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## **Elections are really about ourselves**

### **GCRRC CHAIR BUDDY BISHOP**

Elections are, undeniably, a juxtaposition of contrasts. On the one hand, they draw clear lines in the sand, often pitting ideals and individuals against each other. Yet, on the other hand, they bring communities together, with citizens rallying behind the candidates they believe in, expressing a collective voice. This dual nature makes the electoral process both a challenge and a celebration.

Moreover, the cyclical patterns of elections and campaigns are unmistakably repetitive. Think back to the many advertisements, slogans, and campaigns from any election you may recall. The rhetoric, the promises, and the dramatics bear an uncanny resemblance to what we witness today. New names, different times, but eerily similar narratives. It's almost as if the political playbook gets a superficial makeover every election season, but the core script remains largely unchanged - and we keep playing along.

And here lies the paradox: despite the repetitive nature, the electorate is perennially engaged, almost ensnared by these campaigns. We laugh, we criticize, we debate, and, most importantly, we vote. But one might ask, "Why?" Why, despite the predictable cadence of these campaigns, do we find ourselves so engrossed every time?

The answer, perhaps, is simpler than the problem: emotion. Elections, campaigns, and even political advertisements, at their core, target human emotion. They're not merely about policy points or candidate qualifications. It's about the gut feeling a candidate evokes in us. Do they resonate with your hopes, align with your fears, or promise a future you've envisioned? The connection is less about logic and more about sentiment.

Local elections, however, bring a unique flavor to this emotional connection. There's a sense of intimacy. The vast arenas of national politics narrow down to in person "meet and greets" and neighborhood gatherings. Instead of distant figures appearing on TV screens, local elections feature familiar faces - perhaps your high school teacher, the owner of a business you frequent, or even your neighbor. If not, there's a good chance a friend or acquaintance knows them personally. This closeness, this direct connection, adds authenticity to the electoral process. The decisions become more about personal beliefs and character judgments. Yet, official Party affiliation is still critical,

In the end, whether divisive or unifying, whether predictable or surprisingly personal, elections are a mirror to society's pulse. They reflect our aspirations, our frustrations, and, most importantly and locally, our hope for a continued better tomorrow in the greatest county in the Union – Republican Goochland.

Visit <https://goochland.gop> for more information on exactly who the approved republicans are on the ballot.

Remember: Beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Vote Early – In Person.

# Goochland Candidate Interviews on the GCRC YouTube Channel

**THERE ARE MORE TO COME!**

 <p><b>Lucy Meredith Moses</b> <b>Karen M Wirsing</b></p> <p><small>Goochland 1st and 2nd Districts School Board 2023 Republican Endorsed</small></p>	 <p><b>DAVID Owen</b></p> <p><small>Virginia 57th House District 2023 Republican Nominee</small></p>	 <p><b>Charlie Vaughters</b></p> <p><small>Goochland 4th District Board of Supervisors 2023 Republican Nominee</small></p>
<p><b>Meredith Moses and Karen Wirsing:</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/FtYpzmTJkk">https://youtu.be/FtYpzmTJkk</a></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District School Board</b></p>	<p><b>David Owen:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS78gs42vkQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS78gs42vkQ</a></p> <p><b>57<sup>th</sup> VA House of Delegates</b></p>	<p><b>Charlie Vaughters:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziRq3oQLhYk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziRq3oQLhYk</a></p> <p><b>4<sup>TH</sup> District BoS</b></p>

## Resolution Urging a “Return to Excellence” in Elections

**I'M A TAD AMAZED THIS EXISTS!**

**This resolution was passed by the National Republican Committee during their Summer Meeting. I hope they mean it. Special Thanks to Debbie Griffith for sharing!**  
*(Highlights and bold are courtesy of the editors)*

### RESOLUTION URGING A “RETURN TO EXCELLENCE” IN AMERICAN VOTING AND ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, To present a formal Resolution from the Republican National Committee for declared opposition to voting manipulation schemes and to return to the functional and historic balloting and polling experience that Americans understand, appreciate, and love;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party that encourages and allows the broadest possible participation to all voters and to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

**WHEREAS, Ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil and decent society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended;**

WHEREAS, Americans expect accurate and swift determinations as it pertains to elections and the administration of elections;

