

First Friday Noontime Forum Series
“Continuing the Growth and Prosperity of Downtown Lancaster”

Highlights - January 2010 Discussion

ASK THE COMMISSIONERS

**Lancaster County Commissioners Scott Martin, Dennis Stuckey
and Craig Lehman**

- * Biggest challenges—Finding a solution to over-crowded conditions at the prison and controlling debt—managing the money available to the County. Revenues grow 1%/year & expenses 4-5%/year.
- * If state government does not provide real local tax reform—cities will fail. County government can’t solve the problems of cities.
- * The City and the County are partnering on shared services where possible.
- * Some municipalities are willing to discuss the merging of police departments in to regional forces; however, elected officials must meet with residents and listen to their concerns.
- * Public health is not another form of health care. Public health is public safety.
- * County does not have the authority to enforce the comprehensive plan unless they tie it to a funding stream such as grants. The debt level has forced the County to look for efficiencies and how to reduce expenses