

MERIDIAN TEA PARTY 2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE

**Candidate/Incumbent Name:** Jimmie Moore

**Office Aspired to/Currently Holding:** Supervisor-District 5

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**Education/Degrees/Certificates Held:** Master of Business Administration

**Military Experience/Highest Rate or Rank Held/Occupational Specialty:** N/A

**Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position Held:** Site Manager

**Years of Service:** 10   **# of Employees Managed:** 30

**Own Business Experience:** Never owned a business

**If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities?** 1. Professional representation of District 5 and Lauderdale County, 2. Compliance with legally established procedures and guidelines applicable for the form of government selected by residents of Lauderdale County-the county unit system, and 3. elimination of unnecessary expenditures of Lauderdale County tax dollars and other funds

**Simply put, what qualifies you for this office?** EXPERIENCE: 16 years as a chief financial officer for a Mississippi public community college, 3 years as a County Administrator for a Mississippi Board of Supervisors and 39 years dealing with "the public"; INTEGRITY: doing the right thing even when no one is looking; COOPERATIVE SPIRIT: ability/willingness to work with fellow supervisors, other elected officials, County residents and others for the betterment of District 5 and Lauderdale County; ANALYTICAL SKILLS: almost all of my working career has involved the preparation and interpretation of financial information/documentation, whether it be actual budget projection, financial reporting or identifying the monetary cause and effect relationships of different departments and activities

**How would you describe your political views?** Conservative: I believe in less governmental intervention, more restraint on expenditure of governmental funds for certain programs and the realization that government cannot be/provide all things for all people

**What are the most important values and ethics you believe in and demonstrate as a leader?** Honesty, integrity, accountability, a positive attitude, impartiality and empathy

**Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments:** 1. The design and implementation of a successful centralized purchase system for a Mississippi County Governmental entity, 2. Identifying a budget shortfall in excess of \$ 100,000.00 and successfully managing completion of the fiscal year without loss of any employees and being “in the black” and 3. Negotiation/winning of a \$ 4,000,000.00 + contract for employer-largest contract ever obtained by employer

**What is the proper role of government?** To provide citizens with prescribed and expected services at the least possible cost while not interfering with the individual constitutional rights of those citizens

**Are ethics as important as economics in elections?** Ethics are not as important-ethics are **more** important than economics; ethical behavior will always outlast economics

**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?** Representatives of a potential customer initially voted to award a significant contract to my employer’s competitor even though the price of that competitor was significantly higher; through negotiation with those representatives my employer was awarded the contract. Yes I am satisfied with the outcome. In retrospect, I think I could have handled the conflict better by not engaging the assistance of some of my employer’s personnel from outside the Lauderdale County area.

**What is your position with regard to the statement...to the people’s right to keep and bear arms?** I believe in that right and support it.

**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?** Take the lead in being frugal with tax dollars and exercising every possible opportunity to save money; requiring accountability from Lauderdale County Department Heads for their respective budgets/spending and “inspecting what is expected” when it comes to the appropriate expenditure of your tax dollars

**How do you feel about the economic outlook of Meridian, Lauderdale County and/or Mississippi?** I believe a great deal of the infrastructure needed is in place in Lauderdale County and the City of Meridian to promote and realize positive economic development; we have a workforce willing to work, we have outstanding educational offerings through MCC and MSU-Meridian, we have medical care facilities and professionals unprecedented in many Mississippi Counties and Cities and we have a dedicated driving force for economic development through the EMBDC. What our concentration should be on is dedication to, and participation in, positive and unified economic development leadership through the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors, the Meridian City Council, the EMBDC and all others involved in the support of economic development. It shouldn’t matter who gets the credit as long as the job gets done.

**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?** When identified, an illegal immigrant should be deported as expeditiously as possible. Illegal immigration can impact the office of a Lauderdale County Supervisor through the funding process for different agencies and departments; if illegal immigrants are receiving services from those departments and agencies then the removal of those immigrants could not only ensure that services are being provided, as designed, for American citizens, but could mean a possible reduction in County funding since all appropriate recipients of services could possibly be handled with less expenditure of tax dollars.

**Are there any tax measures you would advocate to assist in job creation?** Only if the benefits to Lauderdale County outweigh the true costs

**Do you believe children would get a better education if parents had the right to choose their children's school?** Not necessarily

**Do you support the "Charter School" concept of education?** Not familiar enough with the concept to answer at this time

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

**What are your views of the current school curriculum, textbooks and educational results in our area and what changes, if any, would you advocate?** Need to research this further before offering any comment

**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?** This is a complicated issue which I cannot answer at this time

**Are you in favor of seeking funds from the Federal Government for projects in Lauderdale County?**  
Yes-provided the projects are needed and the stipulations of the funding are not unreasonable for the taxpayers of Lauderdale County

**Does Government at any level create jobs? If so, describe examples:** The actual creation of sustainable jobs comes from business and industry-not government.

**Do you favor the indefinite extension of unemployment benefits for out-of work people in Mississippi and how should those benefits be funded?** No, indefinite benefits should not be available as a general rule.

**Should Mississippi's public sector employees be unionized or be able to collectively bargain?** No-such situations could lead to actions harmful to Mississippi residents

**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 am not a politician; I am a "regular guy" seeking election to serve the residents of District Five and Lauderdale County. My only desire in seeking the office is to work diligently for the people to make Lauderdale County a better place to live, work and relax; my agenda is the people's agenda-not my own. The Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors is responsible for a significant budget, one in excess of 50 million dollars; the County must be run like a business and I have the experience, knowledge, creativity, and other tools necessary to do so. I can professionally disagree with other members of the Board yet work with those members to move our County forward. I will strive to be a positive advocate of Lauderdale County each and every day I am in office and never consciously make a statement or perform an action which reflects negatively on the position of Supervisor.