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Subject: PSA denied

The Board of Supervisors last week unanimously voted down the proposed PSA agreement. Thank you for that vote. The petition requesting a referendum, which I had presented to the board at its previous meeting, per the voter's registrar failed to have sufficient signatures (712 vs required 823). (Note that only signatures of voters outside of the incorporated townships were collected based on our understanding of "locality". These voters account for just over 6,000 voters.)

One of the primary reasons given was a recognition of the "significant opposition" to the PSA as written. Please remember that there were many opportunities prior to this time to discuss the agreement and its form. Recapping these opportunities: July briefing of Kilmarnock town council (public denied opportunity to question); August 3 briefing of joint town councils and board of supervisors at the middle school, no questions from the public in attendance were solicited or allowed; August 10 meeting of FOLC speaker Mr Beauchamp was given carte blanche to discuss any issues affecting the county and its future, the PSA agreement and its effects were never mentioned (the board's chairman was also present.)

Per county records at www.lancova.com, an executive board of supervisor's meeting was held at 2pm August 11 at the courthouse. The minutes of that meeting certify in part "to discuss negotiating strategy and representative selection for the purpose of establishing a Public Service Authority in Lancaster County....." Open working sessions may be painful and time consuming, but they build TRUST.

We have many problems in the county and we have a ton of talent from marvelous people eager to help solve them. The comprehensive plan is to be reviewed. Let's seize the opportunity to work together to ensure that others "DON'T NORTHERN VIRGINIA, THE NORTHERN NECK".

You the voter have opportunities to determine the course of the county and the towns. Tonight (Nov 3) attend the White Stone town council meeting (PSA consideration?). Nov 8 be sure to take the time to vote. Nov 10 Irvington town council (PSA?) Plan to attend meetings of the various officials, they need your input.

Let's develop plans and ordinances that serve all the citizens and ensure that they are followed to the betterment of all. If this a negative outlook, then so be it.

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