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Wilburn should accept defeat and end write-in campaign

I have a question for the current Bedford Township supervisor and those who are supporting this ill-conceived write-in campaign. What part of "NO" do they not understand?

The supervisor (Walt Wilburn) was legitimately defeated in the Republican primary by a capable opponent (Greg Stewart) who worked hard and ran a clean campaign. As is customary, the defeated incumbent congratulated his opponent and pledged to work with the "would be" new supervisor (since no Democrat will be on the ballot) for a "smooth transition."

Unbelievably, and just a few days later, the defeated supervisor announced his intention to run against the same opponent in the general election as a write-in candidate while stating "I don't believe my days as supervisor are over."

What? This seems both arrogant and dishonest to me.

Ironically, the incumbent was turned away by his own party (or perhaps now his former party) for exactly the same kind of behavior, i.e. promising one thing and then doing another! Aren't we all sick and tired of that nonsense at every level of government? Bedford voters sent a very clear and loud message in the primary. It's sad that some people refuse to hear it and just don't get it.

Furthermore, I fail to see the wisdom or the "win" for the community in an elected official's disgraceful betrayal of his own word! And in the unlikely event that the write-in effort would somehow succeed, who on Earth will ever believe anything the supervisor

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says again? His effectiveness in office would be greatly diminished. How does that help Bedford?

No person is bigger than his party or the office he seeks. No elected position in Bedford is an entitlement for anyone. Yes, it's true that Walt has the right to run a write-in campaign, but having the right to do something doesn't make it right! This campaign is clearly wrong for many reasons. It is disloyal to the Republican party, it is disrespectful to Greg Stewart, and it is divisive for the entire community.

I call on Mr. Wilburn to stop this campaign immediately, keep his word and accept the results of the primary.

I also call on all the fair-minded citizens of Bedford to support Greg Stewart, the winner of the primary, an honest and competent man, and the only supervisor candidate whose name will be on the ballot in November!

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