



**Fayetteville Regional Association of REALTORS®, Inc.**  
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***County Commission Questionnaire – Page 2***

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for review by our members and the public*

**1. Why do you wish to serve or continue to serve in public office?**

I have lived here since 1969. I am physically and fiscally invested in Cumberland County. I am an employer, property owner, and permanent resident. We are at a time when both City and County Government MUST work TOGETHER. We can not have inconsistent or duplicate standards or services for City vs. County residents. My experience and training will bring City and County government together for the benefit of all citizens. I will continue to establish the environment for job creators and job holders at all levels and ensure that the County is fiscally responsible with our tax dollars and that the budgets and priorities are based upon the priorities of the taxpayers.

**2. What are the top three challenges facing your county and how do you propose to address them through your office?**

1. Employment – Focus on “grow your own”. Establish and encourage small to medium businesses. This will attract the larger businesses to our ‘business-supportive’ area.
2. Education – Assure that each day, every student will be taught by a competent, caring teacher that is provided the necessary resources to prepare our children to be successful. My wife, our 5 children and I are all graduates of Cumberland County Schools.
3. Crime – Support and provide law enforcement with the training and resources to aggressively fight crime....especially recidivism. We must provide safe homes, schools and streets in order to grow and attract new residents and businesses.

**3. There is a statewide issue with unmaintained roads in county neighborhoods recently referred to as “orphaned roads.” A bill was introduced in the General Assembly this year but did not move forward. What are your thoughts for solving this problem?**

FRAR should make a presentation to both the County Commissioners and the City Council explaining the problem of orphaned roads, emphasizing the problem that future homeowners face when they are unable to obtain lender financing when the roads have deteriorated and/or were not built to acceptable DOT standards for subsequent transfer and maintenance. Local rules requiring proper standards and/or bonding would reduce/eliminate the problem.

**4. What NEW ideas or incentives can you suggest to attract business into the region?**

Uniform standards, fees, penalties, incentives between the city and county would make the transition to the Fayetteville/Cumberland area more attractive and cost-effective.

Immediately provide for incentives for building, improving our waterfront areas. We are the only major metropolitan area that does not have a thriving waterfront presence. Included would be mixed commercial/residential and new/restored development. We now have the Botanical Garden, the Cape Fear River Trail and the Linear Park trail leading to the river but NO plans on what to do next.

**5. What steps, if any, would you take to improve your county's property valuation process in the years ahead? Why do you think these steps are necessary?**

Make it every 4 years so it more closely represents the true, current FMV/taxable value. This would help alleviate uncertainty and 'sticker shock' to property owners.