

## 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.

### Voting Guide - May 17<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

This voting guide will appear in three (3) parts.

- County Sheriff (Both democrat and Republican)
- County Commissioner (only Republicans in primary)
- US Representative, 11<sup>th</sup> District.

As before, to visually aid in this process, I will again use the now familiar symbols:



The Toeprints Seal of Approval



No, no - don't vote here!

Early Voting starts today. Be sure to take this guide and share with your friends.

### County Sheriff's Race - May 17<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

Sheriff Greg Christopher is retiring, opening up a position for a new Sheriff in town. The following people are on the Primary Ballot.

- Bill Wilke [R]
- Tony Cope [R]
- Jason Hughes [R]
- Larry Bryson [D]
- John Hemmingway [D]

It is my belief that due to dissatisfaction with **Joe Biden**, democrat participation in both the May 17<sup>th</sup> and November election is going to be suppressed, because democrats are in a deep funk right now. Therefore, I do not see any democrat winning the Office of the Sheriff in November. Having said that, there is a lot of time between now and the May 17<sup>th</sup> Primary election.

### County Sheriff's Race, democrats first...

Last time I recommended a democrat over a Republican, I was banded from the North Carolina Republican Party for Party Disloyalty. So, here we go again.

An organization called the "Young Democrats", sponsored a democrat forum for County Sheriff yesterday at the main branch of the County Library.

[**Editor's Note:** This organization should be called the "Young Socialists" or the "Young Marxists".]

The forum was moderated by four (4) young people, three women and a guy -

- **Chelsea White**
- **Jason**
- **Margaret**
- [?]

[**Editor's Note:** See if you can identify **Chelsea White** on the Flow Diagram located on <http://haywoodhappenings.org/>

<http://haywoodhappenings.org/flowdiagram/flowdiagram.htm> ]

The two candidates,

- Larry Bryson [D]
- John Hemmingway [D]

were hammered with a continuous barrage of biased and inane questions, and to their credit, both responded professionally. The following is the list of questions these candidates were subjected to.

[**Editor's Note:** These questions are in **red**, denoting, well, just **red**.]

### General

- What is the biggest change that you would make to current police policies/programs?
- What policy/program do you think is most effective that you would be sure to continue/expand?
- The term "defunding the police" is obviously polarizing and in fact seems to have caused one of the candidates in this race to switch over to the Republican Party (Tony Cope). What concrete measures do you propose to address police brutality if it were to happen against any resident (of color or otherwise) and increase police accountability?
- How can we, as Democrats, positively engage the community and make progress on this issue in a very conservative county?
- What are your thoughts on the jail expansion project?

### Justice Enforcement

- What are the primary issues related to crime and law enforcement in your view?
- What do you think are the solutions that are needed to address those issues?
- Will you work with Judge Letts to make the pretrial release program as effective as possible?
- How will the Sheriff's department bring in new and bright recruits during one of the most tumultuous labor shortages in recent history
- What is your plan to decrease response times, reduce officer stress, and increase effectiveness?

### Substance Abuse

- How would you define Harm Reduction? What are your views on Harm Reduction?
- How would you define holistic and humane law enforcement?
- What is your vision for a holistic and humane law enforcement approach to the substance abuse crisis in Haywood County? (i.e. How do we uphold the law while recognizing the disease that is substance use disorder?)
- What community partners should the police work with?
- What role should harm reduction play?

### Mental Health

- Estimates of mental illness among people who are incarcerated range from 25-50%. What training and/or programs would you like to put into place to ensure that the police are equipped to respond appropriately to calls involving people with mental illness?

### Homelessness

- What do you see as the role of law enforcement when it comes to addressing the county's crises related to: mental health, housing insecurity, and substance use?
- Is the Department partnered with any programs or organizations on reducing homelessness?
- As Sheriff, do you intend to continue working with these programs or supporting them?

WTF?

To their credit, both of these candidates answered these idiotic questions professionally, and for that, they both deserve the Toeprints Seal of Approval.



Larry Bryson [D]



John Hemmingway [D]

So if you are a democrat, choose one of the above.

[**Editor's Note:** Interestingly enough, these “Young democrats/Socialists/Marxists” did not even mention the Secret Peer Support Specialists Project that has been going on within the Haywood County Sheriff's Department for over three and a half years! The county has imposed a total lock down on what is going on in this program. You know, if the County and “Young democrats/Socialists/Marxists” were so proud of this program (initiated in 2018), you would think they would want to broadcast the merits and achievements to the world. But no. It is in total lock down.]

### County Sheriff's Race, Republicans.

The race right now appears to be two close to call between the two (2) apparent front runners on the Republican side -

- Bill Wilke
- Tony Cope

No recommendation here until these candidates have an opportunity to square off on the two Peer Support Specialists, **Rick Marvin** and **CJ Deering** -

- Are not employed by Haywood County,
- Have been provided county email addresses,
- Have an office in the Haywood County detention center,
- **Rick Marvin** poses as an employee of the Haywood County Sheriff's Department,
- How is all this connected to **Nicole Kott** and Helping Hand of Haywood [re: Our Place Inn - a.k.a. ACAB]?

[**Editor's Note:** Why didn't Haywood County flat out hire these people?]

This secret program seems to be setting the background for creation and execution of

- A full time “Navigator” position,
- A full time “Thru Care” position.

See multiple articles on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net)

<https://smokymountainnews.com/archives/item/25511-peer-specialists-go-inside-jail-to-assist-inmates>

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220406RickMarvin-HR-Records.pdf>

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220422DialogWithJoeyWebb.pdf>

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220423MoreDialogJoeyWebb.pdf>

I encourage these candidates to start speaking about the Secret Peer Support Specialist Program and explain their views before the May 17<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

### County Commissioners.

There are five Republican Candidates who will be on the ballot. Pick three (3). Since there are only two (2) democrats running, they will appear on the November ballot.

Of these, there are two outstanding Republican candidates:



Jennifer Best



Erich Overhultz

One of the candidates needs to be thrown out of office:



**Tommy Long**

So you have your pick, and it is important that you select one of the other two remaining candidates to eliminate **Tommy Long** from the November Ballot.

- James Nash
- Terry Ramey

Your choice.

Come November, the two democrats are:

- Jeff Haynes



**James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III**

This leaves the best of all possible worlds in November, removing both **Tommy Long** and **James Weaver “Kirk” Kirkpatrick the III** from the Haywood County Commission.

### US House Of Representatives, District 11.

I only see one (1) candidate who will be able to overcome **Jasmine Beach-Ferrara** [D] in November. **Jasmine Beach-Ferrara** [D] will likely win the Asheville/Buncombe County enclave, but not the remainder of the conservative WNC 11<sup>th</sup> District.



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

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