

Commissioner Prevatte Spins on 2nd Amendment

Commissioner Prevatte is Spinning On 2nd Amendment Sanctuary

A while back, I warned that the local Democrat leaders in this county would go the way of the national party. I encouraged all Democrats that did not agree with the extreme left positions that the Democrat Party had taken nationally to change parties. Not only for 2nd Amendment rights but abortion, illegal immigration, marriage between a man and a woman as well as redefining gender and other issues; you get the point. Mr. Prevatte made my point well. I will explain why.

Representative Brenden Jones went before the Columbus County Commissioners last Tuesday night (January 21st) requesting a resolution to do the following and I will quote from Friday January 24th issue of the News Reporter *"I hope you will support a resolution that states that Columbus County will not authorize or appropriate government funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers, or offices for the purpose of enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of any element of such acts, laws, orders, mandates, or rules or regulations that infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms."* Seven counties have adopted this resolution one of which is Davidson County of which I posted a video of their sheriff honoring his allegiance in public that he would uphold the law and not uproot it pertaining to gun ownership and our constitution.

Commissioner Prevatte had issue with this resolution using the following reasoning. I will quote the January 24st edition of the News Reporter Mr. Prevatte's words "I don't want to

infringe on anyone's gun rights, but said he feared that signing onto the resolution could violate the terms of federal grants and loans the county receives." Here is what really bothers me about his comments, and I quote "I think you need to read the 2nd Amendment very thoroughly as you research this thing. It does not give you the right to own a gun, it gives you the right to bear arms as a militia to protect the sovereignty of the country." Let's take a close look at what he said.

His first concern was being blacklisted by the Federal Government for loans and grants. Well, I did a little research and resolutions concerning sanctuary cities for 'illegal immigrants' does not stop Federal Funding, and I'm sure the seven counties here in North Carolina and the counties in Virginia investigated this well. I would remind you, the law (Constitution) gives us the 'right' to bear arms. Now, here is what bothers me and tells you how Mr. Prevatte is thinking, remember he said "I don't want to infringe on anyone's gun rights" then he said if you read and study the 2nd Amendment you really don't have the right to have a gun only if you are in a militia protecting the sovereignty of the country. We all when going in the Military swore to 'protect our country from enemies domestic and foreign' I paraphrase; keep that remark in mind. Here is some case history concerning this argument from people that know the law, not a partisan county commissioner.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The Second Amendment protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms for defense of life and liberty.

In *U.S. v. Cruikshank* (1876), *Presser v. Illinois* (1886), *Miller v. Texas* (1894) and *U.S. v.*

Miller (1939), the Supreme Court recognized that the amendment protects an individual right. It has never taken a different view. However, in *Salina v. Blaksley* (1905), the Kansas Supreme Court invented the idea that the amendment instead protected a “right” of a person to keep and bear arms only while serving in a state militia, and in *U.S. v. Tot* (1942), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit advanced the idea that the amendment protects the “right” of a state to have a militia.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court heard its first case specifically centered on whether the amendment protects an individual right to arms. Gun control supporters advanced essentially the “Salina” argument, but the Court, consistent with its previous rulings in Second Amendment-related cases, ruled that the amendment protects an individual right to keep arms and to bear arms “in case of confrontation,” without regard to a person’s relationship to a militia.

In *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010), the court extended the Second Amendment’s protection nationwide.

<https://www.nraila.org/get-the-facts/second-amendment-right-to-keep-and-bear-arms>

Read the above case history’s closely. Every citizen has the right to gun ownership for protection. Mr. Prevatte contradicted himself, you can’t say on one hand you would not infringe on anyone’s rights to bear arms and then turn around and say that it does not mean you can own guns. Also, there have been no funds held from ‘sanctuary cities’ for illegal immigrants and I believe everyone knows President Trump is not going to take away funds for 2nd Amendment Sanctuaries, maybe Mr. Prevatte is concerned that our governor Mr. Cooper or perhaps a Democrat President will take the incentive to take your guns or deny you monies from tax funds paid in by you or incarcerate you. If so, this supports the warning I made a

few months back when the rubber hits the road, these elected officials will support the socialist agenda even in good ole Columbus County. I would wonder, does Mr. Prevatte and any of the rest feel you don't have the right to free speech, the first amendment? I want to thank Representative Brenden Jones and our sheriff Jody Greene for their backbone concerning this issue. They are honoring their oath, even though, this should not even be an issue. Mr. Prevatte has put on his partisan hat with poor excuses to cover it up. It's time to change some people holding seats in this county. You have the chance in a few months.

Sammy Hinson, Chairman

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