

COUNTY COMMISSION - DISTRICT 11

CHAD A. BROTHERS



1. Why are you running for this position?

I'm running to represent the people of District 11 in the Maury County Board of Commissioners to return the power of local government to the people. I believe that starting with me, we must all become more informed about and involved in our local governments to ensure that they are healthy and achieve their obligation of representing the will of the people.

2. What specific experience and qualifications do you have that make you the ideal candidate for this position?

I have lived a life of service: I am a veteran of the United States Navy, a local rec and public-school coach, and I have also served on non-profit boards before. I have an MBA with a focus on non-profit management from Lipscomb University (Nashville) and a BS with a focus on organizational leadership from Union University (Jackson/Hendersonville). But most importantly my campaign is not about me: It's about all of us working together- informed and active- toward a bright future for Maury County.

3. What do you see as the top 3 priorities for Maury County and how do you plan to contribute to accomplishing those priorities?

I believe that the rapid growth of Middle TN and more specifically northern Maury County is already placing difficult challenges on local government, infrastructure, and schools. Those problems are not going to be solved by the collective judgment of 22 county commissioners: Those problems need to be solved by all of us: an informed and active electorate guiding and ensuring a healthy local and state government. For that to happen, we must all become more informed and involved in the local governmental process.

4. How do you plan to work collaboratively with each municipality to ensure the decisions being made are in the best interest of Maury County as a whole?

The county commission is designed specifically with collaboration in mind. For the county, and more specifically my district, I will be providing regular updates on challenges before the commission, and open communications through my Facebook group.

5. Maury County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state and country. This tremendous growth will require new and improved infrastructure (i.e., schools, roads, water, etc.). How do you plan to provide these infrastructure improvements, including any required funding?

As I previously stated these are big challenges, and will require the input, wisdom, and action of all citizens of Maury County. I believe it is a mistake to suggest that the mayors and/or boards (city and county) are sufficient to answer this problem by themselves. There is a web of laws, regulations, and policies from the federal and state governments that must be fully understood, so that they can be navigated in a successful manner.

6. How do you define thoughtful and sustainable growth in Maury County?

If elected, as a freshmen member of the commission I will need to understand better what levers

the commission has on growth, if any. It is my current understanding that the growth plan for the county is governed by the zoning requirements, and that if the people want to slow growth, or tailor the growth plan, that is where we will need to start.

7. Quality education and a diverse workforce are vital for the successful growth of Maury County and its municipalities. If elected, how would you improve these areas?

If elected, one of my passions will be to help facilitate improved dialogue and cooperation between the county school board and the county commission. Secondly, the overarching goal of my campaign is to return the power of the local government to the people. Once we all have the same set of facts and are actively engaged, the change we desire will naturally flow out of that.

8. How do you plan to communicate with, and be available to, your constituents?

I'm in the process of setting up a Facebook Group where anyone from the county can join in the conversations we're having in District 11 and communicate with me there or on my candidacy page: [Chad Brothers For County Commissioner -District #11 | Facebook](#). In the meantime, I will be speaking at local meet & greets and constituents can reach me directly at chad4countycommissioner@gmail.com. Please remember that July 5th is the last day to register for the August 4th election. More info on local elections can be found here: [GoVoteTN.gov](#).

9. What does a successful term look like to you?

Commissioners are elected for a four-year term, and as such I'm hopeful that early in those four years I can achieve significant growth in my understanding of the city-county-state governments so that I can provide a pathway for significant growth in understanding and participation in local government for everyone in our county, and that when we all look back over my first term we see that- together -there's nothing "we the people" can't accomplish.

10. If elected, how do you plan to partner with the Maury County Chamber & Economic Alliance to make Maury County the best place to live and work?

If I am elected, you will find from observing my service and hopefully from my openness here, that I will be open-door representative. I cannot achieve my goal of returning the power of government to the people without the governmental partners like the Chamber.

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