

Hambley Files Petitions for 69th Ohio House District Seat and Announces “No Mudslinging” Campaign Website and Facebook Page

Following a successful fundraiser in downtown Medina this morning, Medina County Commissioner Steve Hambley officially filed petitions at the Medina County Board of Elections seeking the Republican nomination for the 69th District Ohio House of Representatives seat in the May 2014 election. House Speaker William G. Batchelder currently holds that position but is not eligible to run for re-election next year due to term limits imposed by the Ohio Constitution.

In his quest for the seat, Hambley announced his "No Mudslinging" Facebook page (*Hambley for House Committee*) and website (www.SteveHambley.com).

“I can control the content of my website, but too often social media like Facebook have been used to promote and distribute negative political information that is often incorrect, personally insulting and derogatory to candidates and parties.”

Hambley for House Committee No Mudslinging Facebook Policy

“Any Facebook post that is considered to be derogatory, demeaning and denigrating of any person, candidate or party will not be shared, liked or commented upon and will be removed. As is appropriate in a democratic society, discussions about laws, proposed laws and public policies are permitted and encouraged provided comments do not involve personal attacks about the character, morals or motives of persons, candidates or parties. Any Facebook "friend" violating this policy on this Facebook page will be "unfriended". The Facebook page is intended to encourage a public discourse about campaigns and political issues that is a positive contribution to the democratic process.”

Political Science research shows little evidence that negative campaigning tends to depress voter turnout, however, it does negatively affect attitudes

about the political process, political efficacy, trust in government and possibly discourage the overall public outlook. Various studies of the media during the 2012 campaigns found that an overwhelming majority of the messages in the social media were negative, especially focused on personal and character issues.

"I hear often from voters that they are tired of all of the negative campaigning, the so called 'mudslinging'. They want to hear about the candidate and learn exactly what the candidate thinks they can do in office," says Hambley. "My website and Facebook pages will respond to that preference and hopefully keep the campaign focused on the positive and productive. Voters want clean, useful information from their candidates and I am pledging to provide that."

"Many of the voters of Medina County already know me and what I have accomplished on their behalf during my years as commissioner, so my campaign will focus on the future challenges and potential of the county and the great state of Ohio," Hambley commented. He added, "We need to build upon the successes of Speaker Batchelder and Governor Kasich to address some of the most critical problems in our time: jobs and education. Over the next months, I will devote time to listening and learning from the people of my district. We need to work together to expand the creation of good, well-paying jobs in the private sector and comprehensively resolve concerns about the local costs of education and keeping our schools excellent."

"Of course, I will continue focusing on my job as County Commissioner during this campaign season. I hope the Republican voters that have known and supported me over the years will give me the opportunity to work for them in Columbus."

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SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Medina County Commissioner (1997 to present)
- Brunswick City Councilman (1991-1993 and 1995-1996), chaired Planning and Zoning Committee and Economic Development Committee.
- President of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the metropolitan planning agency for the 5 county Cleveland area, 2001, 2006, and 2011.
- Medina County America Red Cross, Trustee (2008-2013)
- *Mainstreet Medina*, Board of Trustees (2012 to present)
- United Way of Medina County, Board of Trustees (2001 to 2007), Chairman 2005
- Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, Chairman in 2011, Vice-Chairman 2012 (March 2011 to present)
- Medina County Solid Waste Policy Committee (1992 to 2011); Chairman 1995-2011.
- Medina County Emergency Management Agency, Executive Committee (1997 to present)
- Medina County Drug Task Force, Council of Governments Governing Board, Vice-Chairman (1997 to 2011)
- 2-1-1 First Call for Help Task Force, Chairman (2004 to 2009)
- Leadership Medina County, Board of Trustees (1991-1999)
- Leadership Medina County, Local Government/Safety Forces Day, Education Program Committee Chair, 1996 to present.
- Medina County Red Cross, Trustee (2008-2013)
- *Keep Our Schools Excellent* Committee, campaign co-chair and treasurer. First county in Ohio to devote county sales tax for permanent improvements for schools. (2007)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Medina County Commissioner, Medina, County, Medina, Ohio (1997 to present).
- Adjunct Professor, Lorain County Community College, (1995 to present) College courses taught: Urban Studies, American National Government, State and Local Government, American History, Contemporary World Problems, History of Civilization.
- Professional staff and adjunct faculty at Public Services Institute, Lorain County Community College (1995-96)
- Research Staff member at Center for Urban Studies, University of Akron (1989-95)
- Brunswick City Council, Ward 1 (1990-1991), At-Large (1994-1996).
- Manager of commercial testing laboratory, Certified Engineering Technician in Asphalt, Soils and Concrete, NICET Certification Number 060111. (1977-1985)

AWARDS

- Northrop Heritage Award, Medina County Historical Society, 2013.
- Medina County Elected Official of the Year, Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, 2010.
- Northeast Ohio Area wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Fifth Annual Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award for Outstanding Regional Contribution, 2008
- "Medina County Movers & Shakers: Number 3," Medina County Gazette (2008)
- Northeast Ohio Regional Vision Award, Northeast Ohio Regional Leadership Task Force, 2007
- Brunswick City Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, 2006.
- Michael Berken Peace & Justice Award, Diocese of Cleveland, Catholic Commission of Wayne, Ashland & Medina, 2005.
- Outstanding Leadership Award, Ohio Educational Service Center Association, 2002.
- Service in Local Government Award from the Ohio Provider Resource Association, 2000.
- "Men Who Make a Difference," Medina County Gazette, 1998

OTHER BACKGROUND

- Medina County resident, 59 years
- (Grades 1-8), St. Ambrose Catholic Church Grade School, Brunswick
- Brunswick High School, Class of 1972
- Kent State University, Bachelor of General Studies, 1979.
- University of Akron, Master of Arts, 1985
- Graduate study: Urban Studies, History of Transportation, Political Science, Statistical Research Methods
- University of Akron, Ph.D. History, 1993; Martin Scholar for two years.
- Leadership Medina County, Class of 1995