

1. You have said that you got into the race because you want to provide a new vision for the county, represent all its citizens by applying your experience and leadership philosophy. What qualifications do you have that would support this?

My vision is simple, move the county forward with efficiency and transparency while providing the citizens with the best our county government has to offer. I have over 30 years in law enforcement, most of those years in a leadership position. I led several teams and started, or rebuilt, much needed programs. I have worked with, and led, several organizations that serve community needs. I am the past President of the Campbell County Boys and Girls Club, Ky Association of School Resource Officers, The Campbell County Fraternal Order of Police an Executive Board Member of the Kentucky Center for School Safety. I have been a team member, and team leader, at times, with NKY Special Operations Group, SWAT, Major Accident Reconstruction Team and led a drug interdiction unit before retiring and becoming an SRO. I have spoken on the state and national level on the importance of building relationships because without them, little will be accomplished. My college degree is one based on leadership. Additionally, I have several hundred hours of leadership training from my work as a police administrator. Leadership at the Judge Executive level is about looking five to ten years down the road and preparing for the future. Unfortunately, much needs to be done today to establish a strong base on which to build. My Leadership Philosophy can be found on my campaign website for those who care to read more about my qualifications. It will give further insight into how I operate and just as important, how I treat those who support me.

2. Many citizens seem to be concerned about the Pendleton County Fire Department and feel the cost of the department has greatly exceeded its original projections. How would you address this issue since so much money has already been invested by the county?

Before I would take office, much will have been done to establish a county run fire department so I will have to work with what is there. The fire department issue was one of the main reasons I joined the race. I do not feel like the county should be in the fire protection business. Along those same lines, we should not create a county police department, as has been rumored. Allow a board to govern, not one

person. Yes, we should ensure the citizens are protected but I feel a fire district is probably the best way to move forward. Again, I stress that more information is needed and my decision is not set in stone. Northern Pendleton has a proven record of providing quality leadership and fire protection. Much work has been done to move that department forward. It is a mystery to me why they were not asked to extend, or at least be consulted regarding fire protection for the rest of the county. Would a county wide fire district be easy to implement? No, but it is something I feel must be discussed in detail. We cannot continue to throw money at a poor plan and hope to improve or even provide basic fire service to all county residents unless hard decisions are made after careful planning and research. Those who truly care about serving the public will work together until this goal is met. Pendleton County needs both paid and volunteer firefighters. I understand a fire district will add a fire tax to the property owners tax bill, but a reduction in county tax is possible once the county is out of the fire protection business. If not a reduction, the would money could be used elsewhere more efficiently for police services, infrastructure or other projects that benefit the entire county. Insurance ratings would improve resulting in lower premiums. Currently fire service is part of the tax bill, just not a line item on the statement. We can do better.

3. You spoke about your experience on a capital investment project with the Campbell County Boys and Girls Club and that "any capital investment project taken on under my leadership would first be needed, and completed on time, and within budget". What would you do to insure this would happen?

Proper research is the key to developing any plan or achieving any goal. First, we must research the issue or problem we are trying to solve to come up with a plan to complete the task. It does not matter if this for the investment of purchasing police cruisers, constructing a new building or adding water lines, the same attention to detail must be met. Once it has been decided that a capital project is needed, more research must take place. We look at our options and how do we pay for them. We must consult with those who have taken on the same task to see what worked for them. We can no longer be narrow minded in our approach to capital improvements and spending of taxpayer money. Just because property is cheap, it doesn't mean that it is the best place to make the investment. More questions need to be answered. What utilities need to be added to make the space work? Will this new investment improve the way and level of services

provided? Finding the right contractor to carry out the improvement is paramount. Again, we must research, along with seeking input from those affected or have been involved in similar projects. The work must be monitored as it is being completed to make sure the timeline is met and quality work is being performed. The Boys and Girls Club is one example but I have been involved in equipment purchases, as well as outfitting and regulatory compliance of the that equipment once in service in my time in policing, and private business. Capital improvements are not about names on a plaque at a dedication, it is about putting in the work and spending money wisely when needed.

