



## 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](mailto: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:**           Angel Lewis

**Candidate District #:**    district 3

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

*I understand we had a limited amount of funds but maybe a sliding scale could have been considered based on need which might have given us the ability to include non profit and home based business*

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?

*I am not fully versed on any major issues as it relates to development and planning regulations but I intend to work hand in hand with the department as we prepare for the Suncoast Parkway to create well managed growth.*

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?

*My understanding is they have implemented a resurfacing plan that systematically addresses all areas of the county, we may need to stay the course before we can determine how effective this plan is.*

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

- Affordable Housing - Low Income Housing  
*We have some great programs such as SHIP which need to be promoted so they are fully utilized and to partner with our community providers to secure grants and pull down government funding*
- Local Drug Addiction Resources  
*Support Lifestream and community mental health organizations .We have a Behavioral Health Committee that has done a lot of research and together we can bring down as much state and federal funding as possible.Its all about working as a team and communicating with professionals who are already in the field.*
- Homeless persons and keeping homelessness to a minimum in our county.  
*When you address substance abuse, mental health and affordable housing you in essence are helping the homeless by addressing the root cause and not the symptoms.*
- 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.  
Making the county more inviting which doesn’t have to be complicated or expensive but creating a welcoming environment. We can accomplish this by improving the estestics of the community . Both cities are accomplishing this and we should follow their lead.

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.

*At no time should we allow county government to infringe on Constitutional rights of our citizens.*

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

*Absolutely, my job if elected is to be the true voice of Citrus County citizens and I will work tirelessly to perform my duties to protect the community we love!*