

On Jan 19, 2025, at 9:24 AM, Greg Dries wrote:

Ms. Null and Mr. Hipple:

First of all, I wish to thank you both for your service to JCC residents by serving on the Board of Supervisors. With that said, the country is about to take a more conservative direction under the leadership of President Trump, it's about time for James City County to do the same. To do this you need to both to stand firm with your conservative values at public meetings, and stop voting for policies, just to present a unified face of local governance in public. It is no wonder that many republican voters in the county do not vote in the more local elections. They see no difference between the democrats and republicans at the local level, so why vote. If we want to win in local elections, we need to make sure our conservative values stand out front and center. You need to show the republican electorate that you are representing them and their values. And that there truly is a difference between Republicans and Democrats at the local level.

I am not the only one who feels this way. The current issue with the county assessments for real-estate taxes are a perfect example of settling to get along. Many from CARMA, the WJCCRC, and the Breakfast Club feel strongly that you both settled. If we feel this way, how many more who are not active in politics feel the same. Appearances are everything!

I address this to both of you because I own property in both your districts, so in that aspect you both represent me. I urge you both to stop playing the "get-along" game and act like true Republicans in 2025. Stand firm (IN PUBLIC) against expansion of our local government, we don't need to grow the county administration. Nor do we need to grow the tax base. We need to stop local government over reach, and wasteful spending on projects that serve to only necessitate an expanded county budget. We need to keep to the basics. We need to pay our police officers and firemen and emergency personnel a fair competitive salary. Take care of the needs of current county residents in regards to county infrastructure and fight hard against the wants and dreams of our county manager and progressive democratic supervisors.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Dries