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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.

Sarge’s is Running a Scam Operation.

Who would think?

Let’s consider:

- **Carol Viau** signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with **Doyle Teague** regarding an agreement between **Sarge’s** and The Glorified Dog Pound on or about January 2018.
- **Bryant Morehead**, our County Manager, is failing to produce an executed copy of that MOU, just like he failed to retain and produce all of the public bids for the **David Francis** Dirt Spreading Project.
- Who gave **Doyle Teague**, the head of The Glorified Dog Pound, the authority to sign an MOU in the first place? **Doyle Teague** appears to have been thrown under the bus by **Mark Swanger** and **Chip, a.k.a. Leon Killian the III.**
- **Sarge’s** employees (three of them at any one time) are now imbedded at their own special section of The Glorified Dog Pound. They control every aspect of an animal adoption process, using county computers and running a county program called Chameleon.
- **Sarge’s** employee’s cherry pick all of the desirable animals and put them on a “to be transferred to **Sarge’s**” list on the computer. All others are **Sarge’s** rejects and remain in the Glorified Dog Pound for adoption.
- The Glorified Dog Pound is mandated to insure that animals receive a variety of treatment, including spay/neutering, rabies shot’s, etc. The average cost for this, according to **Doyle Teague**, is around \$75 for each dog (don’t have the cost for cats, or other animals).
- **Doyle Teague** has gone dark, i.e., not been seen around The Glorified Dog Pound since his meeting with Terry Ramey and I late Thursday afternoon (1/12/2019) except for a brief occurrence on Friday morning, presumable to clean out his desk.

- Jeff Stamey, #2 in the pecking order, is now running the show at The Glorified Dog Pound.
- Once animals become county property, cherry picked animals are transferred to **Sarge’s** at a cost of \$0.00.
- Animals remaining at the Glorified Dog Pound are put of for adoption for \$85 (per the cost schedule in the MOU).
- Animals transferred to **Sarge’s** can go for anywhere between \$125 - \$300.
- **Sarge’s** does not reimburse the county (i.e., you, the Haywood County Taxpayer) a single penny for medical procedures mandated by The Glorified Dog Pound (around \$75 per dog).
- For every free animal transferred to **Sarge’s**, that is \$85 lost revenue taxpayers would have received if the animal would have been adopted from The Glorified Dog Pound.
- There is no price schedule in the MOU for **Sarge’s**. However, prospective applicants face an inflated adoption price because they are told certain animals are “pure bred”. Please tell me how an employee at **Sarge’s** knows that an animal is “pure bred” when it comes off the street?

[**Editors Note:** During a conversation with **Fred Strohm**, Operations Administrator at **Sarge’s**, he indicated **Sarge’s** does not perform DNA testing. I’m wondering if **Fred Strohm**, a new employee at **Sarge’s**, knows what he just got himself into.]

- Gasoline. Not touching this one yet.
- **Sarge’s** is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation Animal Rescue Operation. Why aren’t they taking the **Sarge’s** reject animals they leave for the Glorified Dog Pound instead of taking the cream of the crop?

So, let’s recap. For every animal **Sarge’s** puts out for adoption, that deprives the county (Haywood County Taxpayers) of \$85 when it could have been adopted through The Glorified Dog Pound, **Sarge’s** has the county subsidize the cost of fixing the animals, and the person adopting the animal now has to pay an inflated price over \$85 to get the same animal that should have been available through The Glorified Dog Pound.

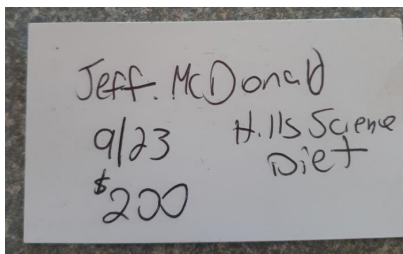
That’s called a Sweetheart Deal.

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By the way, there is a black and tan German Shepard **Sarge's** is processing right now, renamed "Wagner", like the paint sprayer.

Name: Wagner months	Breed: German Shepherd Dog	Age: 0 years, 5 SEP 19 2019
	Gender: Male	
	Spay/neutered: No	
	Weight:	
	Date of Birth: 4-4-2019	
	Microchip Number:	
	Brand:	

It was supposed to go to TJ Ramey, Terry Ramey's son, as promised by a Jeff McDonald.



When TJ and Terry Ramey visited Sarge's on 9/10/2019 and filled out the adoption application, a Jeff McDonald promised TJ would get the dog. He confirmed by writing on the back of a **Sarge's** business card his name, Jeff McDonald, when could come and get the dog (9/23), what Wagner was being fed, and the cost, \$200.

According to Doug, back at the **Sarge's** desk at The Glorified Dog Pound, "Leon", as the dog was called then, was supposed to be neutered on 9/23/2019.

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The dog would be available the next day, 9/24/2019, giving Wagner a little chance to lick his wounds.

TJ Ramey got bumped from the "list" by a **Sarge's** employee, **Erica Leann Phillips**.



Erica Phillips

Adoption Center Manager

Erica has been with Sarge's for 4 years. She has always enjoyed being a part of the rescue effort in Haywood County. She saw the need, first hand, over the 9 years she was a veterinary technician for more community involvement and is thrilled to be part of Sarge's mission. Erica was also the rescuer of Wuzbug, a two legged Chihuahua, who inspired the Sarge's Special Needs Fund in her name. Erica's fur babies include 4 cats, Scoots, Lloyd, Widget, and Rosie, also 3 dogs: Oscar, Zoe & Dumplin'.

My advice to Haywood County Taxpayer's, **DO NOT** go over to **Sarge's** and make any inquiries about "Wagner". Otherwise, this [expletive deleted] will slap you with a NO TRESPASS ORDER.

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In order to make all this right, **Sarge's** needs to give TJ the dog **at no charge**, reimburse the county for all of the medical procedures the county subsidized, return the county \$85 for each dog adopted through **Sarge's**, give the cherry picked dogs to the county and take all of **Sarge's** rejects, destroy the MOU, remove my name from the NO TRESPASS LIST, and apologize to the people of Haywood County (and then there is the gasoline...). I also demand an apology for the false police report by **Erica Leann Phillips** for the NO TRESPASS from **Sarge's** Board of Director's.

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

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