

MAURY COUNTY MAYOR CHARLIE NORMAN



1. Why are you running for this position?

Having served as Maury County Mayor from 2014-2018 I am eager to continue to address the needs of our community with forward thinking plans concerning planned growth, infrastructure, education, employment opportunities, and quality of life for all citizens of Maury County. I enjoyed serving the Maury County community during my time as Mayor and would like the opportunity to serve again.

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

I have the prior experience of having already served Maury County as Mayor for four years. I retired from the Columbia Fire Department where I served as Captain, Training Officer, and Chaplain over my years there. Throughout my career I have been a team leader/builder and strive to be open minded and listen, recognize strengths in those I am leading, and exhibit honesty about ideas regarding what is possible and what is not.

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

The top 3 priorities for Maury County are growth, infrastructure and education. We need a plan to insure that we are able to maintain quality growth. We also need the infrastructure to support new growth, which will require working with many different departments (water, roads, schools, etc.) to come up with a plan to support the new growth within Maury County, as well as working with the state on grants, impact fees, and other means of help with the cost that comes with infrastructure/growth. I plan to support and be involved with the school board and help in any way I can to make our education system the best it can be. Lastly, we need smart spending of tax payer dollars. By having a plan and knowing the costs involved we can plan ahead for the needs of Maury County.

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?

Open and honest communication with each municipality is key to the best interests of Maury County. This is done by meeting with each leader individually and discussing their cares and concerns for their citizens.

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?

My plan would be to bring community leaders, city leaders, and business leaders together to discuss Maury County's infrastructure needs and establish a strategic plan for improvements and ways to acquire needed funds to carry out our strategic plan.

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

Thoughtful and sustainable growth is growth that has been thought out and planned, recognizing

what is already available (roads, garbage, water, schools – needed as well as upkeep of those we already have) and what will be needed. We need a plan for growth. There are ways to do this and it will require bringing leaders together to discuss what is sustainable growth for Maury County.

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 I would work to have a good relationship with the school board and support them in any way needed. Partnering with the school board, trade schools, Columbia State Community College and the businesses which are working to help educate and prepare a diverse workforce. Another priority would be to look for opportunities to encourage diverse small businesses.

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

When I was Mayor I always had an open door policy. The Mayor's office should always be open to its citizens – they can stop by or make an appointment, call the office, or email me. Every person/question/problem is important to me and I will do my best to be available to them.

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

Establishing goals and accomplishing them, working hard to help the people of Maury County, all the leaders of city/county/state working together for the betterment of Maury County. At the end of my term I would want people to know that I worked hard for Maury County, that I listened to them, and cared about what was best – for them and for the County.

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?

I enjoyed serving as Maury County Mayor 2014-2018 and working with the Maury County Chamber and Economic Alliance for the betterment of Maury County. If elected I will continuously build and strengthen the working relationship with the Chamber and Alliance for the overall benefit of, not only the members, but for the citizens of Maury County. As Mayor I will go to great lengths to further the goals of the Chamber and Alliance to continue to make Maury County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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