

Craig Lutz Qualifies for Office

I am not sure exactly when the thought to run for Hall County commission came across my mind, but I think I remember when I said it out loud, May 15, 2008. I remember we were in a budget meeting in Flowery Branch when an issue came up concerning the proper allocation of SPLOST and LOST; I remember thinking how unfair the City was being treated. When it was announced that we did not have any friends on the commission, I said that I felt that I could change that if I were on the commission.

That verbal slip slowly gained traction as I kept seeing how things that were promised to us as citizens kept being ignored at best and at times flat out broken.

I really became discouraged with the commission as they argued and fought over ethics reform. I watched as the commissioners refused to enact real reform by avoiding real disclosure language; language that would not have banned certain actions, but would have allowed the public to see the relationships between the members that may have brought attention to certain deals.

Then we began to see the Ethics complaints from the citizens that resulted from the heartbreak the broken promises to the people caused. The decision to move the Clermont library was the last straw.

Realizing that my motivation for office is the same the normal citizen, I decided for the sake of the future of my family, that I would run for office.

I feel that I have a skill set that will help to put the commission back on the right track.