

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Hub Addendum: Childress Resignation

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CHILDRESS RESIGNATION — AUGUST 6, 2026

Gerald Childress, Chancellor District Supervisor, has informed Spotsylvania County that he will resign from the Board of Supervisors effective **August 6, 2026**, citing personal and health reasons.

Official Sources:

- Spotsylvania County Government official announcement (July 31, 2026) — spotsylvania.va.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1126
- Fredericksburg Free Press — "Childress steps down from the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors" (July 31, 2026)
- County press release: "Chancellor District Supervisor Gerald Childress has informed the county that he will resign from the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors effective Aug. 6, 2026, citing personal and health reasons."

Background: Childress began his four-year term in January 2024 after defeating Mike Martin with 60% of the vote in the November 2023 election. His VPAP filing shows \$27,008 raised and 4,046 votes.

Next Steps: The Board of Supervisors will consider the date of a special election to fill the vacancy and whether to make an interim appointment at its August 11, 2026 meeting.

COMMUNITY ALLEGATIONS — UNCONFIRMED

NOTE: The following are allegations from named community sources, NOT official findings. They are documented here as social evidence requiring further investigation. No legal conclusions are drawn.

Source: Jim Clore, Spotsylvania resident and community activist (Facebook, July 31, 2026)

Clore posted publicly on July 31, 2026, under the heading "One down and a few more to go," stating:

"His dealings with the data center conflicts of interest and his close web with Charlie Payne, SCC Violations, REC class action law suit coming." — Jim Clore, Facebook, July 31, 2026

These allegations reference the previously documented connection between Childress and Charlie Payne through three "Veteran Solutions" LLCs created for the Chancellor District. The REC class action reference relates to the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative NDA scandal documented in the Spotsylvania Hub.

Spotsylvania Parent Coalition (SPC) Post: The SPC Facebook page (61567028698358) posted about new LLCs allegedly tied to Charlie Payne, referencing "Sweet Bees Remodeling" and "Yak & Sons Construction" as being "kinda like" the Veteran Solutions pattern. As of August 4, 2026, these entity names could NOT be verified through the Virginia SCC Clerk's Information System (blocked by bot detection) or any public business database. They may be newly formed entities not yet indexed, or unconfirmed allegations. Status: UNVERIFIED — requires direct VA SCC entity search.

IMPACT ON SPOTSYLVANIA BOS BALANCE

Childress was one of three supervisors who voted AGAINST requiring Special Use Permits for data centers (Feb 25, 2026 vote: 4-3 for SUPs — Childress, Mullins, Frazier voted NO). His departure creates a vacancy in the Chancellor District, which is the same district where multiple data center projects are proposed or under construction, including the Belvedere Technology Campus (Charlie Payne applicant).

The special election to fill this seat will be a critical vote on data center regulation in Spotsylvania County. The Chancellor District includes the Belvedere, Crossroads, and other data center sites.

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