

Good day Commissioners,

I'd like to talk about the 2021 Charles County proposed budget.

You need to fully fund the Charitable trust, there is a huge need in our county, I have seen it first hand during my years as a volunteer at Health Partners in Waldorf.

The Sheriffs department needs to be over funded, the last I heard the department was short 22 Officers, and with the future retirements' coming we will be a deficit for a long time. We need to increase starting pay to make Charles stand out from all local metro DC agencies also looking to fill slots. This virus could had easily escalated to a bad situation, lets not put citizens at risk in the future.

CIP and Public Works, MUST be over funded. The county roads, and public infrastructure are in dire need of repair, replacement, and upgrades. When will the county stop kicking this can down the road? After to listening to the phone comments at the public hearing I see other neighborhoods are suffering the same maintenance problems as Pinefield. I should hope all of you know of the storm water pipe problem here in Pinefield, well people are talking, its getting questioned as to the county's stance on the issue.

I have told you how to spend money, now I'll tell you how to make money.

The state legislative session seem to be a bust with not much getting done. I was against the plastic bag ban. I am for a 5 cent plastic bag tax. You could use this to make money for a much needed Charles County beautification program.

Next you could pass a 5% (or more/less) prepared meal tax (fee if you like). Theses funds could be use in charitable ways. Don't balk at these ideas, other county's use theses as ways to raise funds, what are you afraid of? Plus these are "choice" taxes (fees). You choose to not bring a bag, and you choose to eat out.

You have a tough job to do here with the budget, please consider what's best for all citizens.

Things coming up in future discussions with you will be, waste to energy plant, new welcome to Charles County sign on 301, county contractors inspection of work before payment, MDOT/SHA shoddy contractors, Waldorf Station, Western Parkway, hose bib water meters.....

Best regards, be safe,

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