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Q1 Name: First and Last

Dale Muller

Q2 BIOGRAPHY: Please provide a brief bio that describes your background and the particular skills you would bring to the County Board of Supervisors.

BA ACCOUNTING

CPA

MBA

Former president Milan Chamber of Commerce and long time Secretary Treasurer.

MidAmerican Energy Community representant Milan. 36 years at MidAmerican retired analyst

Q3 What are the most pressing issues or opportunities for Rock Island County in the next several years and why?

Future of courthouse. Repurpose or demolish.

County hasn't funds to invest.

Hope Creek? Occupancy is less than 75%. A wing is closed. Evaluations are substandard. Raise taxes to prop up? Taxes are too high already!

Consider selling to private investors should be considered.

County has falling population and the percentage of people in poverty rising.

Scott County keeps growing as we shrink.

Why?

Q4 What changes or reforms to Rock Island County government would you like to implement in the next several years?

Reduce the Board size.

End nepotism

End the new oversight committee of the County administrator

Q5 Would you support Rock Island County investing in regional marketing/economic development with other local governments and the business community through Quad Cities First, which is the economic development division of the Quad Cities Chamber?

I have mixed thoughts:

Yes, the County needs marketing to show the opportunity and strength

However for years most growth is west of Mississippi.

There's strength in numbers but??!

Q6 Describe your general philosophy on annexation and partnering with other local governments to develop industrial sites.

All in

Q7 Name two areas of government consolidation/shared services you would support, and how these would be beneficial to taxpayers.

Police and Fire departments.

Less chiefs could be more Indians

Considering the populations of four cities Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Silvis: how much could be saved eliminating redundant administrative positions? Same field people and same equipment doing their jobs. Response times may be improved eliminating city border confinement

There appears a potential of reducing costs.

Q8 What do you see as the best long-term plan for Hope Creek - to sell; to contract with a private provider to operate; to continue owning/operating? Please elaborate.

I don't have the financial data to provide an analysis.

However, those choices should be thoroughly analyzed.

Sell: no further financial drain on taxpayers

Keep; unknown long term financial obligation to taxpayers. Facilities already under utilized. How will that be turned around. Hope Creek repeated fined for State violations.

Q9 Do you support sale, renovation, demolition or some other definitive plan for the Courthouse?

If private investors to reuse:buy the building are not found, demolition appears only option.

The building wasn't maintained or updated for years.

Q10 What is the best model for the long-term success of Niabi Zoo - public; public-private partnership; other? Please explain.

I'd like more private involvement. This means other non government State holders. What's as County Board know about operating a zoo?

Q11 Where would you like the County Board to concentrate its regional efforts? Check all that apply.

- Rock Island Arsenal/Strategic Defense Alliance** ,
 - Air Service/Quad Cities International Airport** ,
 - Regional Economic Development** ,
 - Tourism**
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