

Stan McDaniels – County Commission Candidate

Business Climate / Regulations Issues

- 1. Rate the regulatory climate for business in Escambia County. Is it Good/Fair/Bad? Explain your answer.**

Bad Current Policy makes it very difficult to do business with the City or County. Corporate Welfare continues to be the rule of the day. We have the Board Continuing to advocate for more jobs when we haven't been able to fill the current jobs open and available. Housing for low wage earners continues to be a problem while higher end homes continue to be built.

- 2. Please provide any examples of how regulations have affected the life of county residents in a positive or negative way.**

In my life living here Downtown Pensacola has come a long way. We now have people from surrounding areas coming to stay for a night or weekend to get away and enjoy themselves. While I so dearly miss the Matt Langley Bell III property and what it meant for my life growing up here I know Navy Federal has changed this community for the better. Districts 2 and 3 still seem to suffer from crime and the system isn't working for them. I know we can do better at Loving Our Neighbors.

- 3. Name the top 3 specific county ordinances/regulations you would like to see eliminated. Explain why they should be eliminated.**

First I would like to see a policy change that would put more money into infrastructure. I would like to see less money going to so many 501-C3's. I know some of these organizations do good work but I would like to empower our individual and corporate citizens to give to the organizations they want to instead of deciding as a Board for them. I would also like to learn more about an Chartered Escambia County that could possibly annex the City into a process of the whole instead of separate entities. I believe we could eliminate quite a bit of waste if we really change how we have been doing Government in the County.

Operations / Infrastructure Issues

- 4. Do you see any overlap or duplication of services between the county and the city? If so, what services, and how could these services be consolidated?**

Yes I do. I see so much waste. As a professional I have worked with both the City and County Building/Permitting Departments. There are many services that overlap that seem to be a waste. I think we could really do better by Building a Chartered Escambia County that includes annexing both City of Pensacola and Century. If we work into the charter a process of ensuring we have several Professional appointments to accompany the Board in making decisions we could cut out

the waste of constantly hiring outside consultants. Having a Board Certified Engineer, Civil Construction Professional, and Budget analysts could help us build a better community.

5. Homelessness and panhandling continue to be a significant problem in Escambia County. What are your solutions to this pressing problem that impacts the business community?

From my experience in speaking with many of these members of our community it is a choice they make everyday. The county has a lot of money to put towards this problem in our community. I know several local entities who truly do serve our community. You can lead a horse to water but you can't force it to drink. I believe the best way to help with homelessness is to end the War on Drugs. All the systems in place have only held people down and put burdens on men that make it grievous to be born. The Rule of Law is important so there's lots of work to do to begin to change the Laws.

6. Do you believe the county allocates sufficient resources for infrastructure projects? How would you prioritize these projects and fund them?

No I do not. Being on the Campaign Trail I have had the benefit to have a better understanding of where our problem is. We do not have enough shovel ready projects on the shelf ready to go for getting the funds from different pots of money available. As a Construction Professional I know I can help with the process of prioritizing projects. District 4 has had many projects started and some completed so we need to spend some time Loving our neighbors. I know we will have some smaller projects I can continue to support as I spend the next 4 years as Commissioner. Beach Haven and Warrington need our Love to help with our water quality issues. I would work with our State Reps and the BP trust to ensure Escambia County gets our fair share. I do not understand why we send our money away only to have to ask for it back and I want to find a better way to manage our own money. As our Governor continues to stand up for the great Citizens of FL we need Commissioners that will stand up to the State as well. I do believe in following our great Governors lead but he also needs the Counties to begin to stand up to him to challenge the status quo.

7. What is your opinion of the beach congestion plans that have been proposed? What is your vision for solving this problem?

I have been hearing about a plan for a parking garage as long as I can remember. I know we have done a great job of making changes to the toll process to help with this problem. The beach is our Diamond and we must ensure people can get there seamlessly. After talking with the citizens at the SRIA meeting I think a combined facility that includes a parking garage should be a plan we begin now. As the Bob Sikes bridge gets to the end of the life span we need to set a plan in place

NOW to replace it. I know for me and my family we have funded that bridge time and time again.

8. A glaring need in our community is for a facility that has adequate meeting space for conventions and events. What is your position on such a facility?

I would have to review reports on the facility we currently have. We have so many entities that bring events that love to make Pensacola a stop on their tour. I would like to see an event center like the Bay Center be self sustaining and profitable. I love our Ice Flyers and growing up my dad had season tickets to the Ice Pilots. I would want to continue to see our community have an asset like the Bay Center.

9. What would your Five Year Plan for Escambia County look like?

1. Get our budget in order. 2. Spend more on infrastructure by compiling shovel ready projects and prioritizing them. 3. Talk about the validity of a Chartered County and To operate as one county to Unleash the Potential of Pensacola and become the mecca of the south where family, community, and small businesses thrive together. 4. Empower citizens to Build their Own Community so they can better advocate for their neighborhoods. 5. Work with State Reps on tightening the regulations for County Commissions. It seems to me that our commissions have operated with impunity and no oversight. 6. Love our neighbors and learn from their success.

Economic Development Issues

10. What role should county government take in attracting new businesses to the area? What types of jobs would you like to see growing in Escambia County? Be specific.

I would like to see Escambia County working with our small businesses by utilizing the Gig Economy to entice them to complete tasks we don't have the staff for. As a business owner I know why businesses need incentive to do business here. It's hard to get approval for larger businesses. Elon Musk recently said he was able to get a Gigafactory built in 18 months in TX when it would have taken 24 months just to get permits in CA. We need to make it easier to do business here in Escambia and the State. I would like to see programs that encourage our local small businesses to learn more about how to grow their own brands. We are a city of champions not just in sports but business as well. Companies like GBSI bring Regional economics of scale to our community. I would also like to work with UWF (Alumni) in educating students on Government and business economics of scale. We have so many jobs available and I would like to see the companies that need employees be able to find them.

11. What is your vision for the various commerce parks or potential sites throughout Escambia County?

I believe we are losing employers because of the lack of available labor forces. I know we have plenty of space available for commerce and we are losing employers to neighboring counties. I will be waiting for the vote on EDATES to set a plan for commerce.

12. What should the county do with excess properties that it owns? Be specific.

I have not yet had a look at many of the current properties the county holds. I do know we need affordable housing and maybe some of the properties could be used for that purpose. Our county is known for making bad land deals and I do not want to see any repeats of this practice.

13. Tourism is an integral part of Escambia County's economy. In what ways can the county commission support tourism in Escambia County? Be specific.

Personally I love living here. The tourism industry has always been a part of my families income. I always try my best to invite any of my family and friends to visit. I know we already spend lots of money on this exact issue with Visit Pensacola and more. We have so much to offer here in Pensacola. I think we could partner with other communities where our own citizens may visit as well. We could possibly partner with other tourist locals that our citizens may visit to help each other. Ads in places like Dollywood, The Ark Encounter, and other family friendly communities that need the same things we do. Our diverse Country has so many opportunities to get Pensacola in front of people who are travelling.

14. What are the top transportation projects needed to sustain the growth that we are experiencing in Escambia County?

I think Sorrento is a major priority. With the Olive Rd project recently completed and the Burgess Rd project completing soon I will support other Districts with ensuring they have my support in getting projects done.