WHEREAS, Elections have been under assault from those on the Left as they attempt to implement schemes and intentionally inject chaotic administrative changes that have drastically changed how elections are conducted in hundreds of the most populous counties and regions across the nation;

WHEREAS, Election officials are obligated to apply polling place access equitably in states, and should not eliminate polling places in order and to move to “vote center” models that make polling place access more difficult in more conservative areas;

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing non-citizen voting laws in liberal cities, which the Republican National Committee has previously resolved to oppose and ensure only United States citizens decide our elections;

WHEREAS, Republican officials are explicitly asking for decisive direction and support from the national Republican apparatus and elected Republican leadership;

**WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are recognized problems with electronic election procedures and intentional complications of instituted systems that complicate, belabor, and slow down our election processes;**

**WHEREAS, Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation; and**

**WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee has unanimously opposed complicated election schemes like Ranked Choice Voting that is a clear example of the chaos being pushed on our states and territories; therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state in the nation to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on secretaries of state of each state to implement anti-counterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee formed a special Election Integrity Committee designed to offer ideas, suggestions and reports on election equipment and voting procedures and it will integrate its findings of best practices through the Election Integrity Department and communicating its findings on voting schemes, balloting systems, election equipment, and safeguards to elected officials, candidates, and voters;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on state legislatures, county, and municipal governments to pass laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for full transparent hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precinct, ward and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots by geographic unit;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee stands firmly behind voter identification laws and calls on state legislatures to pass laws to ensure every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method in which they vote at the time of voting, casting, or delivering a ballot;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee hereby opposes any and all efforts for states to unreasonably expand time periods for early or vote-by-mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following the conclusion of an election on election day; *(continued on the next page)*

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for elimination of temporary or 'pop-up' voting locations, drop boxes, and any other voting center that are not fairly defined and bound to a designated geographic territory and where voting locations exist, namely by precinct, so that voting is accessible equitably by legal precinct, ward or defined geographic unit in order to provide impartial access for all voters; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for a necessary "return to excellence" or in other words, a return to the simple and proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots, in fair, reasonable limited time periods, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence and to ensure that American election procedures can be a fair and open process for all to participate.



Has anyone else noticed  
that the word "pandemic"  
is just "dem" surrounded  
by "panic" ?





A well-attended Meet and Greet with Steven Creasey, Amanda Adams, and John Lumpkins at Goochland Restaurant, August 24th

## Bob Good working for us in DC

### REPUBLICAN BILL TAKES AIM AT 'POLITICAL' HEALTH AGENCY REPORTS AND POLICIES



Rep. Bob Good is taking aim at what he calls politically charged and redundant reports coming out of regulatory health agencies.

The first-term Virginia Republican dropped a bill July 28<sup>th</sup> that would audit and review such reports in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, and the Food and Drug Administration.

"It's time that these agencies are audited after decades of unchecked regulation," Good said in a statement.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/republican-bill-audit-political-health-agencies>

## Events Calendar Highlights

Always check for updates and additions on our website! <https://goochland.gov/events/>

September 5 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Goochland County Board of Supervisors**

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

September 11 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Goochland County Electoral Board Meeting**

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

September 12 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Goochland County School Board Meeting**

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEET & GREET WITH



**SHERIFF STEVEN CREASEY  
JOHN LUMPKINS  
AMANDA ADAMS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
6PM-8PM**

Light refreshments  
provided!

**BANDIT'S RIDGE  
5061 BROAD STREET ROAD  
LOUISA, VA 23093**

**RSVP to [lumpkinsevents@gmail.com](mailto:lumpkinsevents@gmail.com).**

*Paid for and authorized by John Lumpkins for Commonwealth's Attorney,  
Creasey for Sheriff, and Amanda Adams for Clerk.*

**THE PATRIOT'S VOICE IS THE MIND CHILD OF FORMER GCRC CHAIRMAN JOHN MYERS  
IN THIS EDITION, WE DECIDE TO GIVE HIM THE LAST (MANY) WORD(S)!**

## **If I Had My Way**

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### **JOHN MYERS**

Most of us at one time or another have experienced a situation in which we said to ourselves, “if I were in charge”, or “if they had asked me”, or “if I had my way”. Whenever these events happen where the results were less than satisfactory, we almost always think that we could do much better than the creators of the disastrous end. And sometimes, when there is no good solution, we still manage to come up with a solution. For example, whenever I get stuck in a traffic jam, I think to myself, “if I had my way, there would be two sets of highways – one for me and one for everyone else.” Now we know that the multiple sets of roads would be impractical, and perhaps downright selfish.

