

## Questions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

My background is in technology and quality control. My upbringing was in civil service and community. My father is a retired police officer and veteran, my mother a retired RN. I worked in at least two defense contractors, making and testing life- saving equipment. I have been raised, taught and educated for the importance of community and helping others. In my work experience, I tested and verified the functions of equipment that could not fail or soldiers would die. This was a task that required focus and rigorous procedures. Attention to detail and problem solving were a must. I can bring that same understanding of quality and procedures to the services and policies of the County Government.

**STIMULUS MONEY:** What are your priorities for using the federal stimulus money?

To improve infrastructure and rebuild loss from pandemic. I would stimulate local hiring and locally owned small businesses that do not have resources that major corporations possess. Build a fiber-optic high-speed network to support local education and telecommutes for local workers. Give opportunities for local growth of businesses and economy by fostering services on such a network. Bring actual improvements by technology and create actual capabilities that will improve quality of life today and not just give false hopes of an improved tomorrow years down the line. To bring Carroll County into the 21st century and be more competitive in markets.

**DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:** What are your priorities for the county's land use policies?

To maintain agricultural and rural communities, protect the environment and prevent rampant uncontrolled development that is taxing our services and utilities. We need to realize that being modern does not mean abandoning what got us to this point in the first place. There is no reason why our history of agriculture and local business cannot be a path to 21st century services and technology. Housing development needs to be more inline with services available and what utilities can be upgraded. We cannot support a growing population that continues to work elsewhere and treats Carroll County as a bedroom community.

**EDUCATION:** What steps will you take to improve community support for the public schools?

Maintain a focus on academics and skills. Our school system has a habit of riding trends and fads. They use technology like some form of toy than any actual learning tool. We need to adapt curriculum to current needs in the workforce and community. When I attended Westminster High School (and CCCTC) I learned 80% of what I needed for my EE degree. Soon after those technology courses were removed from the curriculum for trendy classes on 3D printing and processes. None of which are actually used in the industry. We need to bring the actual skills/trades used into what we teach our students. That would be Electronics, C programming and Computer Science.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** How will you work with county entities in addressing public health concerns such as epidemics?

Something has happened where for years we knew that communicable infections had to be traced and contacts notified. Then for some reason all professionals had to wait for advice from the CDC and they were waiting for advice from the White House. Why? This is completely unnecessary, the procedures are known by every first-year medical student. There is a lack of either wanting responsibility or the will to use it. Top that off with a lack of supplies and man-power to do the work needed to save lives. Our leadership has completely dropped the ball on this one. A pandemic like this is one where leadership must be from the bottom up. A global pandemic exists because it wasn't fought locally.

**EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS:** What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

We need to stop giving corporations tax breaks and spending money on improvements that won't be used by that corporations or others. Business that come to Carroll must hire locally where available. In the past we have stated the need to attract technology sector jobs but then we never hire the local population trained in technology. Instead all our highly-educated employees work in DC/Baltimore or PA. Then companies bring out-of-state employees to work locally. We need to pair our education system with local businesses to get the local students and population hired at these corporations. Otherwise I'd support more local-owned business to develop the same services and employment that corporations will not bring to Carroll County.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** How would you increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

Aw you reduced the char count on this one to 400. Property is not worth its assessed value. The housing industry and markets have for a long time cheated people out of decent homes and then throw them out when they can't pay overvalued mortgages. There needs to be an audit of assessments and an appropriate adjustment of values. Like when Medicare reduces the costs of overpriced procedures.