

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2016 County Commission Candidate Questionnaire

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Occupation/Work History (last five years - 25 words or fewer):

I am a General Contractor. Brown Midwest is one of my companies and we have developed, built and sold over 2000 single family homes in our history.

Other recent political/community experience (25 words or fewer):

I served as 2007 President of the KCHBA and helped to create our PAC's having great influence in elections in Johnson County, KS . I have also personally helped MANY pro-business candidates get elected in Jo o.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

Olathe. Garner-Edgerton. KCK. Graduate of Leadership Olathe- Class of 2001.

As a candidate, what are your top three priorities for Johnson County? (10 words or fewer per issue):

1. Be present at all meetings and easily accessible to all. - Listen first, then lead.
2. Control spending while providing quality services
3. Economic Development growth!!!

Johnson County continues to grow dramatically. Recognizing that county government must respond to our county's population growth and the need to invest in services and infrastructure while, at the same time, dealing with state-imposed limitations on funds and revenue sources available to local units of government, describe how you would approach managing the county budget (75 words or fewer):

Priorities and true needs must be established such that these are funded first and then in a descending-priority order we will deal with wants using available funding as available. Core priority operations must be fully funded first. Economic Development (especially opportunities surrounding the BNSF Inter-modal Project) must be capitalized upon. This is the best way to continue to provide jobs and top flight services in Jo Co without raising taxes.

There has been much discussion about regionalism. Please explain your views on regional cooperation (75 words or fewer):

When practical and beneficial to Johnson County, cooperating with our surrounding neighbors makes sense but not before the needs of the Jo Co taxpayer are met.

Describe your views on the balance between the distribution of costs and services between incorporated and unincorporated areas of Johnson County (75 words or fewer):

The taxes paid by those in the incorporated and unincorporated areas can and must be determined and then the services made available to those two different areas should be established on a percentage basis.

What are your views on the County-Assisted Road System program (CARS) and other county/city infrastructure partnerships? Explain (50 words or fewer):

CARS is a great way to keep all of the streets and roads in Jo Co safe and maintained.

Describe your views on the county's support of social services and the increased demands on the county created by state budget cuts (75 words or fewer):

We have a Constitutional obligation to provide certain services and a moral obligation to supply other services. We have to take care of our brothers and sisters while recognizing none of those services comes free or cheap.

What would you describe as the top five functions of county government? Please list them in your order of priority. (75 words or fewer):

1. Safety - Emergency Services/Court Services/Jails
2. Fiscal Accountability - Budget Controls and Oversight
3. Parks - Recreation space is a high priority
4. Wastewater - Directs timing of and growth patterns for county development
5. Human Services - Developmental Supports/Mental Health

What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (75 words or fewer):

I am a type-A, go-getter personality. I have a work ethic that requires me to be active, engage and involved. I have been actively engaged at the county level of government for over 15 years and have a solid general grasp of the responsibilities of Johnson County Government and the wants and needs of the citizens and businesses of our community. If elected I will work hard, show up to meetings, return calls and emails and I will be a Commissioner you know, a person you trust and a determined man you see working for you.