



The four candidates vying to succeed Beautz all have different ideas about the future direction of Live Oak, but all agree that there is great potential in this hidden county gem.

Michael Pisenti, a member of the Live Oak School District board of directors, envisions a future for Live Oak that would include well maintained roads, adequate sheriff patrols and the ability of property owners to exercise their rights without undue interference from county officials. Pisenti is adamant that this vision can be implemented without more taxes. Instead, he advocates tightening up the way funds are currently spent.

"The roads are in terrible condition," he laments. "This is mainly because the Board of Supervisors has taken money that should

have been allocated to fixing roads and spent it on useless things, like surveys and polls. They pigeonhole these reports and there's no action taken on it."

Pisenti says he would spend that money directly on road improvements in the Live Oak area. Another hot-button political issue in Live Oak is housing, both where it goes and how many people come along with any given development. Beautz has spent much energy protecting the area from being a "dumping ground" for low-income and high-density housing no one else wants. Pisenti would strike a different chord. When it comes to private developments, he believes politics should be left out of the equation. Instead, he would revamp the planning process so