

Q1 Name: First and Last

Tony Holland

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

Father of 2, AJ and Finley, and married to Stacy Holland. I have been a life long volunteer serving years in the Boy Scouts of America and eating my Eagle Scout. I currently serve on the District 1H board for Lions Club International as the 1st Vice District Governor and in my local Coal Valley club as the 2nd Vice President. I have years of supervisory experience that have helped me to work with people from all walks of life. Service is deeply ingrained in my life, and I will bring a drive to succeed to the Board.

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

With a decreasing population and increasing financial strain on the already tight budget, we need to find areas to reduce the expenses. One of these would be reducing the financial liability in Hope Creek by allowing it to become a private venture. Another would be combining the offices of the Clerk and Recorder as the State of Illinois law allows for counties our size. This will reduce the budget by one elected position, saving the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in the first decade.

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

I would personally like to see the County Clerk and County Recorder offices combined this would not be to eliminate staff but to eliminate an elected official and the budgetary strain it causes the taxpayers. I also want to have all property taxes reassessed at the local level to see where changes can be made to lower the burden to property owners.

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

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

I believe in full partnership that will ultimately benefit the residents and property owners of Rock Island County.

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

I support the partnership and taxation of Scott County residents for the Quad Cities Municipal Airport. I also support the consolidation of the Clerk and Recorder offices as previously discussed. The partnership of Scott and Rock Island counties will allow for equal monies to be collected as currently only 7 townships pay into the airport fund. The consolidation of offices would save the taxpayers hundreds of thousands over the first decade by eliminating an elected position.

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 believe that the immediate sale of Hope Creek as the County does not belong in the nursing home business. We need to be open to sales that will alleviate our risks and operating costs.

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

I support the demolition of this building. It was not maintained properly and to do so now would be at a tremendous expense.

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

Long term we need to sell a public- private partnership. This would add the home to the tax roles, it would bring guaranteed funds to the County, and it would allow for us to eliminate extra expenses.

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

Implementation of Q2030 Regional Action Plan ,

Air Service/Quad Cities International Airport ,

Regional Economic Development