

Coeur d'Alene Press Online video debate – Marc Eberlein v Bruce Noble

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The don't Selle yourself short debate.

Eberlein versus Selle versus Noble

I highly recommend everyone watch this debate. Start about the 19 minute mark and watch a journalist transform himself into a political candidate. I wonder how Jeff Selle will ever cover politics again. He should be running for something.

Ok, on to the play by play.
County commissioner race

The first issue is jail expansion. Eberlein goes first. Jail says expansion is an option. Crime problem, economics problems... blah blah. Noble looks disinterested already (not good).

Selle starts talking about pot. Everyone's gonna need some after watching this debacle.

Eberlein responds about buying weed and bringing into Idaho, doesn't think people should be jailed for it. Making some sense about beating a person down with jail.

Noble hasn't said one word yet at the 4:35 mark.

Selle wants to know the solution to jail overcrowding.

Noble is rocking in his chair

Eberlein continues to have reasonable ideas. Didn't like the previous contract proposal. Thought it was a bad deal.

Selle continues to drill down on Eberlein.

Finally, at 6:36 Noble speaks. "There you go."

Noble says jail expansion should be the last resort.
Supports diversion programs, such as the drug court.

Several minutes of mind numbing jail talk.

Noble now on expanding Medicaid and how it will be a good thing.

Marc Eberlein talks about free money, somewhere John Austin's ears perk up.

John Austin is yelling at his screen. Yes there is free money, despite what Eberlein says. More babbling about Obamacare. Good grief people, can we talk about a local issue.

Selle is fascinated by Eberlein's claims about how Obamacare is a disaster.

Noble wipes a tear. He must be wondering when he's going to talk again.

Selle asks what happens when you get cancer? Eberlein spouts a bunch of government speak.

Selle wonders what Marc Eberlein can do as a county commissioner. Blames partisanship and the Republicans for the economic woes locally. Selle coring major points against Eberlein. He's kicking his butt. Go Selle, Go. Oh wait, Selle was the moderator.

Eberlein is getting mad. Says we're not paying enough taxes.

Selle fires back. This is heated. Selle's face is beet red. Wow.

Noble finally interjects and asks, "Could we maybe have Marc and I talk about issues instead of a reporter?"

Selle says he's not arguing. Yes he is. But who cares, this is awesome. A tag team match just broke out. Selle drops an elbow.

Selle is trying to understand this issue from the Republican Party. Selle continues to hammer the Republicans. Noble is rolling his eyes. I can't blame him.

Eberlein is defensive now about asking the legislators to do their job.

Selle is continues to hammer Eberlein. Selle is winning big time. It's not even close.

Noble, forgot who he was for a second says this shows the fundamental difference between the candidates. Eberlein is talking about the federal deficit and he is talking about advocating for Medicare expansion because it will help people in Kootenai County.

Point Noble with an assist from Selle. Jeff has Bruce's back. He's going to win this thing.

Eberlein makes a veiled dig at Noble about bankruptcy. Then rattles off why he is concerned about low county wages, employee morale.

Noble boils down the problems to a lack of professional management and a lack of leadership. Noble talks about restructuring county government.

Finally, Jeff Selle has had enough.

Selle interrupts Noble reminding that they are running out of time. No wonder, Selle did most of the talking. Then Selle continues to bash the Republicans for running as group and suggests its a conspiracy of some sort. Of course it is.

Noble has to explain what we means and what he wants to do. Good grief. Noble keeps undermining Selle. Catch a clue buddy.

Eberlein brings up some strange post on Noble's web site.

Selle wants to know about Republicans running as a bloc. Says the GOP is laying low. I am wondering if there are more Republicans under the table ready to give Bruce Noble a wedgy.

Eberlein says his a busy guy. Selle keeps interrupting him. I have no idea what they are doing. Selle is blasting Eberlein for not attending every forum? Selle suggests a strategy to lay low. The GOP is going to run to victory by hiding. No wait, that the Democratic Party strategy for the last 10 years.

Then game changer. The bombshell. The big one. Noble refers to a torrid romance in high school. He was seeing another guy's girlfriend every time he went out of town. Bruce Noble was laying low. Jeff Selle's search for Republicans laying low is in vain. Oh the humanity. Oh the scandal.

Good night, good luck and enjoy the veal.