4. What will you do to support local businesses and help to bring new businesses to the community?

Local businesses are the backbone of any community. I was part of the citywide team that made Bellevue Ky a thriving place to do business and visit. Falmouth and Butler have the same opportunity given the proper support. I grew up in and managed the daily operations of one of my parent's businesses. They owned four at one time so I learned a great deal from them. As Judge Executive I will see that my team connects businesses with resources needed to succeed. When possible, business related grants and financing from the state and local options will be explored. Streamlining regulations and permits to make investing in the county easier is also an important issue. Time is money in business and those who invest should not have to wait for a governing agency to approve plans.

In order to attract new business, Pendleton County must be promoted, not just locally, but around and outside of the state. I will serve, or appoint the proper people to serve, on local or state boards that are involved in economic development. I will see that any fund obtained for economic development are used wisely and in the best interest of the county. I work with other elected officials and state government officials to obtain funding for business expansion or new start up.

Infrastructure development is needed before we can attract or retain the businesses we currently have. A clean, safe and reliable water supply as well as gas, electric and sewage are a must. I see where tourism can be a growing business in Pendleton County. Building off The Wool Festival and Balloons and Tunes to attract visitors to spend time and money here. Camping, hiking, off-roading, and the recreational use of the Licking River are all possible business opportunities for expansion. Our farms supply homegrown produce and meat, so

why not support new businesses in that area? If properly supported by the Judge Executive and Fiscal Court, we can grow our county and increase our tax base while retaining the charm Pendleton County offers. Again, none of this will be done by me alone, but by the team that supports the same goals.

5. Will you work with the Fiscal Court and other entities?

I will absolutely work with the Fiscal Court and any other group who wishes to see Pendleton County prosper. Few things in life are accomplished alone and my record of getting things done is because I surrounded myself with good people, who I empowered, and who shared the same vision. This election will decide whether we have more of the same or we have a chance to improve county government. Under my leadership working with those who want the same, WE will move forward. The voters will decide who represents their districts. At least two seats will have new voices. My hope is that informed decisions will be made before entering the ballot booth. I will again refer to my leadership philosophy that has not changed since it was written in dealing with the court. I will not act as a king and always welcome open discussion and disagreements while working toward a compromise. The office of Judge Executive is not about one man or woman but about the team that surrounds the office. Together much can be accomplished.

6. Dispatch is a tough issue. It has been said that keeping dispatch in the county will cost \$185,000 more than the state system. Thoughts?

I understand the complexities of the dispatch system. As an officer and supervisor who had to help his department navigate through a merger to a present-day sheriff's deputy who is serviced by KSP Dispatch. Money cannot be the only consideration when talking about a dispatch center. Yes, we should consolidate or merge service when it saves tax payers money but not at the expense of public safety. Having someone who knows Pendleton County answering the 911 calls is a plus to the first responders. A dispatcher is the often-overlooked hero in the emergency response system. I was blessed to have dispatchers who truly cared about first responders and had a vested interest in the community. Was the decision to move dispatch to KSP made after careful research and seeking input from those affected or was it bottom line of a budget decision? I do not know. What I do know, this decision, like those involving capital improvement, would not be made the same under my leadership. Does that mean I will bring back the dispatch center? I cannot say without learning more about the center that was

abandoned. Were there equipment issues that needed to be addressed immediately or in the near future? Has dispatch improved since contracting with KSP? These are all questions that must be answered before reverting back or moving forward with the current system. Once again, consulting those closest to the situation would be my first effort towards a solution.

7. Anything else you would like the public to know?

I was encouraged to enter the race of Judge Executive by Pendleton County friends who have known me for years. They know the person I am and the work I have done both professionally, and in the communities, I have served. If elected, I promise to bring that same passion, vision, and drive to Pendleton County because this is where my wife and I call home. The filing deadline has closed and the voters have a choice to make. Are they happy with the leadership provided by my opponents as they served in their respective roles within the county or are they ready for new leadership with a new vision of what Pendleton County can be. I'm not trying to change the county, just how the county does business. I am encouraged by the discussions I have had and the messages of support I have received as I work to get my message out to the voters. The future is now, time to move Pendleton County forward. In closing I say once again "Vote for You!"
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