

Commentary: Mouthing Off About That for Which You Know Little or Nothing

I have a section of “news” here on CVConnect I call “From the Blogs (Facts, Gossip, and Opinion.) I am on the verge of dropping the word ‘Facts.’ It isn’t that I think people should not have opinions – we all do. But I have tried very hard over the years to substantiate my ‘opinion’ with ‘facts.’ If you go back and read the articles I have posted here you will find that I provide the links to the facts that cause me to have my opinions.

What causes me to write this article (I prefer the word ‘essay’) is an entry at the blog site Bull Elephant entitled “So, about Marshall Pattie...” I read it and said to myself, “You the author are what Rush Limbaugh calls a ‘low-information voter.’ You are not a resident of Augusta County. You live in Reston. Quite possibly at the most you have driven through Augusta County. Likely you have never even stopped in August County. I wager you have never spoken to Marshall Pattie. Certainly you have never been to an Augusta County Republican Committee meeting. I know you do not know the Chairman of the ACRC. You have never spoken to the Shenandoah Valley Tea Party Patriots’ Chairman, Director, or members. (The SVTPP covers Augusta county, Staunton, Waynesboro, and parts or Rockingham County.)

So where have you gotten your information to talk about Marshall Pattie? I wager it has come from the very same people who are or are supporting one of the other 24th Republican Primary candidates. If that is true then Lord help you, you know little about Marshall Pattie. Lord help us, we have to listen to misdirected information from sources whose pasts, in my mind, makes Marshall Pattie look like a saint.

No one, including Marshall Pattie, is perfect and without doings for which they can be criticized, and that includes Dan Moxley whom I am fairly certain the author of the Bull Elephant article supports. Is Marshall Pattie perfect? The answer is ‘No.’ But Marshall Pattie has been the Supervisor for the North River District on the Augusta County Board for 4 years. During that time he has opposed and voted ‘No’ for every proposal of a tax increase. He has fought the efforts of the EPA to force farmers to put up ‘water-way’ fencing the length of which would encircle Augusta Count 19 times. He has tried to have the School Board write and justify budgets that are understandable and defensible – something that the other 6 Board members, 5 of which are ‘Republicans’, have resisted. And for the entire 4 years of service on the Board of Supervisors he has had his Board Salary redirected to the packet of money each supervisor has available to take care of matters in their district. No, he is not wealthy.

I have not written this as an endorsement of Marshall Pattie I have written this as a commentary on the BS I have read at the Bull Elephant and elsewhere that have have sucked up the Kool Aid put out by the Moxley Campaign. None of those who have written that BS would have done so if they had done due-diligence homework. Let me leave you with the following link to interviews done with Marshall Pattie and Dan Moxley, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). You judge.