



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Position Seeking \_\_\_\_County Supervisor\_\_\_\_

Candidate signature: \_\_Ann McDonough Date: \_\_9-22-22\_\_\_\_\_

**Please limit your response to 50 words per question**

1. Do you have any previous legislative experience? If so, please explain.

Yes  No

Explain:

County Supervisors do not make legislation.

2. Do you/have you ever owned a business? If yes, please explain.

Yes  No

Explain:

My husband and I have owned Plane Art Designs, which we began in 2001.

3. If elected, what would be your top three legislative priorities & why?

I do not have legislative ability.

4. What is your position on the use of Tax Increment Financing?

Support  Oppose

Explain:

TIF is used by Cities throughout the County.

**For the following questions, please keep your answers to 200 words or less.**

5. Workforce is the number one issue facing the business community. Whether that's retaining current talent, attracting new talent to the area, or developing the pipeline businesses are struggling in Iowa. What role can the County play in addressing the workforce shortage?

The County is a partner on this issue. I am interested in working with the Chamber as I have with other organizations, governments and boards to address this issue. We recruit extensively for open positions in the County as well, looking to recruit and hire beyond our County when necessary.

6. What role do you see the county playing in support for our education institutions from K-12 to 4-year universities? These entities fill the pipeline for talent in Dubuque and are integral to our future success.

I have served on the Clarke University Board of Trustees for 9 years. I have been instrumental together with Dr Thom Chesney, President of Clarke University, in raising the critical issues facing higher education for many years.

7. Transportation, Childcare, and Housing are significant barriers to employment. How in your role would you seek to address issues in access to childcare, attainable housing, and effective/efficient transportation?

I ACTIVELY served on the Board of RTA, DMATS, Dubuque County Early Childhood. The County has been a partner on all of the issues. Mental health is also a barrier to employment. I serve on the Regional Governing Board for mental health and have been the lead on expansion of mental health services in our community.

8. Government plays a key role in investing in infrastructure that facilitates the establishment and growth of business in a community. How do you want to see the county involved in actively promoting infrastructure investment in Dubuque County?

I serve on the Executive Committee of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation. I initiated the Quarterly Mayors meetings throughout the County. I do not serve on the Chamber Board, but I do serve on 14 other Boards or subcommittees. I am continually focused on the issue of business growth and growth of our entire County.

9. Placemaking or investment in creating cool, interesting places that people want to live, work, and play is integral to attracting new talent but requires public private partnership. How do you see the county playing a role in making all of Dubuque County an interesting, vibrant community?

The County has a significant role and I have worked directly with the Governor and stakeholders on this issue. We also have invested many millions of the ARPA relief funding to this purpose.

10. Air service is crucial to maintaining Dubuque's access to the global marketplace. Do you support the county investing in the restoration of air service to Dubuque?  
Yes.

11. What is your approach to regulation? The Chamber advocates for the government to approach business with a light-touch, focused on regulating bad actors while holding others harmless.

Same as the Chamber position as stated above.

12. What would you like to see the Chamber working on over the coming years?

Transportation service to the community. Critical support of higher education.