

Hi, thanks for giving me this opportunity to answer these questions.

1: Personally I feel like the roads are the biggest priority when it comes to the budget, but the library should also be considered high in priority due to the service it provides to the community, as the keeping of knowledge is invaluable to society.

2: When it comes to taxes, I understand the sentiment of not liking them, but on the smaller scale such as this, we should be more focused on making sure we are transparent with our expenditures.

3: I am currently not up to date on the funding provided to the library, but as long as the library is still able to provide the service and function it does, perhaps an increase to funding wouldn't be out of the question.

4: I'm just a normal, working-class guy. I don't have political experience. I have experience in leadership, and helping manage things, as I have been in supervisory roles, and I can use that experience to help me if elected.

5: When it comes to the commissioners themselves, we need to make sure we are acting as checks and balances, not just for each other, but for those we elect as well. Obviously the board members should be people with an interest in helping the mission of the library. As for responsibility, above all, the county commissioners should be trying to serve the people of the county, trying to help in any way they can.

6: The purpose of the library, in my mind, has always been to provide knowledge, and to help people get access to knowledge. This has been a fact throughout history, a fact I probably would not know if it weren't for the wealth of information that can be found in the library.

7: I am a great proponent of personal freedom, especially intellectually. No knowledge should be restricted, and people having multiple viewpoints leads, in my opinion, to a much more well-informed and successful populace.

8: I have, in fact, visited the library many times, since its opening in 2007, and I am glad that it still stands to this day.

9: Communication is key to any sort of cooperative effort, and my ongoing marriage is proof of that. We need to be willing to maintain open, honest, and transparent communication with all other governments here, as that will lead to a much better relationship between city, county, and state.

Thanks for giving me this opportunity,

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