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Commissioners Collins, Patterson, and Coates voted to establish a Charter Board for the people and by the people. All commissioners signed the resolution and if Commissioners Stewart and Bowling were that opposed to it then why did they sign their name?

Commissioners Stewart and Bowling certainly have a right to voice their opinion towards the Charter, however, no one has the right to interfere with an official government-appointed board.

Commissioner Bowling continues to add fuel to the fire with his disingenuous behavior by spreading dis/misinformation, all in an effort to interfere with an official government-appointed board while Commissioner Stewart has either been silent or agrees with what Commissioner Bowling has been spewing.

1) Commissioner Bowling chooses to go around and provide scare tactics regarding the possibility of adding a new police department and remove the Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Office will remain and IF there is to ever be a separate police department we would be inline with those counties with 300k people. For instance, if population is 172k with 2% growth rate (average is about 1.4%) it would take 28.5 years to reach 300k (which we would achieve until and approval from MD General Assembly

2) Stated by Commissioner Bowling, "County Executive can appoint a school superintendent (Prince George's)."

The PEOPLE of Prince George's County wanted the County Executive to have the power to appoint some members of the Board and it was

submitted to the MD General Assembly for approval. This can't happen under this proposed charter unless the PEOPLE want it and it is not even mentioned in this charter

3) I stand corrected on a statement regarding volunteer fire departments being eliminated due to a charter. He stated the following:

Stated by Commissioner Bowling, "Charter Government would create a paid system that we can not afford and pull from the volunteers."

Currently we pay EMS which was established by the Board of Commissioners and the ONLY reason it was established a paid fire department is because the volunteers save the taxpayers money. If any Home Rule administration wanted to address this issue they could have some time ago or now and has nothing to do with a charter or any form of government but rather dollars and cents.

3) During the June 6th town hall at the Cobb Island Fire Department he stated taxpayers would foot the \$4.8 million bill under the Charter form of government for the renovations of the Blue Room for the County Executive.

Stated by Commissioner Bowling, "It's actually 4.8 million to renovate and make the blue room available for the county executive suite while getting the auditorium up to par for council. That's documented "

This is clearly a lie and just another example of mis/disinformation because he got that dollar amount from the FY2025 Requested Capital Project Budget, Line 98 under Expansion/Building Addition: Phase 1 Auditorium Renovation which is under the Home Rule government not the proposed Charter.

4) County Executive proposed budget and it is final as well as another example of a power grab.

This is misleading because the County Executive must gain approval from the Council, hence, checks and balances.

What I find ironic about this whole anti-Charter situation among

Commissioner Bowling and Stewart is how corrupt, power/money, crime infested, and Black PG County is portrayed to be by both and their supporters...did you know...

- Commissioner Bowling worked for PGCD for *20 years
- Retired with a pension from PGCD
- Commissioner Stewart worked for PGCD for *15 years and was either forced out or retired/resigned for some undisclosed reason
- Commissioner Stewart Initially endorsed Peter Franchot for Governor not Governor Wes Moore
- Both are against the same form of government which paid them higher salaries than the current form of government they strongly support and reside in
- Both were working their *then* full-time jobs while serving as a part-time commissioner
- Both endorse and took photo-ops with soon to be U.S. Senator and current COUNTY EXECUTIVE Angela Alsobrooks (who endorsed and is endorsed by Governor Moore)

Commissioners Bowling and Stewart did this all under a CHARTER FORM of government they oppose yet personally/financially benefited from it.

Respectfully submitted,

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FYI...Commissioner **Gilbert "BJ" Bowling** statement that... See more

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Gilbert BJ Bowling
County executive can appoint a school superintendent (prince George's does)

I did not say a police department is in the charter I said some on charter board are considering and pushing for it (check the meetings)

It's actually 4.8 million to renovate and make the blue room available for the county executive suite while getting the auditorium up to par for council . That's documented

I never said it would eliminate entirely the volunteer system but it would create a paid system that we can not afford and pull from funding from the volunteers.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2025 REQUESTED CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET
FY2025-FY2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Page	(\$ in thousands)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2025 - FY 2029			Total Project
							County Funding	Other Funding	FY25-FY29 Total	
PROJECTS NOT FUNDED - COUNTY FUNDING										
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND										
84	La Plata Learning Resource (LR) Building Renovation	0	0	0	0	4,154	4,154	12,462	16,616	25,013
85	Fine Arts Center	0	0	0	3,613	3,140	6,753	20,259	27,012	27,012
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND TOTAL		0	0	0	3,613	7,294	10,907	32,721	43,628	52,025
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
<u>Bonds</u>										
86	Salt Storage Facility	0	1,156	0	0	0	1,156	0	1,156	1,156
87	Multi-Purpose Civic Center	626	2,688	1,117	1,117	13,771	19,319	0	19,319	64,543
88	Charles County Community Health Facility	929	6,794	6,021	5,403	0	19,147	0	19,147	19,147
89	Vehicle Maintenance Building Expansion	58	758	0	0	0	816	0	816	816
90	Roof Replacement Program	116	117	117	117	117	584	0	584	584
91	Parking Lot Improvements	115	116	116	116	116	579	0	579	579
92	VanGO Stop Improvement Program	88	88	88	88	88	440	0	440	528
93	HVAC Infrastructure Replacement/Upgrade Program	106	106	106	106	106	530	0	530	530
94	Courthouse Cupola Rehabilitation	176	0	0	0	0	176	0	176	310
95	Waldorf Satellite Location	0	0	0	0	4,910	4,910	0	4,910	8,449
96	Light Rail Transit Station Overflow Parking	0	0	0	0	2,953	2,953	0	2,953	5,597
97	Public Safety Training Center	590	4,072	17,358	13,015	13,015	48,050	0	48,050	48,050
98	County Government Building Space Expansion/Building Addition: Ph I Auditorium Renovation	4,800	0	0	0	0	4,800	0	4,800	4,800
99	Land & Right-of-Way Acquisition for Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor (WURC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
100	New Charles County Circuit Court Building	1,136	13,136	12,136	12,136	12,136	50,680	0	50,680	119,350
0	Hazardous Material Remediation and Demolition of La Plata Armory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
101	Sheriff's Office Evidence and Property Storage Facility	1,073	0	0	0	0	1,073	0	1,073	1,073
102	Charles Co. Detention Center Control System Upgrades	154	2,540	0	0	0	2,694	0	2,694	2,694
0	Port Tobacco Community Center Renovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
103	Waldorf Area Joint Satellite Accounting/Treasury Office	2,561	0	0	0	0	2,561	0	2,561	2,561
104	DPW Shelter Building for Aggregate (CR-6) Stockpile	266	0	0	0	0	266	0	266	266
0	Circuit Court Interior Renovations, FY25-FY26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
105	Public Facilities Storage Building	1,685	0	0	0	0	1,685	0	1,685	2,898
Bonds Subtotal		15,479	32,571	38,059	32,098	47,212	165,419	0	165,419	286,931
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL		15,479	32,571	38,059	32,098	47,212	165,419	0	165,419	286,931



*Existing projects that require funding in FY2025 - FY2029 or beyond.