

# JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
MAY 15, 2012



## ATTENTION

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a blue color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by County Clerk Art Harvey.



Dear Josephine County Voter:

The **May 15, 2012 Primary Election** is at hand.

This County Voters' Pamphlet has been inserted in the State Pamphlet in a **cost-saving cooperative effort** between your Josephine County Clerk and the Secretary of State.

Since this is a Primary Election, Democrats and Republicans will receive their party's nominating ballot. Registrants of all other parties and non-affiliated voters will receive a non-partisan ballot.\*

I would like to urge you to read through this Voters' Pamphlet. It will provide you with information regarding the measures shown on your ballot. It also contains measure arguments and candidate statements by those who have chosen to be included in the pamphlet and paid the required fee. Please remember that your personal ballot will only contain the measures and candidate races for which you are eligible to vote.

**If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, May 3rd, please call our office at 541-474-5243.**

You may return your ballot either by mail or by dropping it in any one of the conveniently located **Official Drop Sites** listed on the following page.

Your ballot must be in our office or in one of our Official Drop Boxes no later than Election Day, May 15, 2012, 8:00 PM. **Postmarks do not count.**

I would like to encourage all of you to participate in this important election. Exercising our right to vote is an easy and effective way to make our voices heard in our local community, our state, and our nation.

**REMEMBER: EVERY VOTE COUNTS !**

Sincerely,

Art Harvey, c.c.c.  
Clerk and Recorder  
Josephine County

\*The Republican Party has decided to allow non-affiliated voters to request a portion of their party ballot in this Primary election. This partial ballot will include the offices of Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer only.

**This partial ballot will not include candidates for President or any other Republican candidates.**

Requests for this partial Republican Party ballot must be received no later than 5:00 pm, April 24th. Please contact our office if you would like further information.

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# Voting Instructions

At the MAY 15, 2012 Primary Election the voters of Josephine County should cast their votes as illustrated below.

**TO VOTE YOU MUST COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF YOUR RESPONSE.**

**TO WRITE-IN A NAME – FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF THE LINE AND WRITE-IN THE NAME ON THE LINE.**

TO VOTE ON A MEASURE OR CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT, SIMPLY FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY NEXT TO THE YES OR NO OR CANDIDATE'S NAME.

**USE A PENCIL OR BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN.**

EXAMPLES:

**PRESIDENT**  
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN  
 THOMAS JEFFERSON  
 J. Q. PUBLIC  
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Or Write In

**PRESIDENT**  
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN  
 THOMAS JEFFERSON  
 J. Q. PUBLIC  
 *Billy Kidd* \_\_\_\_\_

Measures

YES  
 NO

YES  
 NO

~~YES  
 NO~~

IF YOU VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED, OR IF YOU VOTE **BOTH YES AND NO** ON A MEASURE, IT IS CALLED AN OVERVOTE. YOUR VOTE **WILL NOT COUNT** FOR THAT CANDIDATE OR MEASURE.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON ALL CONTESTS. THOSE YOU DO VOTE ON WILL STILL BE COUNTED.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR CHOICE, SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, OR LOSE IT, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 541-474-5243.

## **REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT –Returning Your Voted Ballot–**

Vote your ballot.

Fold the ballot and insert it into the secrecy envelope.

Seal the secrecy envelope and insert into the colored return envelope.

Seal the colored return envelope and sign the statement on the back of the envelope.

**Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.**

Place the appropriate first class postage on the return envelope and mail it so that it is received in the Josephine County Clerk's Office or at an Official Ballot Drop Site location (no postage required) not later than 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

**IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8:00 P.M. MAY 15, 2012.**

## **Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations**

Open from April 28<sup>th</sup> until 8 p.m., May 15, 2012

### **Josephine County Courthouse:**

**The County Clerk's Office** (7:50 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday) *Open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day*

**Justice Building side, ground floor next to the elevator** (24 hours / 7 days)

**Next to the "C" Street Entrance** (Tax Office Entrance) (24 hours / 7 days)

**Drive-up Ballot Drop:** Parking lot behind library. Enter from "C" Street (24 hours / 7 days)

**South Grants Pass:** **South Valley Bank**, 290 Union Avenue, front parking lot. (24 hours / 7 days)

**Merlin:** **Umpqua Bank**, Merlin Rd. & Monument Dr., parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

**Murphy:** **Ray's Sentry Market**, in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

**Cave Junction:** **Cave Junction City Hall**, near front entrance (24 hours / 7 days)

## MEASURE 17.41

**BALLOT TITLE:** Permanent Tax Rate Limit.

**QUESTION:** Shall the District have a permanent tax rate limit of \$0.09 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning fiscal year 2012-2013?

**SUMMARY:** Since 1949, the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District (District) has provided residents with technical and financial support for conservation measures. Its clients include small acreage, city, and forest landowners, and agricultural producers. Increased requests now exceed the service capacity of the District. Funds from this measure would enable the District to meet increased service demands and allow it to make capital expenditures, fund projects and operations and offer grants to property owners. The District does not make or enforce regulations.

This measure would establish a permanent, not-to-exceed tax rate limit of \$0.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The District would phase-in the tax over a three-year period: \$0.03 the first year; \$0.06 the second year; and \$0.09 thereafter. The permanent rate limit would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$4.50 the first year; \$9.00 the second year; and \$13.50 per year thereafter. The tax rate limit of \$0.09 would raise approximately \$489,000 per year. The District may lower the tax rate in any year, but may never exceed the \$0.09 limit.

### **Explanatory Statement:**

As Josephine County grows, greater demand is being placed upon the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District (JoSWCD) to help citizens plan, finance and implement natural resource conservation practices. The demand for JoSWCD's services has grown almost 200% from 2005 to 2011.

Since 1949, the District has relied on grants to fund its services. The District has one full-time and two part-time employees to meet its increased workload. Today, diminishing funds from grants are not adequate to hire additional staff to meet this increasing demand for technical, educational and contract services, or to offer the range of services the District has offered in the past.

This measure would establish a permanent, not-to-exceed tax rate limit of \$0.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The District would phase-in the tax over a three-year period: \$0.03 the first year; \$0.06 the second year; and \$0.09 thereafter. The permanent rate limit would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home \$4.50 the first year; \$9.00 the

second year; and \$13.50 per year thereafter. The tax rate limit of \$0.09 would raise approximately \$489,000 per year. The District may lower the tax rate in any year, but may never exceed the \$0.09 limit.

Funds from this measure would enable the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District to provide the following services:

- 1) Plan and protect riparian buffers to help keep streams clean and cool for fish and recreational uses;
- 2) Develop and provide conservation education to youth and interested citizens in both urban and rural areas;
- 3) Help city and rural landowners use pesticides and fertilizers properly to protect water quality;
- 4) Control invasive and noxious weeds;
- 5) Design and install high efficiency irrigation systems to conserve water and improve water quality of lakes and streams;
- 6) Plant and improve forage for wildlife and domestic animals;
- 7) Design and establish heavy use area protection for horses and other livestock to reduce erosion and sediment delivery to streams;
- 8) Help landowners put in place forestry practices that reduce wildfire danger and improve wildlife habitat;
- 9) Protect and improve scenic beauty throughout the county;
- 10) Acquire facilities and equipment and make these available to its customers;
- 11) Help landowners access financial assistance and incentives—such as locally-funded grants—to implement conservation practices.

The passage of this measure would permit the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District to address requests for conservation technical assistance in a timely and professional manner. It would also permit the District to make capital expenditures, fund operations and projects, and offer grants to local property owners for conservation purposes.

*Provided by  
Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District*

# MEASURE 17.41

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I believe passing Ballot Measure 17-41 for a Tax Rate Limit for Josephine SWCD will prove to be one of the best investments Josephine County tax payers have ever made. **I encourage you to vote yes.**

In 2006 Jackson County voters approved a Tax Rate Limit for the Jackson SWCD. This was one of the wisest tax investments we have ever made here. Below is what you can expect by voting yes.

Prior to 2006 Jackson SWCD was struggling to keep the doors open, just like the Josephine SWCD is doing today. After the approval of Jackson SWCD's Tax Rate Limit was it rich? No. Josephine SWCD won't be either. But it was enough funding to hire a staff of professionals and a secretary to carry out the work it was created to perform: conserve and develop the natural resources, protect the tax base, and support the local economy of the County. Stable funding provides for two full time two resource planners to work with land owners to reduce soil losses, reduce water use, improve livestock management, and improve wildlife and fish habitat. An irrigation engineer was hired to work with irrigation districts, ditch associations, and landowners to design and install improved irrigation systems and reduce return flows to streams. An urban planner works with land developers, community planners, and interested homeowners to reduce the amount of urban runoff by using rain gardens, pervious pavements, and rain catchments.

With the Tax Rate Limit, the District can provide a fair salary and basic benefits thereby retaining experienced employees who design projects, find funding assistance, and oversee their implementation.

Because of the limit on the tax rate Jackson SWCD will always have to be fiscally prudent and careful with the monies they receive, but they have enough to do the tasks that they are mandated to do.

*(This information furnished by Charles L. Boyer)*

*(This space purchased for \$400 in accordance with ORS 251.285)*

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I urge you to vote "Yes" on Measure 17-41 for these reasons:

- This Measure puts a permanent cap on a tax rate.
- The tax revenue is needed to continue to protect clean water, clean air, a healthy economy and a healthy community...in other words, our quality of life.
- The Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District is a respected and long-standing institution in Josephine County. It has served us well for over 60 years.
- The District's historic revenues-grants-are disappearing and this District, like many others in Oregon and throughout the United States, needs our help.
- I believe the permanent \$0.09 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation tax limit it seeks will not be a burden on any property owner. That's only a \$1.13 per month for the average home.
- Not only would the maximum \$0.09 tax rate never be exceeded, it would not be reached until three years from now.
- It is time for us to help this District that has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars of grant funds into this county, and now is struggling because grants are drying up.

The District has the unglamorous but necessary job of educating property owners about proper use of pesticides and fertilizers, manure management and erosion control, and they provide on-site technical advice and contract services. They also promote the use of state-of-the-art water conservation systems (there is an excellent example at Fruitdale Elementary School's student gardens).

Let's help the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District, and help ourselves at the same time. **VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE 17-41!**

Stan Wolfe  
Citizen, Grants Pass

*(This information furnished by Stan Wolfe)*

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# MEASURE 17.41

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Neighbors:

My family moved to Hugo permanently in 1955 when my dad retired from the Navy. Our 40-acre dirt farm was located in the old Town of Three Pines centered on Anderson Creek. I grew up milking our few Holstein cows and helping raise American Yorkshire pigs, and white Leghorn chickens for their egg production. I can remember my Dad talking about the Josephine Soil and Water Conservation District (District) and how it had helped him with using fertilizers on pasture land, and how to protect the water in the creek running through our farm. This service of the District helping landowners stayed with me.

Years later in 1998 I retired from federal service as a land use planner with the BLM on two acres of land in Hugo. I had more time to think about the land and families in my community, and I became involved with the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society and the District. This was a few years before the 2002 *Biscuit Wildfire* which burned nearly 500,000 acres, and scared quite a few of us living in the Illinois Valley.

I was an Associate District Director from 2004 through 2007. I learned that the District provides many educational, technical, and contract services on soil and water conservation, including services on how landowners can plan and protect their land and families from wildfire. Was my property a wildfire risk to my family and my community? The District helped me evaluate my property, and along the way I learned about primary, secondary, and driveway fuel breaks, and ladder fuels. The "*Walker's Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan*" was approved by the District in 2006. Each year I practice wildfire hazard reduction on my property and mentally thank the District.

The 61-year old District is a model for helping our community that works. Please support it.

Michael L. Walker

*(This information furnished by Michael L. Walker)*

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## MEASURE 17.42

**BALLOT TITLE:** Five Year Equipment Levy To Replace Aging Protective Equipment.

**QUESTION:** Shall the Illinois Valley Fire District impose a \$0.25/\$1,000 of assessed property value for five years for equipment beginning 2012-2013? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** The Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District is a mostly volunteer department that was formed by local citizens in 1954. Our aging protective equipment will soon be non-compliant with OSHA and national standards and needs to be replaced. Also, the department's air breathing system, which allow our firefighters to perform rescues during fires or hazardous atmospheres, are at the end of their life span. Additionally, our communication radios do not meet the new FCC federal mandate which will take effect January 1, 2013. Grants have been pursued for three years now without success to replace this needed safety equipment. An example of cost for an assessed property value of \$150,000 would be an additional \$37.50 a year (25 cents per 1,000 of assessed property value). All money raised through this Levy, will be spent on the purchase of protection equipment and will solely benefit the Illinois Valley firefighters.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$133,970 in the fiscal year 2012-2013; \$137,989 in the fiscal year 2013-2014; \$142,129 in the fiscal year 2014-2015; \$146,393 in the fiscal year 2015-2016; and \$150,784 in the fiscal year 2016-2017.

### **Explanatory Statement:**

The Illinois Valley Fire District's current self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) which allow firefighters to enter smoke filled buildings are reaching the end of their lifespan. This equipment is seventeen years old and the air bottles are no longer serviceable for use. Many of the face masks are failing repeatedly during use while firefighters are inside buildings fighting fires and our air filling compressor can no longer produce sufficient pressure to fill our air bottles to capacity. Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is looking into forbidding the use of low-pressure systems such as ours for firefighter use. It is only with the use of these SCBA packs that firefighters can perform life saving rescues within building fires and aggressively battle the heat when extinguishing fires.

Also, most of our personal protective equipment has reached its useable life expectancy and will no

longer meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for firefighting safety apparel. According to (NFPA) 1851, structural firefighting turnouts need to be in good condition and no older than ten years old from the date of manufacture. The harsh elements and products of combustion in today's structure fires causes this protective equipment to wear out compromising firefighter lives and safety if not replaced.

Additionally, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has mandated that all governmental agencies switch over their radio communications to narrow band frequencies no later than January 1, 2013. The Illinois Valley Fire District has a few radios that are capable of operating in narrow band with the majority of our radios needing to be replaced in order to meet the FCC's requirements. Without these radios we will not be able to communicate effectively with the 911 center to receive and answer emergency calls.

The Illinois Valley Fire District has attempted for three years now to utilize grant monies to obtain the necessary funds to purchase this equipment but have been unsuccessful.

This levy would provide sufficient revenue to purchase and replace our worn-out and non-compliant safety equipment to allow your firefighters to safely provide emergency services to the communities of the Illinois Valley while meeting the federal and national safety standards required to operate when fighting fires or performing emergency rescues. The money generated from this measure will be specifically for the Illinois Valley Fire District and will only be for the purchase of equipment and will not be used for personnel.

*Provided by Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District*

## MEASURE 17.43

**BALLOT TITLE:** Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax.

**QUESTION:** Should Josephine County impose \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value for criminal justice system operations for four years beginning 2012-2013? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** The County would use the revenue from this measure to provide funding for criminal justice system operations for four years. Those operations include: adult jail; juvenile shelter and detention facility; District Attorney's Office; Juvenile Justice Division; Sheriff's Office and patrols. Federal funding to the County to partially replace the O&C funds ended in fiscal year 2011-2012. Without the revenue provided by this measure, the County could:

- Reduce the available bed space in the adult jail to 30
- Close the juvenile shelter and detention facility
- Reduce District Attorney's Office staffing levels and eliminate prosecution of most crimes
- Reduce Sheriff's patrol hours; response to life threatening situations only
- Eliminate the Sheriff's detective division

The revenue from this measure would be used for criminal justice system operations only.

At \$1.99 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value the tax would cost \$16.58 per month or \$199 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home with an assessed value of \$143,200 would be \$284.97 per year, or approximately \$23.75 per month.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$11,545,000 in 2012-2013; \$12,151,000 in 2013-2014; \$12,717,000 in 2014-2015; and \$13,284,000 in 2015-2016, for a total of \$49,697,000.

### Explanatory Statement:

The Josephine County criminal justice system serves all citizens of the County, including residents of the cities.

- The District Attorney's Office prosecutes persons accused of criminal offenses and assists in enforcing child support orders.
- The Juvenile Justice Division provides detention and supervision for juvenile offenders and provides a shelter program for at risk juveniles.
- The Sheriff's Office provides operation of the adult jail, civil division, patrol deputies,

investigative officers, search and rescue and emergency management.

The federal government owns approximately 68% of the forest lands in Josephine County. The County cannot tax federally owned land. To replace the revenue that would otherwise come from taxes, the federal government has in the past made payments to the County. Those payments ended this year when Congress failed to re-authorize the legislation that provided the payments to Josephine County and other counties. This measure would partially replace the funding that the County lost when the federal payments ended. Josephine County does receive funding from federal and state sources, but those funds are dedicated for specific programs and services and cannot be used for any other purposes.

If this measure passes, it would provide funding for the criminal justice system operations for a period of four years, with the revenue from the measure dedicated for criminal justice system operations only.

Passage of this measure could provide the following service levels:

- 120 bed adult jail
- 18 bed juvenile detention and shelter facility
- Prosecution of approximately 2,700 criminal cases per year
- 9 deputy attorneys in the District Attorney's Office
- Sheriff patrols, 20 hours per day, 7 days per week
- Detective investigative division
- 4 Juvenile Justice Division probation officers

Failure of this measure could reduce services, by approximately 70%, to the following levels:

- 30 bed adult jail
- Closure of the juvenile detention and shelter facility
- Prosecution of only the most serious crimes, approximately 900 criminal cases per year
- 3 deputy attorneys in the District Attorney's Office
- Sheriff patrols, response to life threatening situations only, 8 hours per day, 5 days per week
- Elimination of the Sheriff's detective division
- 3 Juvenile Justice Division probation officers

The proposed local option tax would be \$199 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. At \$1.99 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value the tax would cost \$16.58 per month or \$199 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home with an assessed value of \$143,200 would be \$284.97 per year, or approximately \$23.75 per month. The revenue from this measure would be used for criminal justice system operations only.

*Provided by Josephine County Board of Commissioners*



# MEASURE 17.43

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Argument in favor of the Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax

Quality of life without Criminal Justice is not a reasonable expectation. We must finally understand our County funding crisis and separate long term issues from immediate concerns for our public safety.

It is wrong to think the entire County budget is available to spend for Criminal Justice. To spend grants, fees and gas taxes in ways not mandated is illegal or highly unethical. Only parts of the unrestricted funds are available for this purpose.

Federal payments were the largest source of funds available for Criminal Justice. Without the replacement, funding levy only a tiny fraction of jail capacity can be staffed. Convicted criminals, sexual predators and violent offenders will be released to continue preying on our community. Rural Patrol will be decimated and investigation in the County eliminated. The Juvenile Detention Center will be closed forcing youth offenders out onto our streets. The number of unprosecuted criminal cases will skyrocket. These effects will be felt countywide.

The levy is the only option left to keep Deputies, Prosecutors, Jail and Juvenile Detention capacity available to hold offenders accountable and defend our streets.

The average household will pay less than \$25 per month and that will be deductible for anyone itemizing their Federal taxes. This is a bargain for the benefits received and the consequences avoided.

Leaving resolution of this disaster in the Governors hands would be taking an enormous risk with our County sovereignty and our ability to control our own affairs. If the Governor is forced to consolidate Josephine County with Jackson County, our taxes would increase automatically and political control would be lost to Salem and Medford.

Vote YES on the Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax.

Submitted and paid for by Citizens for Public Safety.

*(This information furnished by Jeff Wolf, Citizens for Public Safety)*

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## ARGUMENT AGAINST

### CAN YOU AFFORD TO PAY MORE IN TAXES? MOST CANNOT!

This four-year levy will place an additional burden on property owners who are already struggling to keep their homes. At a time when local government has done little to curb their rampant spending, they now advocate for an increase in YOUR taxes to maintain THEIR status quo.

Salaries, benefits and retirement packages for those in government far exceed the standard of living of most Josephine County citizens.

Consider this:

The electorate voted down a Public Safety Levy in 2007 and two permanent Taxing Districts in 2008.

Two months later, in January of 2009, Sheriff Gilbertson began **accelerating** his department's expenditures to spend four years of federal payments in only three. (Not so nice for the property owners who he now wants to foot the bill.)

The current commissioners intend to use property taxes to "bolster" general government. This happened while they considered buying cushy new chairs to be more comfortable and approving Commissioner Hare's Washington D.C. trip that lasted a week.

### DON'T TRUST THEM WITH MORE OF YOUR HARD-EARNED MONEY.

#### THEY WILL ONLY MISSPEND IT!

To find out approximately how much additional tax you will have to pay, try this quick calculation. Divide last year's assessed value of your property by 0.97 to get the normal 3% increase in assessed value allowable by law. Then multiply that number by 0.00199 to get the amount of increased taxes you will pay if this levy passes. Then **add** that amount to your total tax bill from last year to see what you'll be paying this fall.

**Assessed Value ÷ 0.97 x 0.00199 = Additional Taxes you pay if this levy passes. Then ADD this amount to what you already pay!**

#### CAN YOU AFFORD THIS?

Please don't scrimp, save and budget in order to give to a local government that will not do the same.

### PLEASE VOTE NO ON MEASURE 17-43.

*(This information furnished by Barbara Gonzalez, The Constitution Party of Josephine County)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



### ED BOWERS

**OCCUPATION:** Retired Executive

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

My experience includes: Vice Pres. of W.S. Bowers Co. - general contractor of schools, water treatment facilities, etc. Senior Vice Pres. & served on Board of Directors of Sealand Associates, Inc. - com-

mmercial vessel and marine construction. Chairman of the Board of M.E.I. Inc., Board of Directors - Portlock Engineering Inc. - providing professional marine architects and licensed engineers and maritime consultants, Vice Pres. & Board of Directors - Seattle Zoo Society.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Lincoln High School. Commercial Fishing Vessel Captain - retired.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** I have served on the following committees: Storm Water Task Force, Bikeway/Walkway Committee, Rogue River Reserve Task Force, Riverfront Review Board.

I have lived in Josephine County for over a decade. After retiring, in Grants Pass, I became involved in our local government. I was instrumental and successful in establishing a group of citizens protecting their personal property rights, of which I am a strong advocate.

I have been in private business all my life, and have a clear understanding of how corporations work. I will aggressively seek opportunities that will lead to the creation of jobs.

I believe it is necessary to hold elected officials accountable for their actions.

We are facing many critical challenges; O & C funding, providing a realistic solution for funding law enforcement, and the creation of job opportunities.

Also, citizens need to be aware of the Proposed County Charter Initiative Measure which would result in radical changes to Josephine County. I am deeply opposed to this initiative and voters need to vote "NO".

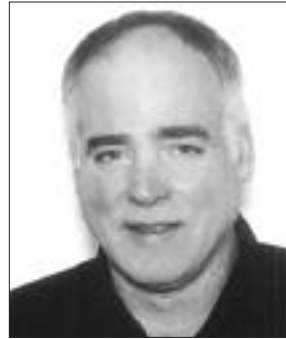
The problems in our community are not insurmountable. Unfortunately, like many rural counties, it will take hard work and co-operation from everyone in our county to make things better.

I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners, and have no hidden agenda.

Everyone will be asking for your vote. I'm asking for a lot more than that. Please join with me in building a better community and a brighter tomorrow.

*(This information furnished by Ed Bowers)*

**Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.**



### JARED W. BROWN

**OCCUPATION:** Masterbrand Cabinets

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

United States Army; Mill Worker; Business form producer; Private Security; Kodak; Reserve Police officer; Cabinet manufacturing.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 1985 Graduate Grants Pass High School; Rogue Valley Reserve Police Academy Certificate.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

After graduating High School in 1985, I joined the United States Army as a vehicle mechanic and after reenlistment served the remaining years as a Military Policeman. I was honorably discharged in 1990 and returned to the Rogue Valley with my family where we have lived ever since. I have had a variety of employment since leaving the Army including mill work, manufacturing, law enforcement, and small business owner. I am currently an employee at MasterBrand Cabinets where I have worked for the past 12 years.

I have lived in Josephine County for most of my life. I have seen the ups and downs through the years and believe I am the right person to serve as commissioner for the next term. I wish to take the knowledge I have gained in the private sector and apply it to government service. Our current economy dictates the implementing of lean practices and elimination of waste will be the factor that leads our county out of recession and back on track. I also firmly believe our government at the local level has opportunity to be more self sustaining. I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community in a positive way.

*(This information furnished by Jared W. Brown)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**C.W. "BILL" ERTEL**

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate–License Principal Broker

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Insurance Company Manager–Fireman’s Fund Insurance, Novato, California and State Farm Insurance, Bloomington Illinois. Military Officer–US Army.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Illinois State University, 18 years, MBA, Finance; Indiana University, 16 years, BS, Business Management; United States Army, Command and General Staff School; United States Army, Officer Advanced School.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Board of Directors, Williams Rural Fire Protection District, Williams Town Council (CAC) Board, Josephine County Land Development Advisory Committee, Josephine County Economic Development Steering Committee.

I believe the best days for Josephine County lie ahead. Our county is blessed with wonderful scenic views, outdoor recreational areas, great natural resources and skilled citizens. My vision for Josephine County, as we move forward, is to maximize these resources and talents to produce jobs, a vibrant and safe local economy. I believe a sustainable timber industry, as well as minerals, are untapped resources to improve our local economy.

Seventy percent of the land of the county is managed by federal and state agencies. As your county commissioner I would make it a priority to coordinate with these agencies for increased access to resources on these lands in our back yard. Having worked on a county land development advisory committee, I favor the establishment of a regional land use agency to replace the state wide agency that regulates the use of private ownership of property. Property rights can best be protected locally rather by a state run agency.

Serving as your nonpartisan commissioner will be an honor. I will work to serve the interests of all the citizens. The demographics of our citizens require continual awareness of the needs of senior citizens, veterans and those needing good paying jobs.

\*\*\*\*\*VOTE FOR BILL\*\*\*\*\*

*(This information furnished by C.W. Bill Ertel)*

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**CHRISTOPHER S. FERGUSON**

**OCCUPATION:** Self employed contractor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Contractor, iron worker, millwright, crane operator, marine deputy, reserve police officer.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Graduate Hidden Valley High School.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

Josephine County is facing a financial crisis of epic proportion. Lack of professional cooperation, personal infighting, and obstructionist philosophy have stalemated the operation of the business of Josephine county.

As a successful businessman, I am prepared to make difficult decision and bring differing viewpoints together to achieve our common goal.

VOTE FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

VOTE FERGUSON

VOTE!

*(This information furnished by Christopher S. Ferguson)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



### KEITH O. HECK

**OCCUPATION:** President, Board of Directors, Gospel Rescue Mission Foundation

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 1997-2010 Executive Director, Gospel Rescue Mission; 1981-1996 – Pastor, 4 churches in Colorado, Oklahoma, Oregon; 1979-1981 – Radio Program Director, KWBI-FM.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 1966-1968–Attended BIOLA University; 1970-1973–Western Bible College, Morrison, CO, BA Pastoral Studies.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

I unhesitatingly believe in the US Constitution. I believe that our days are crucial and with listening, strong and proven leadership we can effectively face any challenge.

“Keith’s daily life reflects those ‘old fashion’ values others have forgotten...forthright, honest, hardworking. A man of integrity who will listen and fairly represent all citizens. A man of character who gets my vote.”

Retired County Commissioner, Dwight F. Ellis

“Jonathan Jordan, Chamber of Commerce (retired) I worked with Keith Heck as a Gospel Rescue Mission board member and know him through Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a trusted leader, businessman and community supporter. Look at the new Gospel Rescue Mission and you see vision, leadership and determination. He has built quality relationships with governmental, community and business leaders. Keith will serve our county well.”

“I have known Keith for 15 years. I have watched him guide the Gospel rescue Mission. Facing inadequate funding, staffing and facilities, he led the organization to solvency and service that is amazing. I see two major skills that Josephine County clearly needs. 1) Running a large operation on a shoestring. 2) Bringing parties from all sides of an issue together in respectful, civil, discourse toward meaningful, solution focused, decisions.

Terall D Blalock

“Keith understands the needs and desires of the citizens of Josephine County as well as the realities of running a public entity. He brings years of proven executive level management experience, and excels at bridging the gap between private citizens and public entities - in a constructive and collaborative way. With fervor, I highly recommend Keith Heck for Commissioner.”

Aaron M. Ausland

*(This information furnished by Keith O. Heck)*

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### MARK J. SELIGMAN

**OCCUPATION:** Landscape Maintenance–30 Years

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Political Activist; Health Food Store Manager–New York City; Taxi Driver–New York City

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** B.A. Sociology Queens College–New York City; A.A.S. Business Queens-

borough Community College–New York City; Antioch University–San Francisco–Psychology; Sonoma State University–Rohnert Park, CA–Psychology

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Josephine County–attends Board of Commissioner meetings–Citizen Activist

### What I Stand For:

I stand for being your servant as an elected official not the other way around.

I will be a Watchdog on governmental excess and waste.

I stand for not increasing your property taxes or raising fees for county services.

I stand for using government grants wisely for job creation.

I will not be for any county program that will intrude in your life.

Decriminalization of Marijuana to Fund Law Enforcement.

I stand for effective law enforcement not unnecessary law enforcement.

Civil Liberties.

Right to speak at public meetings.

Less Government.

Demanding Federal Government keep their agreement with Josephine County.

I have been politically involved since the 70’s and most recently have attended many Board of County Commissioner meetings and Grants Pass City Council meetings.

### My Politics:

Fiscal Conservative and Civil Libertarian

### Conclusion:

The public has been silenced at county meetings. Freedom of information has been cut back. We have “Taxation Without Representation” with 2 unelected commissioners. Property tax levies will hurt those on fixed incomes. Further I am a beholder to no one. I believe in honest and integrity something that is lacking in our elected officials. My campaign is grassroots with no vested money interests supporting me. I am a Josephine County resident for 15 years and feel your pain economically. I will donate 10% of my pay to help those in distress and my office will always be open to you and your right to speak will be defended. Political correctness will take a back seat to HONESTY and COMPASSION for all citizens.

**VOTE SELIGMAN**

for

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER!**

**Contact Mark Seligman on Facebook**

*(This information furnished by Mark J. Seligman)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



### PAUL WALTER

**OCCUPATION:** For over 10 years publisher of NewsWithViews.com, an online news source dedicated to enlightening, educating and awakening people to the real issues facing this country and the world today.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Independent business owner for over 30 years.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Attended school in Socialist Yugoslavia.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

#### PAUL WALTER...WHY I LOVE AMERICA

I immigrated to the United States from a communist country when I was 15 years old. I was in awe to find a country where you could be anything you wanted to be as long as you were honest, moral and hard-working. This wasn't possible in the communist country from which my parents and I had escaped. There, the political elite lived high on the hog, supported on the backs of the working class.

Once in America I immediately wanted to contribute to the American way of life and when I was of age, enlisted in the U.S. Army, served 3 years, was honorably discharged and became a U.S. Citizen.

#### PAUL WALTER...WHAT JOSEPHINE COUNTY DESPERATELY NEEDS MOST PUBLIC SAFETY & JOBS

The budget for the Josephine County Sheriff's department was approximately \$20,000,000 last year. The budget for the Grants Pass City Public Safety Dept was approximately \$17,000,000 last year.

Unfortunately there is a huge redundancy of management and coverages. These 2 departments need to be merged to serve the public better. Initial estimates from the Sheriff's office show this would save taxpayers approximately 5-6 million dollars per year. A county/city criminal justice task force needs to be immediately formed and with the goal of having one Public Safety Dept that serves all the people by 2015.

Similar inefficiency exists with economic development where the City and County compete rather than pooling resource to work together to create jobs benefiting everyone.

#### VOTE FOR PAUL WALTER...SMART, HONEST, INDEPENDENT, HARDWORKING

*(This information furnished by Paul Walter)*

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### TONI WEBB

**OCCUPATION:** President, Web Marketing International

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Internet Marketing; Investor Relations Manager for Corporation on NYSE; Finance and Cost Analysis; Small Business Owner (4); Property Mgmt; Marketing Manager; Project Mgmt;

Executive Assistant; Teaching Assistant. Board Member: JoCo Spay & Neuter Fund; Previous Boards: Portland Oregon Mayor's Youth Council; Portlandia Club (Founder & President); Friends of Black Studies at PSU (Founder); Jazz Society of Oregon; Beverly Hills Theatre Guild.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** MBA, University of Phoenix, (plus Masters Equivalent, Healthcare Mgmt); BA, Marylhurst University, Business; International Peoples College-Denmark; Certificate in Human Resource Mgmt; Certificate in Project Mgmt.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Josephine County Board of Commissioners meeting attendee/participant; Grants Pass City Council meeting attendee/participant. Worked with the City Council of Portland, OR, to pass ordinance prohibiting discrimination; lead witness in Federal corporate corruption indictment.

I am a native Oregonian, born in Grants Pass, and I genuinely care that our County thrives, so as County Commissioner, I will work to get our economy back on track. For example, I acquired the website [www.grantspassoregon.com](http://www.grantspassoregon.com) to help attract new business and tourism to the area, and I recently met with the Oregon Community Foundation to develop grants for Josephine County. I believe in moderate government that is responsible and accountable. I will work hard to ensure that our County resources are spent efficiently, and I will solicit, welcome, and consider viewpoints and participation of all citizens.

Beautiful, scenic Josephine County has the opportunity to capitalize on the growing trend of financially stable people retiring to small, friendly communities. With the County and City working together, we can provide incentives that will influence companies to relocate or build new facilities here. Our challenges include:

- Increasing Job Opportunities
- Increasing Student Graduation Rate
- Funding Public Safety
- Revitalizing Neighborhoods
- Creating Business Opportunities
- Improving Cooperation between City and County

For specific issues, please visit: [www.ToniWebb.com](http://www.ToniWebb.com)  
Email: [info@toniwebb.com](mailto:info@toniwebb.com) or call: (888) 289-1292

*(This information furnished by Toni Webb)*

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# Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



### BOB JUST

**OCCUPATION:** KDOV Radio Commentator

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Professional: KDOV Radio Morning Host/ Researcher Sean Hannity's book, "Deliver Us From Evil"/ Columnist WorldNetDaily/ Consultant & Board Chair-

man of Brighton Academy/Executive VP & National Talk Show Host for Talk Radio Network/Talk Show Host KOPE/Senior Editor New Dimensions Magazine/speechwriter/Freelance Scriptwriter US Air Force. Volunteer: Board Member Gospel Rescue Mission/ President & Co-Founder Concerned Fathers Against Crime/Vice Chairman Citizen Corps Council/Founder Neighbor to Neighbor Project/ Founder & Director Teach Freedom Project.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** New York University/Film & Television Communications/MFA; Kenyon College/BA English; Trinity School/High School Degree

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

#### Leadership not politics

- I'm a Reagan conservative. Among the great privileges of my life was being the presenter of a Teach Freedom Award to President Reagan. I believe, as he did, that many of our leaders in Washington have forgotten who we are as a people. They have forgotten the significance of their oath to protect the Constitution. They have forgotten how central faith is to our founding and to our freedom. They have forgotten America. I believe that we here in Josephine County can remind them by facing down our problems together during this financial crisis.
- Not long ago I was challenged to consider running for commissioner partly because of my community work. Now, anyone who listened to me on KOPE in the 1990s, or on KDOV over the last several years, knows that I didn't usually get involved in local politics because in 1994 Jeff Boone, Bill Evensen and I founded Concerned Fathers Against Crime (C-FAC) as a non-political group. I no longer run the group locally, but hundreds of *concerned fathers* who have patrolled this county can tell you, C-FAC is about service – not politics.
- If elected, I intend to serve Josephine County in the same way, not with politics but with solutions that come from asking the right questions and then finding the right people to get involved. It's our county. It's our future.

*(This information furnished by Bob Just)*

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### ALAN J. KOEBRICK

**OCCUPATION:** Retired general contractor and floor covering contractor.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Property management and remodeling contractor. Floor covering contractor and retail sales–government and retail. Real estate sales

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** High school graduate 1968; Business management and accounting – USAFI, Navy; Oregon contractor's license – 1978; Oregon real estate license – 1988; HR Block tax preparation school – 2004

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lakeside, OR city council – 1980; Numerous government temporary appointments – 80's; Aide to Senator J. Ripper – 80's

After serving in the Navy during Vietnam, I returned to marry and move to Oregon. My background covers 35 years in the floor covering business. For many years work put me in numerous living rooms listening to people complain about everything under the sun. Coincidentally, I was complaining down at the Coos Bay City Hall and I ended up being elected to the city council. I was only 30 years old. I experienced Coos County government during the economically challenging times of the 80's when all the timber mills were shutting down and people were moving to find jobs elsewhere. Then I served on the North Bend school board and budget committee helping to create solutions to our budgetary problems. I attended meetings night after night for years asking questions and trying to find answers for other constituents.

Well, as bad as it was, we survived, somehow.

We live in challenging times and I have the experience to manage the challenge. Please, elect me to be your representative on the Josephine County Commission.

With your support and your vote I promise to serve you with integrity and experience.

I will stand strong being financially conservative and work to bring new jobs to this area for our families.

*(This information furnished by Alan J. Koebrick)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



### DON MOORE

**OCCUPATION:** Owner Moore Property Management, own/manage residential and commercial property; Commercial Contractor/Oregon.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Construction Consultant; United Airlines Facilities Engineer; Aircraft Systems Analyst; Retired after 32 1/2 years; Dependable Vanpool

LSG, Inc.—Owner & CEO; Owner/CEO, Francis & Moore Construction, Inc.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Blackford High, San Jose, CA; San Jose City College; Merit College, Oakland, CA; Skyline College, San Mateo; United Airline Management; Boeing Commercial Aviation; McDonnell/Douglas Aviation; California Contractor Licensing; Rogue Community College; Jetma Institute.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Mayor of Cave Junction; City Council, Cave Junction; Public Works Director, Cave Junction; Chair, Josephine County Rural Planning Commission; Airport Advisory Board; Josephine County Long Term Budget Committee.

This county needs commissioners with budgeting and managerial backgrounds, I have this background.

- Public safety is first and foremost, we cannot grow jobs without it.
- Support citizen's input for the betterment of the County
- Protect our tax dollar to provide stable, efficient services.

**Endorsements:**

“As Mayor, he has done a lot for Cave Junction. The Past President of the Chamber of Commerce, improved the City, brought revenue to the City.”

Lotte “Lelo” Kerivan, President, Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce

“Did a lot for Cave Junction when he was Mayor, very honest and upright.”

Robert E. Kerivan, Bridgeview Vineyards

“As Mayor of Cave Junction, Don saw the benefits for the entire Illinois Valley, both the quality of life and, more importantly fire protection. He worked hard to help the Kerby Water District come to fruition.

As a Commissioner, Don will work just as hard to make our county a better place for all of us to live.”

John O. Plute, Kerby Water District, Board Chairman

“Don Moore is the only candidate we can trust to listen and fight for the citizens of Josephine County. A terrific Mayor of Cave Junction, will make an outstanding leader in our county. I enthusiastically endorse and support Don for Commissioner.”

Dwight F. Ellis, Former Josephine County Commissioner

*(This information furnished by Donald Moore)*

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### DON REEDY

**OCCUPATION:** Josephine County Commissioner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Grants Pass City Council; Vice President-Keeling & Co. Insurance Brokers; Director of Contractual Relations-Los Angeles Unified School District; Regional Vice President-Adminco; Board of Managers-

California Self-Insurers Association.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Grants Pass High School 1948-51; Woodbury College—Bachelor of Bus. Administration; Pepperdine University—Master of Science-School Business Management & Administration.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Josephine County Commissioner; Grants Pass City Councilor.

**Elect Commissioner Reedy to provide him with a full term as County Commissioner to allow him to continue his efforts to:**

- Transform the meeting structure of the County to provide a businesslike atmosphere and assure that all voting on county issues is in the public view.
- Develop programs which will generate revenue for the County to offset the loss of timber payments.
- Help assure that the County provides a safe environment for individuals, prospective employers and home buyers.
- Assist in efforts to attract new business in the County to provide a more stable employment environment.

Commissioner Reedy first came to Josephine County in the mid 1940's. His dad was a logger and Don worked in the woods as a youth in addition to working on the family farm. He also worked in the hop yards while in high school. He has a first hand knowledge of the rigors and difficulties of rural living and the uncertainties of employment.

In his senior year in high school Don joined the U.S. Air Force and served four years.

During his business career Don attained executive positions in various organizations providing the experience and training necessary to manage a multifaceted operation.

Don and his wife Patti, a retired nurse, reside in Grants Pass. They have 7 kids 15 grandkids and 6 great grandkids.

It is essential that those leading the County are innovative, creative, and have the leadership skills necessary to initiate programs for the benefit of all the County.

