



Speech Before the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners on 05-23-2023

I thank this new Board and Ottawa Impact for what you are doing. I support your direction and your resolutions and urge you to vote 'yes' on both. But I request you and all here to consider how we need to go further in the months ahead.

The original US constitution was the Articles of Confederation, an explicitly Christian constitution which distributed more powers to the states so Christian liberties would be protected. The Articles of Confederation were written in 1776 and had been adopted by every State in the country by 1781. The words of the national covenant legally pledged the USA to it in perpetuity, only to be amended by following the legal procedures as provided therein. These procedures were not followed in the adoption of the Federal Constitution. Instead, Federalists illegally pushed through the Federal Constitution in 1789, which they could not legally get adopted due to the strength of the anti-federalist opposition. Patrick Henry and other anti-federalists warned what would happen with this illegal usurpation.

For the details of how the change in national constitution was illegally accomplished, I would direct your attention to the book *Conceived in Liberty: Volume 5* of Dr. Murray Rothbard. As quoted there: "... the nationalist forces were able to execute their truly amazing political coup d'état which *illegally* liquidated the Articles of Confederation and replaced it with the Constitution. In short, they were able to destroy the original individualist and decentralized program of the American Revolution ... The Federalists, by use of propaganda, chicanery, fraud, malapportionment of delegates, blackmail threats of secession, and even coercive laws, had managed to sustain enough delegates to defy the wishes of the majority of the American people and create a new Constitution." In other words, not only were the legal procedures for amendment of the original constitution not followed, but the whole thing was orchestrated in a blatantly illegal and unethical fashion.

According to the Articles of Confederation, all states and localities of the USA are to have state-regulated citizens' militias, and have citizens with guns so as to be able to serve on the citizens' militia, in order to protect against centralized political tyranny. The Second Amendment of the Federal Constitution sought to preserve this situation, even though it did so in a form weakened from the Articles of Confederation. The founders were fearful of a centralized tyranny, so required an armed citizenry.

One final thought I would leave with this Board and my fellow citizens in Ottawa County: there is a document above the human constitution- whether that be the Articles of Confederation or the Federal Constitution- and that is God's word the Bible. Here is what the Bible says in Psalm 2: "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son..." Civil magistrates are to kiss the Son. The USA's original constitution was correct in recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord.