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Dear County Commissioners,

I enumerated several topics in my first speech to you, on 6/27. I hope you are now all aware of what has happened, and therefore know I am telling the truth. For new members Grasso, Cox and Ireland, I understand this situation may come as quite a shock. For Commissioners Hart and Hance - you are already very familiar. Here are the items I mentioned, with names added:

* the pedophile ring in Calvert County Public Schools,
* former CCPS Superintendent and pedophile Daniel D. Curry and his helpmate wife, Jacqueline Wisnauskas, have been removed from the system,
* there are still other known pedophiles in the system, like Travis Mister, who was at Southern Middle through Spring of 2018, at Plum Point Middle the next year and now Assistant Principal at the CTA at Calvert High,
* I can prove the Commission has known all these things and tried to **cover** them **up**, and
* I announced what I would be discussing over the next several meetings:
  + The pedophile ring,
  + it’s ties to former Sheriff Mike Evans’ drug ring,
  + how the taxpayers have been funding their own destruction (including actually *supplying* the drug ring),
  + crooked medical providers all over this County – who only appear to be pillars of the community - prescribing for the drug ring in exchange for free health insurance and other benefits,
  + the County’s undeserved AAA bond rating, fly-by-night bond-floating process, and
  + the threats, intimidation and abuse I have been through in pursuing this and

other things.

* + I challenged Commissioners Hart and Hance to say in their comments that *anything* I said isn’t true. (They didn’t.)
  + I mentioned I look forward to receiving the financial records I requested. (I just received them. Thank you.)

Only Hart and Hance addressed my comments afterward. What Hart and Hance said (and didn’t say), at the end of that meeting was incredibly revealing. Neither was there much of a defense against what I said, nor explanation. Mike Hart even said if anyone would “like to speak with me [him] at any time,” he is available. When I spoke at a later Commission meeting, on 7/11, I mentioned Mike Hart said he was available “one-on-one” in his comments. He’s right – that’s not exactly what he said. My mistake. Buddy Hance mentioned he does not discuss “personnel issues” in such a forum, and had sent all my letters to the school system, as if he didn’t know the school system had already also received them from me. Do you see why I said that what you said in your responses basically confirmed I am telling the truth? So much for transparency.

When I attended the next meeting, on 7/11, I was approached by County Attorney John Norris and we stepped outside the meeting into a hallway to sit and talk. He handed me a printed copy of the county’s rules for public speaking. He also insinuated I could be sued for defamation, to which I responded that I fear no reasonable legal consequence. He suggested I go to law enforcement and I assured him I already had. While very reasonable and cordial in tone, he told me the camera and microphone would be turned off for my speech, but that I could submit written comments to be posted. I asked him who was responsible for that and he said, “elected officals.” I should have figured. Was that to scare me out of speaking? As I am telling the truth about something which should very much concern all of you, how dare you order the County Attorney, in Executive Session, to violate my First Amendment rights? I have not commented on the “private activities, lifestyles or beliefs of others,” except for people who deserve it, like pedophiles who act on their urges and drug dealers. I was not “uncivil, rude, vulgar, profane or otherwise disruptive to the conducting of the Board’s business.” My words did not come anywhere near the threshold for unlawful or unprotected speech, and I have every right to petition my government. Let’s break it down:

* My language was formal, I was well-spoken and my voice modulated. In no way was I vulgar or profane. But, if you think that’s bad, think about kids being molested and people’s lives being ruined by drugs. The truth needs to be told. People need help.
* I was calm, and did not make noise or otherwise disrupt the conducting of the meeting. I did not disrupt any portion of the meeting. A majority of you disrupted the meeting by ordering Mr. Norris to violate my First Amendment rights and Mike Hart’s interruption. All I wanted was my two minutes. Your comments can even go so far as a filibuster, if you want. Two minutes. Actually, I have been impressed with how efficiently the meetings seem to run. I did receive my two minutes, although my time was disrupted throughout my speech, which meant I couldn’t say everything I intended.
* I hope you would agree that child sexual abuse and the opioid epidemic both strip people of their dignity. The truth is undignified in this situation, but it is not uncivil to tell the truth. Not in a situation like this, especially. Civility is rooted in integrity and consideration of others. *Coverups and lies* are anything but civil.
* I waited to make sure no one else wanted to speak before I stood up to speak. Interestingly, Commissioner Hart didn’t say anything about my claims when it was his turn to speak, despite his outburst at me when *I* was speaking, not long before Mr. Norris told me to stop because I hit my two minutes. As my comments were at the end of the meeting, right before Board comments, what did I disrupt, again? Why was what I said deemed inappropriate by some or all of you who fear exposure or are ignorant of the situation? But even though the camera and microphone were supposed to be off for my speech, they initially weren’t and I was briefly able to continue speaking. I was able to mention I have First Amendment rights and talk about Hart and Hance’s comments actually being confirmation I am telling the truth before Mike Hart burst out at me. I was truly shocked and my language was formal as I told him to wait for his comments. Then I spoke only a little about the pedophile ring.
* There is no nice way to describe the horrors I am claiming. If you don’t like terms like “pedophile” and “pedophile ring,” if you don’t like being critiqued or challenged, don’t care about the opioid epidemic, etc., what business do you have up there? It would only mean your constituents deserve better. Meantime, my First Amendment rights were violated.

This situation cannot be pawned off as something other than a whole-County issue. To try to punt it back to the school system level, where my efforts originated, instead of doing your part to facilitate transparency for and from the agencies you fund, is wrong. Moreover, the criminal conspiracy between certain people - current and former - at the Sheriff’s Office, County, and Commission levels and CPPS is undeniable, despite more recent improvements in Sheriff’s Office and CCPS leadership. Why did former Commissioner Steve Weems surprise everyone when he announced he wasn’t running again? Why did Kelly McConkey put no effort into running? Mike Hart and Buddy Hance know.

Are you proud of yourselves? How many of you claimed to care about transparency when running for office? How many of you still do? Calvert County has a lot of good people in it. They deserve officials who will protect them and tell the truth, no matter how bad it is. One Commissioner who did care is Tim Hutchins. An honorable and decent man, he resigned on principle, not incidentally right before the last budget meeting of 2021, due to this very situation. He deserved better than to share a dais with the likes of Kelly McConkey, Steve Weems, and apparently, Mike Hart and Buddy Hance. Please, Commissioners Grasso, Ireland and Cox, do the right thing. Please, gain familiarity with this situation and help the community you were elected to represent. I think it would be a very good idea to go to State Police and request a thorough, outside investigation, with the hope they will be able to collaborate with as many other agencies as possible, including local and federal. I am going so far as to say federal crimes have been committed. Commit to allowing law enforcement any and all access. If a majority of you would do that, I bet it would carry a lot of weight. As far as Hart and Hance, I am calling for your resignations.

The truth always comes out,



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