

# John's Post



**John W Smith**

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I just wanted to say Thank You to all of you who have reached out this morning via text, email and phone calls in support of my position after the BoCC meeting last night. If you weren't there or haven't watched it, whether you agree with my position or not, I encourage you to do so.

I would also reiterate, that the public has a right to make comments during Commissioner meetings and the Commissioners are obligated to listen to them, regardless of their opinions of the comments.

As always, I appreciate your outreach and support.

Matthew 7:25 (KJV) and *the* rain descended, and *the* floods came, and *the* winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a *rock*.



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Where can I see it?

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**John W Smith** Author

There should be a link on the jacksonnc.org website.  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmImUJvZWCU>)

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James Russell I believe they aren't "allowed" to have those type events on campus, since the UNC Board changed some of the rules last year, could be wrong about that though, couldn't find the reference right off hand.

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James Russell

John W Smith my personal feelings are that the sheriff should have made the same choice for the people. If they aren't "allowed" to on campus, why on country/ government property

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Jessica Rains Hall

James Russell the sheriff has no control on events scheduled, that would be your county commissioner and town board.

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I asked that question, because as a Commissioner I would have said "NO"! I had no idea the event was even happening until Sat evening. I was out of town on vacation and had not seen it advertised anywhere until someone posted it on the Jackson County Unity page Sat.

There are still questions to be answered, like who controls the space, the Library (obvious why it was allowed, agenda) or the County. If it's the County, then who signed off on this type of event being allowed on county owned property? If the answer is that it is a public place and anyone can rent it out, then what happens when a racist group, or a neo-nazi group, or <insert radical group here> wants to rent it? Do we turn a blind eye because its a "public" space that can be rented by anyone?

So far I haven't gotten any satisfactory answers, albeit I was out of town last week as well, had a family emergency in Va.

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Unfortunately, HB 673 was referred to the Judiciary Committee on Apr 19th and has not made it out of Committee. It has not been passed by either the House or Senate and therefore will not be going into affect this year. The bill has been submitted multiple times since 2021 and has never made it to the floor for a vote. Contact @speakersmoore to voice your support of getting this on the agenda!

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