

The charges recently brought against me are the continuation of Chunki Angotti's three year crusade to discredit and harm me. However, I am confident that when all is said and done, people will know that I did not commit any crimes and that these charges do not have any factual and legal basis.

While it will soon be known that I am not the best record keeper, residents in our county can be assured that I never intended to obtain one cent worth of benefit from the county that I wasn't entitled to receive based upon my actual travel and work for Harrison County. In fact, after almost two years of intense scrutiny of the West Virginia Ethics Commission, a Conciliation Agreement was entered into under the terms of which I agreed that there were sufficient facts to find that I made unintentional mistakes in travel reimbursement statements which in total amounted to \$298.08. That amount was reimbursed to the county.

Also, in another regard, I want residents of the county to know that I have never made any claim for "in-county" travel expense incurred that I was entitled to receive under the law for my work related travel within the county. This has saved Harrison County thousands of dollars during my 8 years of service as a County Commissioner.

I look forward to a full and fair airing of all charges against me, both within the court and in the media, which will expose the intention of my accuser and the methods and means in which he went about bringing these charges.

I have always and will continue to work hard for the betterment of Harrison County and will not allow any personal distraction resulting from these charges to divert my attention from the important work that must be completed in the near future for Harrison County.