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**Q1 BIOGRAPHY:** Please provide a brief bio that describes your background and the particular skills you would bring to the County Board of Supervisors.

My experience in managing people and budgets for a large corporation has provided me with a clear understanding of the complexity of each element in order to ensure the organization runs effectively as well as efficiently.

While working as a senior manager for a corporation worth billions of dollars, I feel the foundation was constructed and the initial steps were preparing me to effectively assume responsibilities while working on a Board such as the Scott County Board of Supervisors. In overseeing the finances at the church where I serve as the senior pastor, I work with a budget committee to ensure all ministry needs are met. In addition, serving on various boards within the community has afforded me additional experience and the overall value of teamwork.

I studied at Northeast University, United Theological Seminary and Louisiana Baptist College.

- Currently I preside as the Midwest Regional Vice President for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (8.5 million members)
- Senior pastor of Third Missionary Baptist Church
- Retired Senior Manager for Federal Express
- Appointed in 1999 by Governor Tom Vilsack to the Iowa Board of Parole
- Past President of Quad Cities Interfaith
- Past President of the NAACP
- Served on the Board of Directors of Churches United
- Served on the Board of Scott County Kids
- Served on the Executive Board of the Scott County Family YMCA 1st recipient of the Father Marvin Mottet leadership Award
- Served in the Marine Corp.

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**Q2** Are there areas of the County budget today – or on the horizon - that cause you particular concern? Yes/No. Please elaborate.

Yes, One area of interest that I have concerns over is the fluctuation of sales tax revenue within the county being reduced as a result of more individuals doing more on line purchasing

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**Q3** Are there policies or practices you'd like to see the Board adopt, expand or eliminate to promote a stronger business climate in Scott County and the Quad Cities region?

I would like to see a mandatory sexual harassment policy, a violence in the workplace policy and a (COP) constant operating plan for the entire county.

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**Q4** In what circumstances do you support the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other economic development incentives?

The county has nothing to do with how TIF monies are allocated. They can oppose it, and it makes no difference. The board makes a resolution on what they will support, however the final approval is done by the city. When TIF is used in the way that it is designed to be used, I will support it.

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**Q5** Do you support Scott County's investment in regional marketing, business attraction and economic development services through the Quad Cities Chamber / Quad Cities First? Yes/No. Please elaborate.

Yes, I support it because working together with the Chamber/Quad Cities, everyone benefits.

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**Q6** Should Scott County play a greater role in regional economic development and, if so, in what ways?

Yes, we will. The Scott County Board of Supervisors should continue with economic summits. We need to provide more meaningful collocations. The county must commit to play a greater role in the QC2030.

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**Q7** What more could Scott County do to support mental health services for needy residents?

Scott County must continue to support the mental health region that has been established and increase funding for ACT ( Assertive Community Treatment) through Vera French.

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**Q8** Name two areas of governmental consolidation you would support and why these would be beneficial.

With the county consolidation of our dispatch/EMS services and the consolidation of waste, I would propose that we allow time for the kinks to be worked out before introducing additional consolidations.

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**Q9** If the taxing authority for the Quad Cities International Airport were to expand to include other local governing jurisdictions, would you be in favor of Scott County's inclusion to strengthen air service in our community? Why or why not?

Yes, There has been many pros and cons in reference to this consolidation. When 60% of the passenger usage is from Iowa, it would seem that we would be willing to be a part. With additional information and public input on the QC2030 plan, our focus should shift to one community verses individual cities.

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**Q10** Where would you like the County Board to concentrate its regional efforts? Check all that apply.

**Rock Island Arsenal/Strategic Defense Alliance** ,

**Implementation of Q2030 Regional Action Plan** ,

**Air Service/Quad Cities International Airport** ,

**Regional Economic Development** ,

**Tourism** ,

Other (please describe):

n/a

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