

On Jun 28, 2025, at 6:27 AM, Roger Gitlin <rogergitlin@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning, Annie:

I listened to the nearly six hours tape of the recent harbor meeting.

In an effort to provide fair coverage, in your own words, please share with the public your reasons for suing the harbor. With Linda Sutter separate law suit, do you believe yet another costly legal matter will aggravate the tenuous revenue challenges affecting the CCHD. Please share your motives and unhappiness with Harbormaster Rademacker.

Time is of the essence.

I go to print by Monday afternoon. Please no phone calls which may compromise your retorts. Everything must be in writing.

Thank you,

Roger Gitlin, Editor
The Triplicate

From: Annie Nehmer <annienehmer@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Jun 28, 2025, 5:05 PM

Subject: Re: Lawsuit against the CCHD

To: Roger Gitlin <rogergitlin@gmail.com>

Roger,

Thank you for your email. I appreciate that you and the Triplicate are interested in learning more about my lawsuits and your commitment to covering them.

You've asked for my written comment over the weekend for a story scheduled to go to print Monday afternoon, and while I'm happy to provide one, I feel unfairly rushed. Preparing a thoughtful and accurate response takes time I simply don't have over the weekend. Anyone in my position would feel the same.

Can you give me another week? This would also allow time for any follow-up questions, if needed. It's the only way to ensure a fair and balanced article—and to avoid the appearance

that your report includes untrue statements of fact published with reckless disregard for the truth.

A short delay won't change the story you intend to publish, but it will give me a fair opportunity to provide the context your readers deserve. Also, the Commission has recently filed something called a demurrer—which I understand is a motion to dismiss—and I am actively re-evaluating my legal filings. I would like to include my decisions in the comment you've asked for.

You cannot report this story fairly or accurately without my input. This is a complicated issue of public concern, and omitting my side risks serious harm to my personal and professional reputation.

If you can allow the extension, I'll provide a full and detailed response. If not, I'll do my best to meet your deadline, but it won't reflect the full picture.

Please let me know by Sunday night. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume the extension is declined.

Best,

Annie

iPhone

From: Roger Gitlin <rogergitlin@gmail.com>
Date: June 28, 2025 at 7:59:12 PM PDT
To: Annie Nehmer <annienehmer@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Lawsuit against the CCHD

Apologies. Cannot adjust this timely story. I respectfully disagree on your position on contemplative news. News waits for no one. How you feel a rushed extension will change what you feel is fair or unfair makes no sense to me.

The time is offered to you and I'd suggest you take advantage of the offer. After all, you've filed the lawsuit. I'm asking for your rationale.

Monday 6pm is my deadline.

Hope to see your written comments.

If not received, I will extrapolate your comments a week's delay that other priorities demanded your expedient attention.

Paul Boylan <pnboylan@gmail.com>
Jun 30, 2025, 5:56 PM (9 days ago)
to jwarren, rogergitlin, bcc: admin

Please see attached. [press release]

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Joe Warren
Jul 1, 2025, 8:39 AM (8 days ago)
to me

Paul,

Thank you for the note. I'll direct our Editor to submit questions in writing so your client, Annie Nehmer, so she has time to discuss them with you.

Joe Warren
Chief Executive
Country Media Inc.
940-372-1008

Paul Boylan <pnboylan@gmail.com>
Jul 1, 2025, 9:27 AM (8 days ago)
to Joe, bcc: Annie

Joe:

Thank you for getting back to me. As the press release describes, I am more accustomed to advising and representing journalists and media outlets. And I've been doing it for a very long time. Back in the day, before I was called to the legal profession, I was an independent journalist, working always for small, independent publications.

That means I have "old timey" views of what ethical, responsible journalism is and how a journalist should behave. I have that view because the ethical canons that require fair, balanced news reporting keep my clients out of court, and when they end up being sued for defamation, the same process provides me with the tools necessary to successfully defend my clients against such claims.

My own investigation convinces me that, although Mr. Gitlin is capable of balanced and fair reporting, his bias against my client, and in favor of the Harbormaster, is real, and cannot continue.

As Mr. Gitlin's questions to my client notes, my client is currently involved in litigation with the Harbor Commission. This is a public matter, and is, of course, newsworthy. But one of the accepted strictures of reporting on ongoing litigation is that the parties habitually do not comment on litigation while it is progressing through the courts.

I cannot predict the future, but, in my opinion, it is likely that the litigation between my client and the Harbor Commission will soon conclude. Until it does, direct your questions to me for comment.

I've devoted my legal career to helping small news media outlets get the news out without fear or favor. I want that to happen here, too. I look forward to an amicable relationship with Country Media and all of its news media properties.

Most sincerely,

Paul

Joe Warren
Jul 1, 2025, 9:41 AM (8 days ago)
to me

[thumbs up emoji] Joe Warren reacted to your message

Paul Boylan <pnboylan@gmail.com>
5:42 PM (45 minutes ago)
to Joe

Joe:

Your assurances that your editor and reporter, Roger Gitlin, would investigate the truth of his reporting about my client, Annie Nehmer, through written questions that would allow time sufficient for Ms. Nehmer to respond were, of course, reassuring. Your gracious assurance ended any conflict between my client and the Triplicate.

However, today Mr. Gitlin published a news article today that contained a number of false statements of fact without a fair opportunity for Ms. Nehmer to provide comment. Ms. Nehmer will be requesting a correction/retraction of those statements. In the meantime, I request on my client's behalf that The Triplicate publish the press release I provided in an earlier email.

Sincerely,

Paul