

MERIDIAN TEA PARTY
2011 CANDIDATE/INCUMBENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate/Incumbent Name: Marl "Clayton" Cobler, III

Office aspired to/Currently holding: Lauderdale County Coroner/Medical Examiner

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Education/Degrees/Certificates held: National registered and State Licensed EMT-Paramedic
State Licensed crematory Operator

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

Years of Service: _____

Business/Industry Experience/Highest Position held: Director Lauderdale County EMS District/d/b/a
Metro Ambulance Service

Years of Service: 31 # Of Employees Managed: 100

Own Business Experience: Cobler's Crematroy Service

Years of Service: Opened 04/152011 # Of Employees Managed: 2

If elected to office, what will be your three top priorities? Thorough investigation of all deaths
meeting state criteria. Family advocate. Holding down cost of office.

Simply put, what qualifies you for this office? Experience!! I have been involved with death
investigation over 40 years.

How would you describe your political views?

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

Please comment: _____

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

Honesty, Integrity and compassion.

Identify three of your most important leadership accomplishments: _____

Director of Lauderdale County EMS District. _____

Founder and Medical director Lauderdale County EMR Association _____

What is the proper role of government? _____

To SERVE!!!!!!

Are ethics as important as economics in elections? _____

YES!! I believe in promoting my self and not focousing on what other canadits have or have not done.

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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?

Experence has taught me what to look for to justify costly testing of evidance. Not all deaths need autopsy.

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

I feel we are on an upward swing.

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Although all questions listed are important and need to be talked on, I feel
most do not apply to the Office of Coroner/Medical Examiner.

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 feel the people of Lauderdale County deserve a Coroner/Medical Examiner with experience. I speak for the families and the deceased in finding out the truth of cause of death. It is a ministry not just a job. From reviewing medical records to sitting on a sofa at 3 am holding a widdows hand. I meet all these qualifications as well as the ones required by the State of Mississippi. Compassion, respect and dininity and three things my father taught me of death investigation as well as the medical and/or criminal aspect.

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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