But there are a multitude of things that I could fix if I had my way. These are the things that frequently get broken by well meaning (idiotic, self-serving, vote buying) politicians. Most of America’s problems are a direct result of policies enacted by these crap-for-brains elected slime bags in Washington, D.C. and most state legislatures. However, for every problem they created, I could solve it if I had my way.

Let’s start with the easy ones, the politicians themselves. It has been said that elections serve as term limits for politicians. Not so. Incumbents get elected at rates far greater than challengers. Leftist President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected four times. When he finally expired during his fourth term, Congress passed the 22nd Amendment which limited presidents to two terms. Unfortunately, while enacting term limits for the president, they did not do the same for themselves. If I had my way, U.S. Congressmen would be limited to three two-year terms and U.S. Senators could only serve one six-year term. I loathe career politicians!

If I had my way, campaign finance would be greatly simplified. My rule, if you can’t vote for a candidate, you can’t help finance him/her. If that name is not on the ballot with which you are presented on Election Day (or election season), not one dime can you contribute to that campaign. No handouts from George Soros, Mike Bloomberg, Mark Zuckerberg, Tom Steir or Bill Gates. Absolutely no corporate contributions and all PACS would be eliminated. Instead of a Congressional campaign costing several hundred thousand dollars or more, it could be done for around \$97.56 (slight exaggeration-maybe a little more).

One of the most dangerous things to talk about is our Federal Insurance Compensation Act, or Social Security. Yes, many Americans depend on it for financial survival, and yes, many would be devastated if they lost it. But the system will ultimately go bankrupt. Like it or not, it is a “Pyramid Club”, where people receiving benefits are being paid by people currently paying into the system (was Bernie Madoff advising them?). It depends on a constantly growing population. That is not happening, or at least, the population of working people is not growing. If I had my way, the system would be eliminated over a period of time. In order to do this, the benefits for future recipients will have to be reduced. There is no other choice, other than to continue to raise the FICA tax rate, and the amount of the base salary up to which is taxed. This problem continues to be treated with a Band-Aid when major surgery is in order.

If I had my way, the voting age would be raised to age 21 again. The argument when it was lowered from 21 was that 18-year-olds could be sent off to war but could not vote. So what? The men who fought in past wars were in the same situation, and they didn’t complain. In addition, there was a military draft then, but there is none now. An 18-year-old is far more qualified to fight in a war than he/she is to make intelligent decisions on voting. And speaking of the draft, if I had my way, we would return to the military draft at ages 18-35.

Liberals have put a bull's eye on the back of the U.S. Constitution. If I had my way, there would be an ultra-conservative legal team which would verify the Constitutionality of any proposed legislation. This would replace the legal team of traitors they now use to help them fabricate laws that take our freedoms. Their opinion would be final. No need to wait for illegal laws to clutter up the Supreme Court docket.

There is talk that our moron-run government is considering going exclusively to a digital medium of exchange. In other words, currency as we know it would no longer exist. The ramifications of this are far too numerous to discuss. But to make a long story short, the federal government will know the source of every dime that you receive and how you spend every dime. If I had my way, any legislator who signs on to this should be tried for treason.

I am sick and tired of the illegal immigration situation! For those of you who are just awakening from a several years long coma, our Southern Border, and perhaps our Northern border as well, are wide open. Our government is allowing people from anywhere in the world to invade this country. Dangerous criminals, people with diseases and some worse than those cross our borders daily, with no end in sight. If I had my way, we would send a message to both Canada and Mexico, that beginning one month from the day of notice, all persons who illegally enter our country will be shot on the spot. Trust me, we will only have to shoot a very few people before they get the message that we are serious. We have attempted using negotiation and reason. How is that working for us?

