

Dear Commissioner David Rice:

Most importantly, how can we the taxpayers of Monroe County trust you to manage our near half a billion dollars of our tax money every year, making complicated decisions, when you cannot even follow the simple instructions on how to fill out your own financial disclosure forms?

Related to that, exactly which of the instructions did you find so “nuanced” that you are further paying a lawyer \$300/hour of our tax money to help you figure them out?

How can your expenses be so high for the properties you rent? The main expenses in general are for depreciation, RE tax and interest, (now, also windstorm for some). The only mortgage I can find is that filed on 12/24/2013 on your home, so you have no mortgage expenses deductible on your Schedule E. For 2015, I calculated a total of \$22,438 in depreciation based on a depreciable value of \$617,042 based on the Appraiser’s record of your purchase prices and other MACRS 27.5 year life improvements, plus a total of \$14,351 in RE tax. You declared on your amended form 6X for 2015 \$87,470 in gross rents, and on your original Form 6 for 2015 a net rental income of \$3,000. This leaves unexplained expense of \$47,681, or 55.4% of gross rental income. It is hard for anyone, like me, who has been a landlord in the Keys, to imagine what your expenses could be. You brought this up by declaring, incorrectly, your net income on your original Form 6, so it is fair to ask.

Assuming you reported and paid the capital gain on the sale of your Oceanside slip on your IRS Form 1040, why did it not occur to you that this was income that should also be reported on the Form 6?

Did you pay a front-end load for your Class A fund shares in your IRA?

Why did you submit a full 38-page brokerage report, including more blank and irrelevant pages (footnote instruction, your wife's IRA, etc.) than the useful eight that described your asset holdings? You did this for all four years.

Why did you not enter your car, boat, and the car loan?

Do you have any remorse for or denial of any of the following:

- Filing such “egregious” disclosure forms;
- Voting for George for Mayor within a month of his getting Public Reprimand and Censure;
- Embarrassing Monroe County by being part of the most ethics violations of a civic board in Florida history (or do you dispute this is true);
- Ruining SUFA and Linda Gottwald with a case that was settled because, as your attorney said, “This was all a setup to give the contract to someone else”;
- That the “someone else” were friends of George who ran the operation into the ground;
- That your actions against SUFA and Gottwald have cost us the taxpayers over \$1,000,000 in total for lost SUFA donations, legal, investigative (SA, FDLE), contract inflation, and consultant fees, or do you dispute this estimate and replace it with one of your own?
- That it was brought up numerous times in your closed sessions in the SUFA case that your attorney asked the IRS to audit Linda/SUFA (apparently they did, and like the SA, FDLE and Whitlock, found nothing), and you never objected, implying that calling in the IRS is a proper way to harm someone with whom you are having a contractual dispute;
- That in the April 2012 closed session you said “It's appealing to make [Linda] burn up all of the money for legal fees”;

- Similarly, in the May 2014 session you said, when turning down Linda's offer to run a spay/neuter van with the settlement money, you would rather just pay her to do nothing, because you did not want her to “be publicly exonerated by operating again in the county with an agreement with Monroe County”;
- That you supported the years-long legal persecution of Linda's board (except for George's old friend Lynn Mapes) despite its being thrown out of court for violating both state and federal law;
- Twice in closed sessions it was stated that if you lost your case against SUFA, as you did, you could all “blame Danny,” presumably because of his illegally released and awfully executed audit of SUFA. You did not disagree in the session. Do you still believe it was Danny's fault?
- Finally, if you do not regret or admit any of the foregoing, can you give any instance of having made a regrettable error in your entire tenure as a county commissioner?

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