Top Issues Facing your Family or Business:
- (4) Economic opportunity
- Family sustaining income
- (1) Affordable healthcare
- (1) More competition in healthcare
- High insurance costs for physicians (driving them out of the field)
- Better prescription drug plans
- (2) Frivolous litigation
- (1) Better roads / bridges
- Lack of community participation
- (2) Flooding due to debris (Kratzer run creek in Grampian boro) red tape makes it difficult to fix

Types of development you would want or NOT want in your communities:

**Want**
- (1) More sewer capacity for development
- Jobs
- (1) Changes in attitudes
- (2) Senior citizen center / community building
- Activities for seniors and youth
- Better parking (especially downtown Clearfield)
- Infrastructure

**Not Want**
- (1) Adult businesses
- Gambling
- NIMBY – ISM  (not in my back yard)

What would you change or NOT change about Clearfield County:

**Would change**
- Relocate location of county seat
• (1) “KGB of Clearfield “ (need to get others involved who won’t stop growth)
• Reclaim old strip mines more quickly
• (1) Don’t want to be a dumping ground for other states trash
• Too many people on welfare

Would NOT change
• (1) Natural resources (need to be sustainably used) e.g. Timber

Views on how to improve our Housing infrastructure:
• Update and reuse older structures before they get to bad (more cost effective than building new)
• Better public education about statewide building code
• One size fits all doesn’t work everywhere (i.e. building code) too much red tape
• No incentives exist to fix up homes
• Too many absentee landlords
• High attorney costs > hard for municipalities to adopt new ordinances
• No enforcement of municipal ordinances

Views on how to improve our Social Service Programs:
• (1) Senior centers needed
• Programs / activities for youth
• Tighter controls on drug rehabilitation programs
• Better information to public on social services (what’s available where located, etc…)
• Methadone clinics merely replace one drug additions with another
• Accidents due to methadone clinic clients
• (1) No help available for some folks because they earn too much, but not enough to provide for themselves
• Generation after generation on welfare
• Programs we have were created by political pressure

Views on how to improve our Healthcare System:
• High cost of insurance (especially for self employed)
• High prescription drug costs
• (1) Frivolous lawsuits > need to put pressure on legislators to address this problem
• HIPPA laws unnecessarily complicated
• Will facilities / doctors remain adequate?
• (1) Lack of volunteers for fire companies, EMS, etc.

**Views on how to improve our Economic Development efforts:**
• Continental One (US 219); consider alternate routes for it (e.g. Slightly east might be better)
• Need major North – South route for county
• Need innovators, need to think outside the box
• Balance between development and quality of life
• Improve existing roads and bridges
• (2) Promote local tourism assets
• Public water, sewer needed
• Increase tourism (need countywide plan)
• Think of people’s purchasing power (it’s limited here) and regulation where attracting new businesses
• Need to do something about over regulation

**Views on how to improve our Transportation network:**
• (1) Better roads and bridges
• Improve public transit (let people decide if it’s needed, especially with rising fuel costs)
• Continental One could reduce accidents on 219

**Views on how to improve our Education system:**
• Improve math and science education
• Better writing skills
• Provide better classes for gifted and talented students with special needs
• Need to provide students with real world skills
• (1) Educate parents to break cycle of poverty
• Better testing for kids with special needs (don’t want to pigeon hole them)

**Views on how to best utilize sustain or remediate / prevent deterioration of our Natural Resources:**
• Sustainable timber industry; select cuts (opportunities with hardwoods)
• Safer, cleaner extraction of coal
• (2) Protect the land for it’s aesthetic value as well as for resource extraction
• Encourage farming
• Need to keep natural gas here instead of shipping it out (need adequate infrastructure to provide service in our area)… But drilling of natural gas wells is causing environmental harm
• Take advantage of available ability of natural gas to attract powdered metal industry

Views on how to best preserve and enhance our Historical / Cultural Resources:
• (1) Better education about local history
• (2) Develop and promote historical tours (walking trails driving tours, etc.)
• Extended rails to trails