

# Candidate Q&A

## County Commission Post 1



**Chad Whitefield**

34 years old; Owner, Advance Rehabilitation Physical Therapy; Republican



**Bill Whitener**

55 years old; Floyd County police lieutenant (on leave); Democrat

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### Experience:

**A**s a family man, small business owner, and conservative, I believe that I possess the required experience, skills, and values to serve Floyd County.

**33** years in Floyd County police — 16 years in management dealing with personnel issues, budgets, policies and procedures; successful business person; community volunteer.

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**D**o you support the concept of tax allocation district financing — dedicating future tax increases to encourage private revitalization of unproductive areas?

**T**ADs are a beneficial avenue to entice developers to areas that might not otherwise be considered for new development.

**T**his sounds like a good idea and a win-win situation to revitalize areas, but I would want to find out the all the potential consequences.

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### Should we continue to explore government consolidation?

**W**hile I do not believe that total consolidation is a viable option, I believe we can functionally consolidate some services if it benefits the residents of Floyd County.

**W**e all need to become more knowledgeable about consolidation. If the facts favor cost effectiveness and work efficiency, then we need to present it to the voters.

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### Is it worth the expense to defend the county's new ordinance regulating sexually oriented businesses?

**I** fully support the county's decision to defend the sexually orientated business ordinance. I believe that it is critically important to protect our community values.

**I** think the new ordinance is a good deterrent for the future but the experts can't agree on the retroactive element. I would like more knowledge about it.

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### Should the county's 2007 budget add public safety staff positions?

**I** have confidence in our sheriff and fire chief and would work with them to explore the staffing needs and balance that with fiscal responsibility.

**I** know the county budget is very limited and there will be some tough decisions to make. I will make responsible financial decisions for the citizens.

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### Would you consider imposing impact fees on new developments that will require an expansion of county services?

**I** believe that we need to be proactive in managing the growth within our county. We need to carefully evaluate and prepare for our growth.

**I** believe if property is improved, it will increase our tax base, and this should pay for the expansion for county services.

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### Should the Unified Land Development Code be changed to provide stronger protections for existing homes and environmental resources?

**I** believe that it is important that we balance the rights of property owners with the need to promote and provide for economic development.

**T**he ULDC is fairly new, and I think there have been big improvements over the last few years. But I will be asking my constituents' advice about the issues.