



2020 Board of County Commissioner Candidate Questionnaire:

Post-Candidate Forum: The Questions that Were Not
Asked

The following questions were posed by the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee members and Chamber members but could not be asked at the recent BOCC Candidates Forum due to time limitations. As a candidate, we ask that you submit your responses and email them to ardath@citruscountychamber.com by end of business on Friday, July 17. We will post your responses on the Chamber website as you write them, with no editing:

Your Name: Edwin Lewis Roberts

Candidate District #: 3

1. What are your thoughts about the way the County is dispensing the CARES Act funds for small businesses?

I was at the BOCC meeting Tuesday July 14th's meeting. The Board members explained how the funds would be dispersed and I totally agree with the board

2. Are you knowledgeable about the regulations related to planning and development in Citrus County? What is your view of the way the Land Development Division is being managed at this time?

As a former Town Councilman dealing with planning and development regulations I am familiar on this. Other than thoughts on acreage issues I believe the board is up to par.

3. Many citizens have said that one of the most pressing problems in our county is the condition of our residential roads, especially Citrus Springs. There are homes on the golf course and new construction homes

that are on roads that are crumbling. How do you plan on addressing this issue?

As a member of Crime Watch I have listed roads in Citrus Springs via the Chronicle as to the names of some of the roads. I am planning on asking the BOCC for an 1/2 cent tax increase on sales in the county, (I am against tax increases), BUT this would benefit everyone living in Citrus County as anyone making a purchase in Citrus County would pay that increase, that would save on finding another way of an tax increase on something else, I would ask that a Ledger be set up to follow those funds.

This sales tax increase would only be used for roads in Citrus County.

4. What proactive ideas do you have for any of the topics below:

- Affordable Housing - Low Income Housing

This is already being used in Citrus County, the only addition to this would be in crease the square footage to allow for 2 bathrooms

- Local Drug Addiction Resources

The BOCC should have the Town Administrator look into grant money for this program.

- Homeless persons and keeping homelessness to a minimum in our county.

I am big on grants and would ask the Town Administrator to look for available housing for the homeless

- Using the tourism tax on something besides marketing? (Examples: Using the funds for more than an “invitation” to our waterways and activities on the water; such as infrastructure that is needed for the persons that come here, additional restrooms, parking and safety resources, or maybe a conference/community center for corporate meetings and such.

In using your examples I feel you have covered the needs, The only addition would be to have a Bus Transit Touring System in place in the area to show potential Business Folks the area

5. Under what conditions do you believe government has a right to infringe on constitutional rights? Please explain how you would apply this when considering how to restrict funds and public access to periodicals in the library (Example: New York Times subscription) ; and how you would apply it when faced with a pandemic.

Constitutional Rights, Government has no right to infridge on our constitutional rights. When faced with a pandemic as we have now then we have to abide by Government orders.

6. Barring unforeseen family and health issues -if elected do you commit to serve your complete 4-year term?

YES, with pleasure for the Citizens of Citrus County