

Stop the Outer Loop Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name

Matt Fitzgerald

The Outer Loop has been tabled for now. What is your stance on the Outer Loop proposal and any future bypass that may be proposed?

Daviess County residents voiced their opposition to the proposed Outer Loop. Local government should prioritize improving existing roadways.

What is your stance on Highway 56 improvements and what do you propose?

The City of Owensboro, DCFC, Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp should continue to work together along with local government and their constituents to have a conversation with local State Representatives to present in Frankfort.

As county lands continue to be developed, what is your stand on future annexations of county lands into the city of Owensboro?

I live in the county, outside the city limits, will oppose more annexation.

Do you think that Daviess County government should provide or pay for ditch cleaning of major waterways on private property?

Private property owners should not want local government interference with the cleaning of their ditches.

What are some areas of the current county budget that could be cut to lower taxes?

Local government should always be looking for ways to trim excess spending, decrease regulation hindering business growth. There are numerous areas of the budget I feel need to be discussed, more transparent, and explained as to the expenses.

Do you see our Planning and Zoning process as an impediment to business growth? How could it work better?

Planning and Zoning is heavily regulated by the state. With that being said, we need to work with our local representatives in Frankfort for more business friendly culture and decrease regulation hindering business growth.

Serious crime seems to be way up in Daviess County. How will you work toward protecting residents and their properties?

More programs to develop our youth, more accountability within the juvenile justice system, ensure the Daviess County Sheriff's Office, along with other first responders, have the resources they need to combat our local drug epidemic.

Do you agree with the current occupational tax structure? Do you think current tax rates are fair? If not, how would you work to change it?

Instead of raising the occupational tax, as it has been recently, local government should prioritize increasing our tax base with new citizens and more economic growth.