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WOODS EXPOSES CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUDGET CUT CRISIS ON HATHAWAY ROAD; SLAMS CHET HAND'S SILENCE ON PROPOSED OUTDOOR GUN RANGE

FLORENCE, KENTUCKY — In a statement released on this day, write-in candidate for Judge/Executive William Woods has stated with regard to the looming Board of Adjustment vote:

On August 12 at 6:00 PM, a critical decision will be made in the Fiscal Courtroom. The Boone County Board of Adjustment will hear a request for a Conditional Use Permit regarding a proposed 145-acre outdoor gun club at Hathaway Road and Riddles Run.

If this permit is approved, your elected Fiscal Court will not even get a vote. This massive project could bypass the accountability of your elected officials entirely.

I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the families of Boone County. We will not sit quietly while outside commercial interests dictate the future of our neighborhoods. Yet, as this threat looms over nearby homeowners, **my opponent Chet Hand has remained completely silent.** Real leadership means standing up for residents *before* a project is pushed through, not hiding from the tough issues

Hathaway Road is already the front line in our battle against out-of-control development. While we watch a boom of high-density housing proposals stretch our infrastructure to the breaking point, state legislative budget agreements continue to freeze and cut funding for vital local services.

Our roads are buckling and potholes are growing, yet developers keep getting exactly what they want while localized infrastructure is left to crumble. We simply cannot afford to subsidize the impact of 300 active members on rural corridors while our public services are underfunded and overstretched

This proposal directly conflicts with the Boone County Comprehensive Plan, which designates the mouth of Gunpowder Creek and Riddles Run as **Developmentally Sensitive land that must be protected from development.**

The facts of our residents' concerns are undeniable:

1. **Infrastructure Strain:** Up to 300 members would force heavy traffic onto Riddles Run Road, a narrow rural roadway (KY 2852) entirely unsuitable for this volume when our infrastructure is already neglected.
2. **Severe Noise Pollution:** Constant weapon fire will destroy the peacefulness of this agricultural area, turning a quiet neighborhood into what residents call a "War Zone".
3. **Environmental Threat:** Located mere yards from Gunpowder Creek, lead runoff poses a critical risk of contaminating our shared soil and water supply.
4. **Flood Plain Disruption:** Massive grading to build safety soil berms risks altering the local flood plain and causing downstream issues.

Under state statute KRS 100, past judicial rulings have heavily favored developers while ignoring the residential landowner. **Your voice is my mandate.** As your next Judge/Executive, I will push for immediate legislative changes to ensure a neighborhood's consensus is viewed as substantive, legal evidence.

I am proudly, formally, and completely opposed to this gun range. I urge the Board of Adjustment to do the right thing and deny this permit. On November 3, I ask you to **write in William E. Woods for Boone County Judge/Executive** so we can finally halt this out-of-control growth, fix our crumbling infrastructure, and put the voices of our families over the pockets of developers."

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