

Chuck Nelson Interview -

- 1) What makes you most qualified. Unique skill set. Career in county government, first director in masco at 22years old, left there to come to Brevard. Also 8 years as county commissioner. Have insight into how government works. Has worked with most county staff. Proud of things: paved 100 miles of road, storm water projects.
- 2) What organizations do you turn to for advice counsel? The chambers, EDC, served on that as commissioner. Been to Washington to meet with federal leaders. Have reached out to just about anyone who has thoughts or input on issues important to community.
- 3) Building consensus. - while on council, frustrated in parochial nature of other commissioners at that time. My fear is it does become too parochial. I supported St Johns heritage parkway... which wasn't my priority but was for south county. I didn't see love come back on projects important to my district. I supported Harris, ember etc because I get larger importance to county, and think important for all commissioners to do so.
- 4) How make more consumer friendly? In parks and rec ran into all sorts of land use regulation that didn't make sense. When elected to commission changed a lot of those... because I understood their negative imoact. Things have change. We don't have a lot of experience.. moved #2s up and haven't replaced them. Offices thin in experience so that can lead to gridlock.
- 5) Have not researched myself. Sure if there was something, they would bring it up. Noted Matt nye has filed ethics complaint for leaving off Space coast credit union from one of his forms.
- 6) Primary area of interest? The lagoon project is well done. If we loose lagoon, will be worse than the shuttle. Property values and business will plummet. Shortcoming now in terms of deciding how much money needs to go to sewer conversion... or creating different septic systems. That will slow us don if we don't take it on. Need to fix to continue our growth.

Issue facing brevard next 10 years: roads, need to look at in more detailed way. Current commission is shortsighted , taking from other community services and saying going to invest that in roads is dangerous. Will have great roads, and no where to go.

8) charter cap. Takes away county commission ability to make decisions for the community. See whole charter go away.

9) EELS - balance private property with enviro concerns. Not a lot of land purchased in recent years. Eels only about 5% of total land in the county. But that is the kind of thing that balances the growth with the priorities of resudents. How do you think its managed? They'd have a plan if they had funding, with property tax drop they've lost revenue and budget cuts, so they aren't able to adequately manage. Need to fund the solution. And pecan't get it back because of the county charter. Property values dropped 17% and we cannily increase 3% so we will have defecit.

10). Why running, - had dream job to run MIRA CRA but if wrong person elected, the CRA will go away. Don't use for festivals, but for increased infrastructure, and community improvements (landscaping) vasod improvements result in better looking community and increased tax roll. Need to focus on what they are set out to do. - Required to have a plan and a timeline with original creation. What happens, as in MIRA, expanded over time to include other areas, services. If they follow the plan, the timeline can work. But with 10 years of bad economy, some were in deficit, so unable to meet the plan/mission. Appropriate thought limit the timeline of CRA's

11) do support funding EDC. County commission isn't equip to do what the EDC does. Sunshine laws don't allow commission to do that role, and appropriate that we are brought in

at the end now and letting them do the leg work. We have a very good etc and critical for community.

12) I do support art and culture. Got to see tarpinn springs recently.... Look at what they are doing. Full magazines of activities that add to the community and helps the business community. Bring in quality people. We have cut back too far. Get back to historic level.

- how do you prioritize that? if look at whole county, roads v parks... its a county commission struggle to decide what it looks like. Determine where money cross over is. road money should not come from property taxes.... No relationship between property value and roads. I think it should come from gas tax. Keep funding and spending in their lanes. Accused of raising taxes because had to raise the millage, in a. Year when property values plummeted. We didn't increase revenue but insisted on keeping services the same.

13) tourism. I got to see transition in TDC from way used to be to where it is today. Such a better job marketing themselves and sharing of dollars. Put their money (tourism businesses) in to match TDC tax dollars. Great cooperative effort benefits community. Capital programs are not as appropriate, might not have voted for them, but in general help the community. Disappointed with fake grass arguement. I helped build those, and built for 1 sport. Now used year round and never get downtime. Now this deal can win USSSA and benefit whole community.

