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Gayle Woody - Commissioner <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>
To: Amy Bason <amy.bason@ncacc.org>

Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 2:27 PM

Dear Amy,

Jackson County is currently dealing with a confederate statue on county property erected in 1905 on the steps to the courthouse. (now the Jackson County Public Library Complex which houses the Historical Society and Genealogical Society in this historic building.)

Our old courthouse has been identified as the most photographed courthouse in North Carolina.

As you can imagine, this statue has become a flashpoint of controversy.

We (the Board of Commissioners) have said we will form a task force made of the various stakeholders to decide the path we will take to move forward. We cannot leave it as is. It must be moved, altered, put into context, or a combination of these actions.

Do you know of counties that have already faced this challenge?

How did they address it in a respectful way? How did they add “context” to the statue that is respectful and inclusive of various groups of people? If they moved a statue, where did they put it?

We have all heard about UNC Chapel Hill - “Silent Sam” but that was not a community decision. I would like to see a more local community generated response.

Thank you for SMT input you can offer.

Sincerely,
Gayle Woody

Amy Bason <amy.bason@ncacc.org>
To: Gayle Woody - Commissioner <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>

Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 4:02 PM

Hi Commissioner Woody,

It is good to hear from you and I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy.

We have heard from some other counties that are all navigating this issue.

First, here is an article from the News and Observer that may provide some general overview:

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article243569037.html>

It also references some cities addressing this issues – Asheville, Salisbury, Rocky Mount.

Often times, the question of ownership is at issue. Just as reference, here is the statute that was passed in 2015:

https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_100/GS_100-2.1.pdf

Here is another news article for context on some of the discussions on this issue at the state level:

<https://abc11.com/confederate-monument-nc-monuments-in-north-carolina/6237650/>

And one additional reference is an article from SOG written in 2017:

<https://canons.sog.unc.edu/statues-statutes-limits-removing-monuments-public-property/>

With regard to some other counties that have had and continue to have these discussions,

I would consider reaching out to:

Commissioner Amy Dalrymple – Lee County adalrymple@leecountync.gov

Commissioner Karen Howard – Chatham County Karen Howard karen.howard@chathamnc.org

If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thanks so much for all you do,

Best,

Amy

From: Gayle Woody - Commissioner <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>

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