

QUESTIONS FOR COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES

The moderator will invite each candidate to offer a personal introduction

Tell us a little bit about yourself – your name, where you live, what you are passionate about and what experiences or skills you have that would enhance your position as a Supervisor on the County Board) **and answer:** What are your top **three priorities** for the County Board to focus on in the next two years? (two minutes)

The questions will be drawn at random for each candidate. Each candidate will have a chance to answer three different questions. Below are the seven possible questions for the March 10th "Meet and Greet".

1. There are several Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in St. Croix County. Many have applied to expand the number of livestock with the DNR. What is your position with regard to CAFOs? (two minutes)
2. The land and water conservation staff have identified the primary source of contamination of ground and surface waters as excessive nitrates found in manure and chemicals used on cropland. What measures should the county take to inform and protect residents from the harmful effects of excessive nitrates? How would you encourage preservation of individuals' safe well water and farmland for agricultural use in this County? (two minutes)
3. What can the County Board do to assist local town and village boards and city councils as they seek to provide not only affordable housing, but also a variety of housing options in their municipalities? (two minutes)
4. Xcel Energy has proposed a large solar facility on nearly 3,000 acres in central St. Croix County. Projects of this size are under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission of Wisconsin. What role do you feel the county should play in this project? (two minutes)
5. St. Croix County has grown in population in recent decades, driven in large part by our proximity to the Twin Cities. Over the next decade, growth is expected to flatten and potentially decline. What are the impacts of this shift in population as it relates to the county? (two minutes)
6. In the next year, the County will consider expansion of the jail and other infrastructure projects, expected at a cost of \$46 million. If passed, this would

result in a bond issue to the taxpayers. What is your position on the proposed expansion of the jail and infrastructure improvements? (two minutes)

7. How would you address potential cuts to federal funding for health care and social services? (two minutes)