



**2020 MUSKEGON COUNTY – LOCAL OFFICIALS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1. Have you ever been appointed or elected to public office? Yes
If yes, what office? Reeths-Puffer School Board – Have served over 20 years 4 terms held all offices including Board President.
2. Have you ever owned a business or has someone in your family owned a business? If yes, please describe.
Currently owner of a business Grand River Office in Downtown Muskegon, worked for large and small companies managed, divisions and companies.

3. Briefly describe the qualifications and experience you possess that make you the best candidate for this office.
Being a business owner and holding management positions, understand the importance of providing jobs and the impact it has economically for the area. As a School Board member promote good schools and what is needed to prepare students for their next journey in life. Also have been involved in various groups and organizations i.e. Muskegon Chamber, Muskegon Rotary, Northside Lions, Booster Club, Mercy Health philanthropy Committee, Foster, and adoptive parents. Safe Streets Committee jointly with Laketon Township and Reeths-Puffer Schools. Past President of R-P / Laketon Youth sports.

4. What do you believe should be the role of government in today's world?
Being open and transparent, I also strongly believe that there is a right decision and a political decision. Too many times the later prevails and not what is best for the constituents but what is may benefit the politician.

5. What do you consider to be the top three (3) issues facing Muskegon County businesses today and how can the county government address them?

Almost every Chamber Event the issue of having qualified workforce and retainment of talent. In addition to having jobs to attract, good schools, housing, and recreational areas. Statistics have shown the commute is from Ottawa County (Grand Haven Spring Lk) to Muskegon why is this? We also need to provide a safe environment for businesses and residential development, perception is reality.

6. Name one thing that you think is going right in Muskegon County and one thing that you think could be changed right away.

Development of the downtown area to draw people, business & tourists. Convention Center I believe will be a positive thing for Muskegon. County and Local Governments must work together for a common cause. Working with local officials and organizations to promote the County such as the Chamber Muskegon Area First, Downtown Muskegon Now, Community Foundation. Also need to work with the local developers here.

7. In what areas do you feel you can make the most difference as a local elected official?
Able to get things done and work various groups for a common purpose. Having business sense to understand how it works and how its funded. Help develop a strategic plan for the county. I know or have worked with several businesses in the County over several years and know who to talk to.

8. How will you leverage and utilize the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce as a resource should you be elected?
Continue to be a member and involved with the Chamber working together for the same goals for Muskegon. Promote Chamber membership and Events. Chamber helped my company promote our open house and ribbon cutting event making a positive statement for Muskegon. Also know and worked with many Chamber members and staff and can work with them.

9. If elected, what are your top 3 priorities?

Fiscal Responsibility, New Business Development, Transparency in County Government.

10. Is there anything else that you would like to share?

Thanks for the opportunity to be a serve the community and will do my best as in the past to work hard for the County.

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