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**Q1 Name: First and Last**

Dorothy Beck

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

I came to R I County in 1969 to teach English and philosophy at Black Hawk College. I have volunteered in a wide range of services ranging from soup kitchens and Girl Scout leadership to tutoring; I have served on foundation boards and advisory committees and was elected to a six-year term on the Black Hawk College Board ending last year. Over the years I have developed a collaborative leading and have been sought out to work on many tricky issues ranging from policy development to sorting out sexual harassment guidelines. I strive to be a consensus-builder.

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

Several of the most pressing issues are related in that they involve prudent and compassionate spending and careful management of County resources. These include the county nursing home at Hope Creek, the movement of the County Recorder's office out of the court house to a clean and appropriate location where staff and records are safe, and the development of a practical long-range property plan.

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

I would like to see the size of the County Board decreased from its current 25 members to seventeen or fewer. The purposes and authorities of the various committees should be reviewed.

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**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?

Yes, of course, if it could be clearly shown to be in the County's financial interests to do so.

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

I am in favor of any partnerships that will add to the economic vitality of the County.

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

1. The consolidation of local school districts so that the county is more uniformly, affordably and efficiently served. 2. The sharing of 911 services between RI County and the City of Rock Island.

**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 do not support the sale of Hope Creek to a for-profit operation as in my own experience the care that our most vulnerable senior citizens receive at our county facility is superior to that of most of the private facilities with which I have come into contact. I believe the county did contract with a private provider and found that partnership less than satisfactory.

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

That issue has already been decided by the Board.

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

I believe that the management of Niabi Zoo, along with all the other properties owned by the County, should be part of a long-range property plan as noted in my response to # 3,

**Q11** 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**