

MERIDIAN TEA PARTY  
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate/Incumbent Name: HANK FLOREY

Office aspired to/Currently holding: DIST. ONE SUPERVISOR - LAUD. (COUNTY)

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Education/Degrees/Certificates held: B.S. DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADM. & ECONOMICS  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY - AUBURN, ALA.

Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/ Occupational Specialty: STAFF SGT. (E-6)

252 TRANS. COMPANY (D.S.) Years of Service: 2  
FORTEUSTIS VA

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: MANAGER - DICKEY CLAY CO.

Years of Service: 20 # Of Employees Managed: 16

Own Business Experience: WATER, SEWER & GAS PIPE & SUPPLIES

Years of Service: 15 # Of Employees Managed: 10

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? 1) NO TAX INCREASE OR NEW TAXES 2) MORE JOBS (ECONOMIC DEV.) 3) ANSWER ALL CALLS & ADDRESS CONCERNS.

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? EDUCATION, BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND TWELVE YEARS (THREE TERMS)

IN OFFICE EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH OUR STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND OUR NATL DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON AND OUR LOCAL STATE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEV. OFFICES

Very Conservative  Conservative  Moderate  Liberal  Very Liberal  Socialist  Other

Please comment: I AM A RONALD REAGAN CONSERVATIVE. I BELIEVE IN INDIVIDUAL AND STATE RIGHTS WITH LITTLE FEDERAL GOVT. CONTROL.

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

HONESTY AND FAIRNESS TO ALL. LISTEN AND ADDRESS ALL CITIZENS CONCERNS.

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishment

① REVISION OF COUNTY

GARBAGE SYSTEM - WE ARE SAVING THOUSANDS WITH OUR NEW "DOOR TO DOOR" SYSTEM. WE HAVE GONE FROM ONE MILLION DOLLARS "IN THE RED" TO "BLACK TALK" IN THE FIRST YEAR. ② HAWKENS CROSSING INTERCHANGE ③ HANDY HARDWARE AND NEW CORR. (APPROX 400 NEW JOBS).

What is the proper role of government?

TO HANDLE TAX MONEY PROPERLY, PROVIDE BASIC SERVICES, + PUBLIC SAFETY.

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? YES.

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?

CONFLICT IS COMMON IN COUNTY GOVT. ONE MUST LISTEN TO ALL CONCERNED AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COUNTY AND ITS FUTURE.

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

I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A CITIZEN BEARING ARMS TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY + HIS PROPERTY.

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?

MAKE FAIR + BUSINESSLIKE DECISIONS AS TO EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

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

VERY OPTIMISTIC! WE ARE IN A POSITION TO BETTER OUR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK WITH THE NEW HAWKENS CROSSING INTERCHANGE, THE I-20/59 INDUSTRIAL PARK, + A PROFESSIONAL AND HARD WORKING ECONOMIC DEV. OFFICE (EMBD).

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?

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.  
ILLEGALS DO NOT DESERVE RIGHTS - THEY NEED  
TO BE SENT HOME.

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

ECONOMIC DEV. OFFICIALS AND OFFICES  
HAVE STATE LAWS & POLICIES IN PLACE  
FOR JOB CREATION WITHOUT LOCAL TAX  
INCREASES.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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? N/A

No. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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

YES BUT ON A LIMITED BASIS - C.D.B.G. GRANTS ARE IN ORDER AS LONG AS THEY ARE ADMINISTERED LOCALLY OR BY THE STATE -

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

COUNTY GOVT. CREATES JOBS BY WORKING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS AND OFFICES (EMBD., M.D.R., EAST MISS P&D DISTRICT, ETC.) TO AID EXISTING INDUSTRY TO EXPAND AND BRING IN NEW INDUSTRY. ALSO TO HELP FUND THE M.C.C. WORKFORCE CENTER TO TRAIN OUR WORKFORCE.

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

I DO NOT FAVOR EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. OF COURSE THIS IS A GOOD PROGRAM BUT IN TOO MANY INSTANCES IT IS ABUSED AND TENDS TO CURTAIL INCENTIVES TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT.

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.