Another flea in my blanket is stupid voters. Many people have no clue who they are voting for, or why they are voting in the first place. In today's America, the "Average American" is pretty much well below average. If I had my way, we would bring back literacy tests. You may recall that during the 1940's – 1960's in the Democratic run Southern states, literacy tests were used to keep black people from voting. We need this type of discrimination, but not based on ethnicity, race, religion, age or sex. We need to discriminate against the terminally stupid and the sub stupid, neither of whom are in short supply today. A person who votes on people who affect your future should understand the intent of the Constitution, civics, basic economics, history and plain fairness (as defined by sane people). Yes, I said it and I have no shame!

Our government has grown geometrically in comparison to the population, rather than arithmetically. It is bloated, incompetent, corrupt, biased and out of control. It has compiled more debt than at any time or place in the world. The cost of running our government is staggering. If I had my way, 75% of all non-military federal jobs would be eliminated. Many would be simply by attrition, but some would be immediate. Now, of course, you are thinking, the nation will perish. To that I say chicken droppings! Most federal employees hardly do any work, and many of the things they are supposed to be doing don't need to be done. What benefit do we get from the imbeciles that plan green energy projects, determine whose property to deem a wetland or set emission standards for your fireplace? This is untreated insanity!

Politicians, especially at the federal level, tend to exaggerate, fib by omission, or outright lie. That organization called PolitiFact claims to set the record straight on things politicians tell people. Unfortunately, I have only heard them correct conservative politicians. If I had my way, there would be a group named "Liar, liar, pants on fire." This group would dissect every outrageous statement from those on both the Right or the Left and supply irrefutable evidence to substantiate their findings. Perhaps even the dumbest of all people could understand.

There are huge departments and agencies in our government which have been complete failures. The Department of Energy, and the Department of Education readily come to mind. Both of these monstrosities were created under Jimmy Carter, peanut farmer turned nuclear engineer turned nuclear submarine Executive Officer turned Georgia Governor turned third worst president in U.S. history (thanks to Obama and Biden who bumped him down from worst). The D.O.E. Was created in response to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that initiated an oil embargo in the early 1970's against the U.S. for our support of Israel. Gasoline, home heating oil and other petroleum-based products became scarce and expensive. The D.O.E. Was created to make us less dependent on foreign oil. Now, well over 40 years later, we are now more dependent on imported oil than



ever. The ED. Was created because U.S. school children did not score as well on standardized test as those in some other industrialized countries. Now, 40+ years later, American school children are farther behind now than in the 1970's when the ED. was created. So why the Hell are we still funding these dismal failures to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars? If I had my way, they would both be eliminated immediately, and the federal government would have no future involvement with energy production or public education.

Government should only do what it is authorized to do under the Constitution. Currently, for most people, of all taxes they pay, the federal government gets the largest share. If the federal government only performed that which was intended, like providing for defense, our taxes would be far less. If I had my way, federal taxes would be a fraction of what they now. Of course, state and local taxes would be more, but not nearly as much as the federal tax because most of the waste, fraud and abuse would be eliminated.

If I had my way:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Department of Commerce – Adios!</li><li>• No Green New Deal</li><li>• All Civil Service Unions – Sayonara!</li><li>• No K12 political indoctrination</li><li>• All illegal aliens should be deported</li><li>• No special attention or consideration for “alternative sexual lifestyles” (LGBTQ)</li><li>• No special consideration based on race, ethnicity, religion, age or sex</li><li>• Congress would only be in session two months each year (less time for mischief, for emergencies they could meet via Zoom or Go To Meeting- they force technology on us, so why not force it on those weasels?)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Department of Labor – Hasta la vista Baby!</li><li>• Government cannot force it's will on our citizens</li><li>• No woke prosecutors</li><li>• No legislation by government inconsistent with the Constitution</li><li>• End to DACA</li><li>• Absolutely no taxpayer paid trips abroad for Congressmen or Senators</li><li>• No lifetime pensions for former U.S. Congressmen and Senators</li></ul> |
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This is a small slice of all that that would happen if I had my way. Am I a radical? Perhaps I'm just a realist! Now obviously everyone will not agree on my “wish list.” What would you do if you had your way?

**John D. Myers**

Purveyor of Truth, Reason and Sanity

*If stupidity was wealth, all Democrats would be trillionaires!*

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