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Why hasn't the 2nd Sergeant Report been released? Why hasn't legislation been introduced to allow for the removal of a sitting commissioner? What is being done about the county's ongoing water issues? Is it self-serving for 3 commissioners to support term limits only after giving themselves one more opportunity to run? These are just 4 of many legitimate questions concerned citizens have repeatedly asked which are aimed at transparency and accountability, not at tearing anyone down. 3 of 5 of commissioners take these questions in stride, even when the topics are uncomfortable. Yet 2 commissioners respond with attitude, deflection, or defensiveness, particularly when the conversation shifts toward ethics and integrity. Let's be honest...Is it ethical for a commissioner's spouse to receive taxpayer funds? Is it appropriate for a commissioner to use the same social media platform to promote both government business/personal ventures for financial gain? Is it fair/transparent to force a vote on a non-agenda item when the outcome is favorable, yet delay a vote on an agenda item until all commissioners are present? Is it questionable that a commissioner's spouse received the Homestead Tax Credit for 6 years while claiming residency in Prince George's County, even if that was an "apparent" honest mistake? These are not personal attacks but rather professional in order to gain professional responses. What I am raising are fundamental concerns about ethics, transparency, and public trust. These are the same values every elected official claims to uphold. Public officials often say the community deserves honesty. Yet, too often, when the spotlight of accountability shifts toward certain individuals, we get emotional deflections, not professional responses. That's not leadership--that's avoidance.

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