Ensley running for County Commissioner.**

Here is a hypothetical question - Would **Kevin Ensley**, and his wife **Alice**, sacrifice the health and well-being of their daughter to further his political career as a County Commissioner?

**Conservative Pick List.**

The following list can be used as a guide for Haywood County Taxpayers and Registered Voters to consider in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. Not every candidate will be listed.

Presidential Race

 Donald Trump


NC Governor

 Pat McCrory


US House of Representatives

 Mark Meadows


NC House of Representatives

 Michele Presnell

NC Commissioner of Labor

 Cherie Berry


NC Secretary of State


 Michael LaPaglia

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction

 Mark Johnson

Board of Commissioners


 Brandon Rogers

 Robin Black


 Kevin Ensley


 Steve Brown

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice

 Robert Edmunds

NC District Court, District 30


 Monica Leslie


 Tessa Shelton Sellers

Board of Education Chairman

 Craig Messer

Board of Education Waynesville District

 Pam Martin

 Kay Miller

## Steve Brown named in Federal Complaint.

<http://themountaineer.villagesoup.com/p/discrimination-complaint-filed-against-nonprofit-director-commissioner-candidate/1585161>

Nonprofit director, commissioner candidate named in federal complaint, Employee harassment alleged.  
By Vicki Hyatt, Oct 25, 2016

[A portion of the Mountaineer article]

In a discrimination complaint filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC), a former employee at The Arc of Haywood County alleges she faced a hostile work environment as well as "**continuous harassment, bullying and intimidation,**" during her brief tenure there.

As part of her action before EEOC, Linda Sturdivant introduced letters from three other former female Arc employees whose written statements describe instances where they said they were the subject of or witnessed angry outbursts from the organization's executive director, Steve Brown. The letters alleged client rights were compromised and that laws, regulations or organization policies weren't followed.

Others interviewed for this story, including several current employees, say they have not witnessed such behavior or actions.

The Arc of Haywood County has a budget of about \$2 million annually and a staff of about three dozen. The organization provides services for nearly 40 adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, most of whom live in one of four group homes or in community housing with support services. Most of The Arc's funding comes from state and federal resources provided through a local management entity now called Vaya Health (previously Smoky Mountain Center.)

Sturdivant was hired as the director of services in September 2015, but was terminated six months later.

As a "qualified professional" — the industry term defined under N.C. administrative rule for someone in charge of services provided to those with intellectual or developmental disabilities — Sturdivant's job was to supervise clinical and other programs for the organization.

In her EEOC filing, Sturdivant wrote that problems began in her first month on the job after she visited the group homes and then reported her observations to Brown.

"**Mr. Brown began to tell me, 'you'd better be careful' with a warning to not upset the cart and that the staff will get together on you and run you out of town,**" she wrote in her complaint. ...

What the ...?

In the alleged complaint, **Steve Brown [D]**, candidate for Haywood County Commissioner, threatens Linda Sturdivant, an employee. Who the [expletive deleted] does **Steve Brown [D]** think he is, threatening anyone? Is this the behavior we can expect if he is elected a Haywood County Commissioner?

The astounding things about this article are:

- That it was printed in the Mountaineer at all, and
- It was written by **Vicki Hyatt**.

Do we need another **Brown** in office around here? I think not.

## Swanger Countdown Clock.

The following is **Swanger's** remaining time as County Commissioner until a winner in November's election will be sworn in:

4.71 weeks, or  
33 days, or  
792 hours, or  
47,520 minutes, or  
2,851,200 seconds.

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

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