

Williamson County Elections – May 4, 2010
Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Rogers C. Anderson

Office/District: Williamson County Mayor

- 1. What is your motivation in seeking election to the Williamson County Commission? How does your background and/or experience qualify you to hold this position?**

I have served two (2) terms as County Mayor and feel there are several items I wish to give additional attention and concentration. I am very proud that Williamson County continues to be one of the best in the state.

- 2. What should be the top priorities of the Williamson County Commission over the next several years? How would you address and/or fund these priorities?**

- 1) to maintain the county's current Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investor Services;
- 2) to continue our economic development;
- 3) jobs creation, both in the county and regionally;
- 4) continue to improve our award-winning parks system;
- 5) continue working with school officials and county commissioners to keep our public schools our number one priority to be the best in the state.

- 3. What is your vision of residential and commercial development within the unincorporated portions of the County over the next 5-10 years?**

Once the economy settles down, then I personally think people will renew their interest to continue to move here (both residential and commercial).

- 4. Williamson County has realized tremendous success in terms of economic development and corporate recruitment efforts over the past several years. How would you propose to continue and/or enhance these efforts?**

I will continue to utilize what has worked over the past 8 years, creating new ideas in conjunction with our economic development council and director.

- 5. Do county governments within Tennessee need broader taxing authority granted from the state legislature? Does Williamson County? If so, what specific revenue-generating options would you support?**

I think there are probably enough regulations and rules on the books now. The best solution would be no new mandates out of state and federal legislators that are handed down without funding. The area we need help in is funding our school population growth.

6. **Under what circumstances should local governments exercise the power of eminent domain? Is there a need to limit or expand this power on the federal or state level?**

I don't like eminent domain and feel we should always try to work together to resolve situations between a willing buyer and a willing seller or find an alternate solution. The only exception to this would be where it would involve public safety and/or public health.

7. **How important is the development and preservation of diverse housing options within Williamson County? What role, if any, should county government play in this effort?**

Very important; cities and counties need to work together, along with state and federal officials.

8. **Do you have issues or concerns regarding the County's current sign ordinance? Please explain.**

No; it's not always popular. But, it is working.

9. **How should elected officials in Williamson County balance the need between economic development and the protection of our natural resources and the environment?**

It just has to be done. All of them are important and needed.

10. **Should Williamson County government advocate or promote initiatives aimed at improving environmental sustainability? If so, where should these efforts focus?**

We currently do promote initiatives within the county.

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