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Last night the Harnett County Commissioners held their regular scheduled meeting at the county administrative building. Commissioner Beatrice Hill was honored for her years of service as a County Commissioner. Ms. Hill has been a Commissioner for over twenty years and was awarded The Order of the long leaf pine by Rep. Marvin Lucas. The *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state and who have made contributions to their communities.

Commissioner House was also recognized for his service to the county, he held the District 2 commissioner seat for a total of 8 years. He was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Their Last Public Remarks

Ms. Hill started off by thanking the citizens of Harnett and the support they have shown her over the years. She recognized former elected officials and current elected officials Chairman Tim McNeil, Dan Andrews and Barbara Mckoy. She then stated that she had a few things that she wanted to share with the citizens of Harnett County. “She said we have found ourselves in a bad way after this current election and I can only pray that some on this board will not use this board for their own self gain and greed.” “I have seen a lot of board in my years but I have never seen a board like we have now and it’s a shame that some on this board are on here only for their self gain and political career, I hope you the public will stay on top of the stuff taking place in Harnett and will not allow this mess to go on, this is your county and this is your

board room."

Gary House started off by saying that he was thankful for the confidence and trust that the people of the 2nd district had bestowed upon him for the last 8 years and was proud of the things that they had accomplished over the last year. He said that his and Mr. Burgin were the first ones to deal with a whistle blower case and that it had still not been resolved and he wanted to apologize to Mr. Randy Rogers for the way the county had treated him. "The county has spent over $500.000 dollars to defend their wrong doings and have tried to cause damage to Mr. Rogers. " I've work hard to make sure that stuff like this was not going on and have paid for my stance in many ways. 'I want Tommy Burns to know that I have called Wayne County and given you an outstanding reference and told them you were a solid hire.