



Eight Rivers Council's 2016 Questionnaire for County Commission Candidates

First and Last Name

Address

Town, West Virginia ZIP

April 15, 2016

Dear *Candidate's Name*:

Eight Rivers Council is a Pocahontas County organization devoted to the protection and nurture of the outstanding ecological, scenic, and community qualities of our region. We are inviting all County Commission candidates in the current election cycle to respond to several questions of concern to us. We will then send your responses to our mailing list of over 200 *Eight Rivers Council* friends, most of who are Pocahontas County citizens, and post on our website. *Eight Rivers Council* will not endorse any particular candidate.

Citizens of Pocahontas County will vote (hire) this year one of the candidates (applicants) for a six-year term as county commissioner. This position (job) carries immense responsibility. As citizens, we have the privilege and responsibility to carefully weigh the capability, vision, work ethic, communication skills, wisdom, and fairness of the candidates through our common vote.

In 2014 we sent out a similar questionnaire to county commission candidates during the primary campaign season; you are welcome to take a look at those questions and responses at: <http://eight-rivers.org/Pocahontas/government.html>. You may use as few or as many words as you need in your responses. You may respond to our questions by legible handwritten, typed, or electronic (email or disk) submission. We will not edit responses for grammar, spelling, nor alter content, although we may format for style (font, spacing, etc.). Each question has components, which you may answer comprehensively or separately. Your thought process is of interest to us, so feel free to elaborate.

We would like to have responses back by Wednesday noon April 27. If this timeframe is a hardship, please let us know. You may send your reply to *Eight Rivers Council*, 12664 Frost Road, Dunmore, West Virginia 24934 or email to response@eight-rivers.org

Thank you for stepping up as a candidate to represent our county.



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Question #1: What kind of development do you see as appropriate/inappropriate for this county? Please give specific examples. How would you directly involve yourself in development projects?

Question #2: What special qualities does Pocahontas County have that could be utilized toward building a brighter future?

Question #3: What infrastructure and county services need to be strengthened in Pocahontas, and how would you go about it? (*Internet is one example, but you may include other infrastructure and services as well.*)

Question #4: The proposed Birthplace of Rivers National Monument has been controversial in Pocahontas. Please state some of the major arguments for and against that proposal.

Question #5: What do you consider as appropriate and inappropriate applications of Eminent Domain? Please explain how you view the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline and how it might positively or negatively affect Pocahontas?

Question #6: The previous two questions are just a couple examples of the many controversial issues that face our county. How would you help our county come together to resolve difficult issues?

Question #7: A County Commissioner receives \$39,500 salary plus generous health and retirement benefits. Commission meetings and appointed board meetings take about 250 hours per year. How will you use your non-meeting time to benefit Pocahontas?

Question #8: This is open-ended. Please feel free to bring up other issues, or make statements pertaining to your candidacy, your background and experience, your interests, and your goals.