



GREENE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE



Resolution #2015.03 of the Greene County Republican Committee

At its Business Meeting of 20 July 2015

To the Board of Supervisors and the Voters of Greene County

WHEREAS, the Voters of Greene County (the County) elect and entrust the Board of Supervisors (the Board) to supply the vision, direction and management of the general welfare of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board historically hires a County Administrator (Administrator) to oversee and implement its directives in all relevant matters in the governance of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board hired Mr. John Barkley for the position of Administrator commencing on July 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014 the Board voted to issue a three year interest-free loan to Mr. Barkley in the amount of \$5713.76 for the purpose of paying monies owed by Mr. Barkley to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS); and

WHEREAS, public inquiries into the matter of the loan were rebuffed by Mr. Barkley and the Board; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2014 Supervisor Jim Frydl in an e-mail to resident William Shifflett stated that Mr. Barkley was "inadvertently not included in the VRS"; and

WHEREAS, at the May 12, 2015 Board meeting, upon queries from the public, Supervisor Frydl stated that "we weren't hiding anything", that "it's a simple oversight" and that it's a "non-issue"; and

WHEREAS, documents released under a FOIA request show these statements to be false; and

WHEREAS, there is strong evidence that Mr. Barkley **directed subordinates to act contrary to the law** by not enrolling him in the VRS, thereby raising doubt regarding the trustworthiness of his judgement; and

WHEREAS, the public may rightfully question whether misfeasance was committed by a majority of the Board when they allocated public funds to pay Mr. Barkley's personal obligation, especially given that Mr. Barkley had already been routinely paid the monies owed to the VRS from the beginning of his employment; and

WHEREAS, the public may rightfully otherwise question the failure of the Board to adequately supervise Mr. Barkley, their employee, regarding simple payroll obligations under Virginia law; and

WHEREAS, the public may now rightfully question the intentions and truthfulness of statements made by Supervisor Frydl and the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barkley is again circumventing Virginia law by refusing to comply with a second FOIA request; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Greene County Republican Committee, do hereby call on the Board and the Voters of Greene County to end this growing public degradation of the good reputation of Greene County, its citizens, and its government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the Board to immediately comply with all lawful FOIA requests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the Board to ask for and receive the immediate resignation of Mr. Barkley from his Administrator position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on Supervisors Frydl and Martin (Lamb already having done so) to apologize to the public for their roles and affirmative votes for the inappropriate loan to Mr. Barkley.

APPROVED by the GCRC at its Business meeting of July 20th 2015.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Greene County Republican Committee of Virginia,

Ed Yensho- Chairman