- what about leveraging TDC dollars to sewer/lagoon. I think needs to stay in the lane... slippery slope for further budgeting bait and switch. Just like state did with amendment

1. Make sure it is spent wisely where it is, but use tax revenue sources dedicated for the lagoon

2. Happy with lagoon plan? Recently a scientist said septic takes aren't problem, but our plan says they are. If scientists can't agree, we will see bickering over what to fund. I also don't think we can go wrong. Problem so bad no matter what we do, it will help.

14) why is business voice endorsement important to you as candidate. Without engaged business community, it all. Falls to private homeowner. That can lead to downward spiral. I believe business and government need to communicate, and cooperate. Bringing businesses here actually brings in tax base.... It is major component of our tax base, and by strengthening business can keep taxes lower for homeowners.

15) don't have GOP opponent... so different race. Starting a little later than would typically, but not as heavily if I had a GOP opponent. Go door to door, mail outs what what I believe in, in comparison to my opponents. And talk to people. Have great support. Mohave advantage of existing support. People know it is a 3-2 vote on cc, some days 2 1/2 to 2 1/2... and we need to strengthen to 3 votes so we can count on votes and keep progress going.

16) government providing service that private community provides.... example, Veterinarians provide rabies, etc. some communities the counties take that on. - proponent of privatizing where able. Used example of land services, that some able to let private landscaping companies manage parts of countylands, but not athletic fields, where need focused dedicated care to ensure safety/usability. Think privatization has a place.

17) county allowed staff to carry concealed. Where do you stand. Struggle to believe that more guns makes us safer than guns. Looked at commissioners to see who up there has been a supervisor... none. That is concerning. Frightening scenario.... If code enforcement approaches homeowner to say clean up your yard, and heis packing heat. Dynamic changes. Prefers to see trained, professionals with weapons.

18). Golf courses. Think Savannah's will be success story. Good group going to manage it. Golf has gone through ups and down. We used to have corporate teams and leagues that

played after work... since shuttle ended, that has gone away and revenues drop. Spessard holland will always do well because beautiful location. Point that many private courses have been built AFTER the county was already in the business of golf. Maybe private sector is competing with us? We did I to meet a need years ago.... And when demand increased they came along.

19) charter cap follow up... limited to 3% even though growth has occurred and should have had more. Instead of ramping up for new constituents and needed services due to growth, past commissions would cut and cut. And that just doesn't roll over well. It is arbitrary... no business would run with rules like what we put in the charter.

- given that it is not likely go away, and you would be limited, re. roads, previous commissions didn't prioritize roads. How can you direct dollars to roads without pulling from other areas or services? - when was there we raised stormwater and utility rates, and we were criticized. But they all point now and blame past commissioners. If you have good program and explain to citizens, willing example to explain citizens and they are willing to fund them. Parks great example.... When put to the citizens, they support it. aside, widening of Babcock is more than county commission D2 would get in entire budget.... That one road cost hard to explain to local voters. Same with palm bay road problem....

"sum from travis... county is as slim as it can be. Need to educate voters re needs to be increase in revenue somewhere". We are loosing on the 3% limit, and will choke to death.

- re. Amendment 1. Loss of revenue will impact all levels. County and cities will either have to adjust who pays, or cut services. When I served in county cut many positons, and I think in some we even went too far. Or have to increase the millage... and that hurts biz community.

13) how do you choose who you appoint to county boards/positions. Look at interests... they have relevant interest. Land use look at people with skill set to understand the arena. I tell them I won't tell you how to vote. Make sure you study it and understand it and vote for best solution, but don't be upset if I don't agree. Find the best people, if they breathe and show up sometimes that qualifies. Good appointees to P&Z. I think laziness on point of commissioner if they can't find appointees, or don't show up themselves.

14) what issue have we missed this morning? What keeps you up at night. Biggest concern is cc current make up is one that could be destructive to thecommunity. I have no biz running again, was hoping barfield would. Looked at candidates who filed, some associated with group that is anit-government. In danger of having it flip where commission is against our own community. The parochial nature of members is hampering realistic debate. Lot of great things happening, just need to talk aboutthem.

15) USSSA is going to be blessing for the county. Continue to grow and expand sports here. On fast track to be very successful. Youth sports a huge industry now. Will be tremendous difference to our area. Astroturf brilliant, as don't have to worry about rain outs and can play more often and with less risk to athletes.