

SCOTT WEBSTER

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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.

I'm currently the 5th ward alderman in Bettendorf and a small business owner. I have been a business owner since 2000 building over 120 homes in the quad city area. Prior to that I was a financial advisor and district manager for Waddell and reed. This brings several areas of skill sets that will be beneficial to serving on the Scott county board

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

Mental health funding will be a challenge as the area is needing more and more service. I believe there are several areas of the current budget that can be trimmed and streamlined to cover part of the future funding needs

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?

Regionally working together and creating good communication between city councils and the business community will help foster stronger business growth.

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

Tif needs to use responsibly in order to keep the availability of tif in the future. It should be used to increase jobs and also used to remove blight. Some cases exist that if without tif the economic growth opportunity wouldn't exist and those situations need to be vetted to create the best deal for the tax payers

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, regionally we can compete without that we are a small fish in a huge pond

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

Scott county should and has been involved in economic development. This policy should continue

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

Mental health in the Scott county is in extreme need of additional support and I look forward to supporting increased access to care.

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

The idea of regional consolidation has been a struggle. The secc setup I would hope won't be a model of future consolidation as I believe when tax using boards are not fully elected you cause a situation of the voters having very little to no say.

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?

Depends if the voters have a say in who controls the funds of the taxing body

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

- Implementation of Q2030 Regional Action Plan**
 - Regional Economic Development**
 - Tourism**
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