

My name is Robert “Rob” Corley, and I am running for position 6 on the hospital board. I have lived in Russell County for most of my life. I have been a Knights of Columbus member since turning 18. During this time I have been the Council Grand Knight several times. I am a former member of the Paradise Fire Department and am current volunteer Fireman on the Gorham Fire Department. I was an EMT and First Responder for Paradise and RRH. I was the secretary/treasurer for several years on the Gorham Department. I am a Member of the Gorham Development Association and was one of the members that worked hard to revive The Gorham Street Dance, so that we could revitalize our City Park. I served several terms on the Gorham City Council, one as Mayor. During this time I worked as employee supervisor for the city employees. I oversaw the writing and carrying out of several Grants. I have worked in construction, and currently the oil industries. I currently work as a Pipeline Mechanic for Plains All American Pipeline, and I farm.

I am running for this position to help keep a hospital in Russell County. My wife is a current Restorative Aid at Main Street Manor. I know how much our hospital means to its patients and residents. I would like to work to make this the best hospital it can be. I want tax payers to believe their money is being spent wisely, employees to enjoy and look forward to going to work, and the patients to be convinced that this is the best place for their healthcare.

If I am elected, I would work to give Russell County residents and tax payers transparency and faith in their Hospital. I would work to make it a place where employees feel safe to bring questions and concerns to supervisors and Administration without fear of reprimand or a hostile work environment. I know there are concerns about nepotism, not only in hospital staff; but also between the Hospital Boards. I would work to address these issues, to the best benefit of Russell County. I would like to see Russell Regional Hospital be a place that people want to come without worrying about if they are going to have to be transferred out. We have three hospitals in our local proximity that are our size and that are growing. They are keeping their residents local. That is what I want to see for Russell County. I don't want our hospital to just survive. I want it to thrive and grow.

In the economy that we are in and facing Covid, we are at a tough time for our hospital. As someone that has worked very hard to grow personally, I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the Hospital Board. I know this is a position that a lot of people have strong feelings about. Please know that if elected, I will do my best. Some will say that I have ulterior motives, and to this I would say, as a former city council member told me, “Do what is Right and Just for all of your constituents, not just some. And if it is Right for some, then it is right for all.” This is the way I have always addressed my work with the City Council, and the way I intend to treat matters coming before this Board. I know every person running for the Hospital Board is doing so, with what they believe to be the best for Russell County. Thanks for your time and consideration.