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**RE: Thane Good | Poncha Springs Candidate Questionnaire Responses**

1. In a few sentences, please briefly share why you're motivated to run for public office, and why you believe you're qualified to serve in this context. (your response will be printed on the in-person Forum Program).

"My wife Dodi and I moved to Poncha Springs over a year ago and we love the Poncha /Chaffee County area and want to help drive improvements while also readying our community for the bright future Poncha has. Poncha is perfectly situated to take advantage of the great assets and activities that are right around every corner, literally.

I am a career telecommunications executive with focus in operations leadership and have been blessed to work with some of the best companies including one Fortune 500 entity for the bulk of my career which now spans 33 years.

I have previously served on various boards of directors including Home Owners Associations, The Otis Redding Foundation, Tubman African American Museum Technology Committee and various other community involved programs and activities.

For Poncha Springs, I would like to help drive improvements in our infrastructure and with reliable and accessible high speed internet service for everyone, reduce blight while creating more affordable housing, and to continue the pursuit and execution of Poncha's parks and recreation plans.

I see Poncha's future as a place of interest and not just as a bedroom community. I am excited to serve the community of Poncha, both the citizens and businesses.``

2. I support changing codes and processes towards increased use of Administrative decisions by public sector staff, while focusing public input on changes to the code itself.
  - o Strongly Agree
3. Development approval times are:

- I don't feel that I am knowledgeable enough on this topic to answer
4. As you are likely aware, the Chaffee County 2020 Comp Plan stated, “keep the country country and the towns towns”. What does this statement mean to you and how would you use this guiding principle in setting land use policy?
    - To me this is preserving the uniqueness and diversity that we have in our own respective areas, towns, cities and county. To me it further emphasizes the difference between a town boundary and where country (or rural) boundaries lie and how administratively we manage the needs and decisions of both.
  5. The Town’s government is sufficiently connected to, and collaborative with, the school district.
    - Strongly Agree
  6. How can the Town’s government encourage/support/facilitate increasing work-based learning programs for local youth?
    - Advocating for and implementing internship programs (if they don't already exist) that provide educational credits, hosting career learning days in schools and through after school programs, and partnering with local businesses and local remote workers (which there are many such as myself) to share and explore all of the opportunities that exist.
  7. Passing a local ordinance requiring the installation of broadband infrastructure as a part of all new development is a must.
    - Somewhat Agree
  8. Internet infrastructure should be treated as equally important to other utilities (water, sewer, gas, electricity) in infrastructure projects.
    - Strongly Agree
  9. What is local government’s role in increasing broadband availability and reliability for the community?

- Advocating for and leveraging all of the state and federal funds and grants possible. The ACP program is currently in the winding down phase and is no longer receiving new applicants, soon all of the involved telecom providers will message their ACP customers about the end of the program which will force citizens to make hard decisions regarding their home internet service. This will impact a child's ability to complete homework, interfere with the advancements in healthcare based on connectivity, jeopardize the citizens ability to work or be competitive in the work environment. Government also has to partner with and create fair competitive environments to bring the best telecommunications service, speeds, reliability and rates to the constituents. We also have to understand that most internet providers are for profit entities (publicly traded and privately owned) and not subsidized by the government (with the exception of the ACP program and the Federal Broadband funding to build new networks to those areas that are underserved). Incumbent telephone companies still benefit from government subsidies to provide landline dial tone service. I agree that Internet service should be as available as water, electricity and natural gas but we still have a long ways to go. Lastly, dig once is what is known as "Joint Trench" in the industry and I am an advocate for this technique to reduce the burden and cost to everyone involved. The challenge is that everyone has different legal depth requirements and the need to maintain their service increases risk when one entity has to dig up something for repair, putting the other in jeopardy of damage and an outage or bodily harm. If the technique was regulated to be fair for all (access, financially, responsibilities, and placement) then a Joint Trench/Dog Once program can work, today some providers see it as a profit line which is not sustainable for the others and can drive the costs to joint trench higher than what it costs them today to place their service on their own.

10. [BV/Poncha] has enough water to meet municipal, housing, and commercial development growth.

- Somewhat Agree

11. In the face of inadequate current water supply Town should...

- Combination of efforts to pursue additional municipal water sources to support future development while also allowing development but require development to pay for a portion of the additional water rights

12. What is the most important next step for Town in regards to water or wastewater?
- We have to drive closure with the Salida sewer topic and solve for this larger issue long term. This is one of the infrastructure topics that needs immediate attention. My belief is that in partnership with Salida, BV and all of Chaffee County we need to work towards regionalizing the water and sewer service for all of Chaffee County and the surrounding named and unnamed areas in partnership with each town and city for everyone's growth and profitability. The future should provide high-quality water, sewer, and stormwater service to improve the quality of life and economic development in Chaffee County and Poncha Springs.
13. Producing housing that is accessible to our local workforce requires public subsidy in amounts that directly affect affordability levels.
- Strongly Agree
14. Density is directly linked to affordability (i.e. increased density lowers the cost of each housing unit).
- Somewhat Agree
15. Encouraging housing development, including market rate housing, is helpful to the overall health of the housing market and to the community.
- Somewhat Agree
16. Housing policy is a local government responsibility.
- Somewhat Agree
17. What specific policy would you change or advocate for that would have a tangible impact on workforce housing if elected?
- As mentioned I would like to fight blight to help drive affordable housing solutions and the government should and can drive policies to make a significant impact. We also have to partner with developers to maintain profitability while keeping costs low without jeopardizing the existing property values. Openly, I need to better understand our land use codes related to blight and affordable housing positions and projects.
18. New rules & regulations for environmental sustainability should be weighed against, and modified for, their impact on the health of local businesses.
- Strongly Agree

19. Environmental sustainability is inextricably linked with innovation and technology.

- Strongly Agree

20. The single most important action [BV/Poncha] can take in 2024 to advance environmental sustainability is...

- The single most important action Poncha can take in 2024 to advance environmental sustainability is form a public/private committee to understand and explore the initiatives that are underway in our neighboring areas and at the state level. I agree and thrive in data based decisions and our ability to translate the information into strategies and actions is the key.

21. "Closing question: What question have we not asked that you'd like to share (and answer?)"

- I am honored and blessed to be a candidate for the Poncha Spring Board of Trustee position and my commitment is to understand and influence decisions that will benefit the greater good for Poncha Springs and Chaffee County.

I do not have any prior political experience and I would appreciate your trust in me with your vote.

I am a Colorado native, now returned to the state and loving every day in Poncha Springs.

"It's Poncha's gain to vote for Thane"