

QUESTIONS FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;

1. Why are you running for re-election to the LCAD Board of Directors?

When I was first elected in 2008, The district was, like most of America in the strangle hold of the recession. The sales tax revenues had fallen off the charts, the real estate tax was rolled back by the Hancock amendment to about \$.10 cents on \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The districts revenues were lowered by hundreds of thousands of dollars. We weathered the recession and came out on the other end and now we are on solid fiscal ground. We rebuilt our reserves and our future is looking good. I want to continue to grow the district eventually adding bases , ambulances, and personnel.

2. What do You consider to be the top three priorities of LCAD?

First we have to stay fiscally responsible as we have for the last eight years. The last two budgets were balanced and in the black. In 2016 we not only paid down \$380,000.00 on an outstanding construction loan from the Auburn base, Elsberry base, and other equipment purchases made before the recession. Plus we put over \$13,000.00 in reserves.

SECOND We will continue to invest in up to date equipment, and training for our paramedics, and retaining our staff, while working toward expanding services to the people on Lincoln county. One of the tools that is vital to our insurance and Medicare and Medicaid billing process is a proper reporting/billing system. Due to the feedback of our Staff and field personnel who use and are the baseline for our proper billing system. We are governed the regulations set by government and Insurance companies. In years 2015, 2016, we purchased updated computer billing programs, defib/ heart monitors, laptop computers for crews that tie all these systems together and stream lines billing and increasing revenues. Combined with the upswing in sales tax we seeing a stable revenue stream for now.

Third, We are providers of life saving care to the citizens of Lincoln county, no matter where they reside in the county, 640 square miles of this county. It takes Team efforts to make a chain of survival! It begins with the citizens reaching out to learn early recognition of heart attack, Stroke, and Calling 911, knowing choking/CPR early arrival or the closest first responders [fire or police] and Advance life support and rapid transport We all deserve the security of emergency services and it a team sport. Under the current growth, we can maintain our current level of request for ambulances. We Have four ambulance Bases. Five Staffed Advanced life support Ambulances, Staffed 24hours/365 days a year, we are spread thin. Government studies from over five years ago stated we were three Bases and Three Ambulances short for the population. We have continued to and will continue to provide the Emergency care to our citizens to the highest level while working toward expansion through conservative fiscal Spending and saving for improvements.

3. In your opinion, what is the Greatest opportunity and the biggest threat to the District?

There are many good things taking place in the county. One is the entry of Mercy hospital into Lincoln county. We are working closely with Mercy in treatment and transport protocols, and searching for ways to expand training. Growth that is taking place in the county is on the increase in commercial and residential construction. The proposed Port of Lincoln county in Winfield will be a great economic driver and will improve the economy of county residents, With this type of expansion in Lincoln county come greater demands on Emergency services across the board. Al it also broadens the tax base as well but there again with growth of populations the demands on services only Increases.

The biggest threat for LCAD, Uncertainly of the or the current plans for the restructuring to Medicare and Medicaid and how the Insurance changes will affect all of us going forward the lost or reduction of these reimbursements can cause our fiscal base to be diminished considerably. So I am looking to future to ensure we are prepared as best we can be.