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1. Have you ever been appointed or elected to public office?
If yes, which office?

Reeths-Puffer School Board 1998-2020
Muskegon County Commissioner 2020-2022

2. Have you ever owned a business or has someone in your family owned a business? If yes, please describe.

Current owner of a Business located in downtown Muskegon. Grand River Office is a Commercial Office Furniture Dealership. We focus on Commercial and Educational Markets from space planning to installation.

3. Briefly describe the qualifications and experience you possess that make you the best candidate for this office.

Experience having worked for several years with multimillion divisions for major international companies in upper management. Having experience owning a company and being a past County Commissioner.

4. What do you believe should be the role of the office you are seeking?

Putting a Strategic Plan together with input from constituents and implementing. I believe current politicians make promises but don't keep or don't know how business works or execute a plan.

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

1. Image- Continue to be a champion of Muskegon County emphasizing the positive attributes of the Lakeshore Parks and waterfront
2. Work Force training and retaining a workforce
3. Crime – corresponds with 1

6. How do you balance personal values and beliefs with problem solving for the public's issues? You need to look at both sides of the issue. My experience has helped and managing people and being on a school board.

7. In what areas do you feel you can make the most difference as a local elected official?

Working with Business leaders and local governments having that relationship built over several years along with being involved in the community.

8. How will you leverage and utilize the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce as a resource should you be elected?

As in the past I initiated a group for input to identify needs for the County. This group is comprised of local business leaders and the Chamber. Being a Chamber of Commerce member to work with and partner on ideas and vision.

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

1. Lake front development working jointly with the City and County Master Plan and Specifically Heritage Landing.
2. For years we have Workforce living in adjoining Counties working with local business to retain workers and attract new.
3. Safety working with our law enforcement to assure we have a safe environment for business and residential development, perception is reality.

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

In addition to business experience, I have been active in several organizations that help and promote Muskegon and the County.

As County Commissioner:

Chair Strategic Planning / Community Development

Chair Transportation – Airport Air Show

Co-Chair Ways & Means

Bear Lake Water Improvement Group

DHSS - Former Foster Parents

Veterans Advisory Board

Laketon Township / RP Safe Streets Committee

North Side Lions Current VP and officer

Muskegon Rotary – Co Chair Interact

Pound Buddies – Board Member

United Way

Past School Board Member 22 years

Past President Laketon Youth / RP youth football and baseball

Featured on Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce “Catch the Wave “ 1998

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