
(Additional) Chair and Vice Candidacy Questions:

The following questions are intended for supervisors interested in running for chair or vice.

If you are elected, are there things you will try to change or do differently as County Board Chair/Vice Chair?

- Better organize our board meetings with a Consent Agenda
- Increase efforts to engage the public (outreach on local media, continuing online meeting access, seeking public input as we face tough budget decisions)
- Transition operations of county government to ensure we provide mandated services and those services that taxpayers value most while either reducing other services or finding new ways to pay for non-mandated services.
- Continue and advance progress on our fiscal planning – getting Richland County past a year-to-year budget process and to a point where we can project ahead for the next several years with confidence that we can fund the work of county government.

How would you describe the style you will use in working with your fellow Supervisors, County committees, County Administrator and other staff?

- I prefer to listen to all options when considering a decision. I value consensus, but I know that's not always possible. Even when the Board makes a decision that someone disagrees with, I want them to know that their voice was heard.
- As a manager, my style is to make sure that capable people are put into responsible roles and allowed to do their jobs. Being the Board Chair to me is not about power and control, but rather facilitating processes and shaping the direction we move while supporting the Administrator, committees, departments and staff as they serve Richland County residents.
- Patience and understanding will be incredibly important as we move into addressing some very difficult fiscal issues in the next two years.
- Accountability and openness are paramount. Actions need to be discussed and taken in the open whenever possible. Citizens need to know how Richland County spends the tax dollars and other funding we take in. We need to ensure we make as much information as we can about county government accessible to the public. Board members need access to the information to make informed decisions and to explain matters to constituents when they ask questions.
- I want to ensure we involve as many board members as possible in activities regardless of their level of experience. I have seen many "newer" board members asking fantastic questions and sharing their personal experience and knowledge over the last few years. It makes us a better board.