

## Haywood County "Toeprints"

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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.

### Best and Kirkpatrick vote against Budget.

Jennifer Best [R] and **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III** [D] voted **NO** to the FY 2021-2022 presented by **Bryant Morehead**.

To the best of my memory, no commissioner has ever voted against a Budget. What's going on?

There were several issues involved:

- Sky-high Revaluation,
- Problems with Revenue-Neutral Tax Rate Calculation,
- Inability of **Morehead, Owen** and **Scarborough** to hold down expenses.
- **Morehead** increasing tax rate to 53.5 Cents/\$100 instead of beating down expenses to go with the Revenue-Neutral Rate. The easy way out.

See:

[https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/210606FY\\_21-22\\_Budget\\_Ordinance.pdf](https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/210606FY_21-22_Budget_Ordinance.pdf)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/210601RevenueNeutralCalcLGC.xlsx>

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The Budget passed, however, due to the following commissioners -

- **KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY** [R]
- **Brandon Rogers** [R]
- **Tommy Long** [R]

Best, **Kirkpatrick** and **Long** will presumably run for County Commissioner in the next election. Best and **Kirkpatrick** are virtually guaranteed of winning.

Not so much for **Tommy Long**.

**KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY** and **Brandon Rogers** will ride out the next election.

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

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