

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.

*** CORRECTION ***

[Editors Note: This edition corrects two (2) errors in my previous Toeprints, Vol. #12 Issue #5 -

1. **Brandon Rogers** cast the second "No" vote against the FY-2021-2022 Budget, not **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III**, and
2. **KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY** was incorrectly referred to as [R] (Republican), where as he should have been referred to as [RINO] (Republican In Name Only.)

I attended the June 7, 2021 county commission meeting and sit near the rear of the courtroom. Two factors lead me to believe **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III** cast a "No" vote.

- The audio/sound system in the courtroom is notoriously bad,
- Compounded by the fact that **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III** was not present, and was on a telephone link, piped through the same audio sound system.

When votes were cast, people were talking over each other

[re: youtube video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThgmrqxEM>]

and it was difficult to distinguish who cast each vote, even from the video, and I was there! **KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY** should have clarified who voted "eye" and who voted "No".

I confirmed the vote with Candy Way. I apologize for any confusion.]

(Here we go again...)

Best and ~~Kirkpatrick~~ Rogers vote against Budget.
Jennifer Best [R] and ~~James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III~~ [D] **Brandon Rogers** 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/210601RevenueNeutralCalcLGC.xlsx>

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

- **KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY** [R] [RINO]
- ~~Brandon Rogers~~ [R]
- **Tommy Long** [R]
- **James Weaver "Kirk" Kirkpatrick the III** [D]

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

Not so much for **Tommy Long**. He is pretty much finished.

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

KEVIN "Adjudication" ENSLEY's idle, **Mark Swanger**, would surely be disappointed with **Ensley** for not being able to convince all commissioners to vote in unison, especially on the Budget.

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

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