

**MERIDIAN TEA PARTY
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Candidate/Incumbent Name: Burnie Berrey, Jr.

Office aspired to/Currently holding: Lauderdale County Supervisor, District One

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Florida State University - Private Pilot, Emergency Management/HAZMAT Response Team

Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/ Occupational Specialty: United States Navy/Retired

Electronics Technician; Master At Arms Years of Service: 22 Years

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: Supervisor/Manufacturing

Years of Service: 11 years # Of Employees Managed: 80

Own Business Experience: Electrical and Construction

Years of Service: 31 years # Of Employees Managed: Self

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? 1. Lowering Taxes 2. Cut all unnecessary spending

3. Business incentives that will bring new businesses and create jobs.

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? My own personal business experience, and in part, my military

and law enforcement experience have taught me many important skills that will help me make "common

sense" decisions for Lauderdale County and the people of District One.

How would you describe your political views?

Very Conservative - Conservative - Moderate - Liberal - Very Liberal - Socialist - Other

Please comment: Conservative;

What are the most important values and ethics you believe in and demonstrate as a leader? Honesty and

integrity. I stand by my beliefs and convictions. I never pretend to be something that I am not.

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments: My wife Lori and I, have raised 4 children to be honest, productive and contributing young adults.

What is the proper role of government? They should play a very limited role. Government should be OF the people, BY the people and FOR the people.

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? Yes; your personal ethics (i.e. morals, character etc) dictate your actions and your reactions. A man is only as good as his word.

Leaders often deal with conflict. Describe a recent significant conflict you have had to handle, what was the outcome? Are you satisfied with the outcome? Could you have handled it better? How?

I believe conflict should be dealt with in a direct and personal manner. All sides should be heard and decisions based on facts and not emotions.

What is your position with regard to the statement '*... to the people's right to keep and bear arms?*'

I fully support the Constitution and believe it is a "God-given" right to protect yourself, your family and your property. "We should not forget the spark which ignited the American Revolution was caused by the British attempt to confiscate the firearms of the colonists" - Patrick Henry

America's federal deficit has reached an all-time high, being measured in numbers never before expressed to the people. If elected/re-elected, what can you do to reverse this trend locally?

I will work to reduce unnecessary spending. It is time that Lauderdale County became better stewards of their funds, equipment and their people.

How do you feel about the economic outlook of Meridian, Lauderdale County and/or Mississippi?

I believe that Lauderdale County has the potential to better itself. Our people deserve, quality services, quality personnel and opportunities that will benefit everyone, not just a select few.

The Mississippi Legislature recently tried to pass legislation dealing with illegal immigration (SB2197). What is your opinion about this law and similar laws and/or how should Mississippi be approaching this issue? How do you believe illegal immigration does/will affect this area and specifically your office should you win?

We are a country of immigrants. However, I believe that anyone coming to our country should do so "legally". They should become productive, contributing citizens. They should also learn our language and customs. We have immigration legislation already in place that needs to only be enforced.

Are there any tax measures you would advocate to assist in job creation?

Yes; those that would enhance the education of our job force

Do you believe children would get a better education if parents had the right to choose their children's school?

Yes

Do you support the "Charter School" concept of education? **Yes**

Should teachers be required to pass standards examinations pertaining to the discipline they teach?

Yes; you can not teach what you yourself do not know.

What are your views of the current school curriculum, textbooks and educational results in our area and what changes, if any, would you advocate?

There is always room for improvement; I fully support our City and County School Boards.

It has been suggested that the Department of Education (and the office of the Secretary of Education) is an unnecessary extravagance. Should this government agency be abolished and bring control of education back to a state or local level?

Yes. Why? Yes; States should have control. The Federal Government has no constitutional authority over education.

No. Why? _____

Are you in favor of seeking funds from the Federal Government for projects in Lauderdale County?

Yes; as long as those dollars are used for the betterment of Lauderdale County and it's residents.

Does Government at any level create jobs? If so, describe examples:

NO

Do you favor indefinite extension of unemployment benefits for out-of-work people in Mississippi and how should those benefits be funded?

NO

Should Mississippi's public sector employees be unionized or be able to collectively bargain?

NO

Comments on any of the above topics you may wish to address further. Thank you for your input.

Use this space to explain or describe any issues or beliefs that pertain to the office for which you are running or personal information that you feel is important for voters to know about you or your campaign:

I have personally funded my own campaign, and therefore, have no allegiances except to the voters of
Lauderdale County District One. We have made Lauderdale County our home, we have raised our
children here and supported all of their endeavors. I look forward to serving each of you to the
best of my ability.

Thank you for completing this survey!

Meridian Tea Party members are grateful for your responses to our questions and in exchange for returning the completed survey to us, we will extend an invitation for you to participate in our Local Candidates Forum we plan to hold at The Temple Ballroom on a date to be announced.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the address below.

Respectfully,

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