**Elect Commissioner Don Reedy on May 15  
“A Voice of Reason”**

*(This information furnished by Don Reedy)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 3



### CHERRYL WALKER

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Investor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** State Legislator; Administrative Law Hearings Officer; Construction and Services Contracts Officer; Property manager; Loan officer; Business owner.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** B.S. Magna cum laude, Arizona State University; A.A. Phoenix Community College; Attended Willamette University College of Law; Certificate, Administrative Law Adjudication, National Judicial College.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** State Legislator; Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force; Oregon Administrative Law Central Panel Oversight Committee; Josephine County Planning Commissioner, Chair; Josephine County Budget Committee; Rogue/Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee; Agriculture Management Specialist, and Construction and Services Contracts Officer, US Department of Agriculture; Administrative Law Hearings Officer, National Appeals Division; Rogue Community College Foundation Projects Committee; President's Advisory Committee, Southern Oregon University.

FOR TOO LONG our Board of County Commissioners have been "circling the wagons" around a grand past that no longer fully serves the future. The Board has been unable to pursue a vision for a future of opportunity for the people of our county. We cannot wait on fickle Federal Government policy to rescue us, though we must continue working to secure the right to benefit from the land on which we live and the forests that surround us.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY IS OUR HOME and we must work together to make it the thriving community we want it to be. I believe we have assets that are unique and underutilized: Our mountains, trees, rivers and history. We have talented people engaged in online businesses and entrepreneurs with dreams of growing a successful business here in the Rogue Valley.

AS YOUR NEXT COUNTY COMMISSIONER I promise to provide the LEADERSHIP and HARD WORK necessary to move forward into the future. I will do the following:

- Bring people and organizations together to solve problems.
- Work to protect the livability of our county while accommodating growth.
- Actively work to attract investment into our area.
- Actively promote our county through all available media.
- Listen carefully to all points of view before making tough decisions.
- Make the tough decisions.

*(This information furnished by Cheryl Walker)*

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## Josephine County Clerk & Recorder



### SANDI CASSANELLI

**OCCUPATION:** Homemaker

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Josephine County, Commissioner; Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District, Laboratory Technician; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Assistant Survey Technician;

Exxon Company, Merchant Marine; Rogue Community College, Community Education Crafts Instructor; Community Access Producer, Videographer.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Florida Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology).

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Josephine County Board of Commissioners, Chair and Member; Josephine County Board of Property Tax Appeals, Chair and Member; Josephine County Election Board, Member; Josephine County Budget Board, Member.

**The workings of local government should be accessible and accountable to its citizenry.**

**The Clerk's office is no exception!**

Too often, conducting business in the courthouse turns into an inconsistent, bureaucratic nightmare. Why should simple, straightforward transactions end up frustrating the public unnecessarily?

Fair and equitable treatment, within a framework of accountability, could eliminate many problems. I believe public records should be just that - PUBLIC. Such transparency would restore confidence in true and impartial elections, the accuracy of voter registration, and a reasonable process for maintaining county records.

The duties of the Clerk are not solely defined by Oregon Revised Statutes. His, or her, authority is much broader. The Clerk's Oath of Office also includes upholding federal law with all the associated rights for individuals. I'm deeply committed to this broader framework of federal, state and local law in order to fulfill every responsibility of the Clerk & Recorder.

With a commitment to honesty and integrity, I dedicate my service to the people of Josephine County.

Please vote:  
**SANDI CASSANELLI**  
for  
**JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
CLERK & RECORDER.**

*(This information furnished by Sandi Cassanelli)*  
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### ART HARVEY

**OCCUPATION:** Josephine County Clerk & Recorder

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Chief Deputy County Clerk; Josephine County, 1997-2008; Ellenbrooke, Inc.: Production Manager 1990-'94; General Manager 1994-'97; A.C.H. Photography: Owner, 1986-'90 (full-time); 1994-2004 (part-time); Executive Fencing: Business Manager, 1982-'86.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Norco Sr. High School, Riverside City College, Coastline Community College, Orange Coast College, Golden West College, Pacific Lutheran University.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** County Clerk & Recorder; Chief Deputy County Clerk; Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC), Election Legislative Sub-committee, Vice-Chair; OACC, Disaster Planning Task Force, Co-Chair; OACC, Change Control Committee, OCVR, Member.

**ART HARVEY is uniquely qualified for the position of County Clerk and Recorder.**

The Clerk is responsible for the administration and operation of the elections and voter registration processes. The Clerk maintains the official records for the County including real property records, Commissioners' Journal, and Property Tax Appeals. The Clerk's Office also processes marriage licenses and passport applications. **The County Clerk must possess a thorough working knowledge of Federal, State and local laws and regulations relating to these tasks.**

**ART HARVEY has earned the following certifications from the Oregon Association of County Clerk's.**

- 2003-Certified Elections Administrator
- 2006-Certified Recording Administrator
- 2011-Certified County Clerk

**In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the Clerk's Office for 14 years, I have 15+ years of private sector management experience.** With future funding uncertain, my **private sector approach to management** will be essential for guiding the Clerk's Office into a successful future.

**"My goal is to serve the citizens of Josephine County in the most professional way possible, providing exceptional customer service while maintaining efficiency and integrity of operations."**

**The County Clerk's Office, along with the Sheriff's Office was voted "MOST EFFICIENT OFFICE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY." (Sneak Preview: July 28, 2011)**

**"I consider it a privilege to work for the people of Josephine County and I respectfully ask for your vote."**

*(This information furnished by Art Harvey)*

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## Josephine County Clerk & Recorder



### DALE MATTHEWS

**OCCUPATION:** Community newspaper editor; Civil Air Patrol Officer; Coast Guard Auxiliary Officer; Community Emergency Response Team Member.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** OSU course developer and instructor; communications unit leader, documentarian; historian.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Humboldt State and College of the Redwoods simultaneously AA Physics and Journalism; San Francisco State BA Broadcasting.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Election Judge Montgomery County, Maryland; and daily volunteer recorder for all Commissioner meetings.

**As you can see**, there is finally competition for County Clerk. This is good because there are some problems that really need to be solved. Number one on my list is the policy that it's okay for county government to compete with private enterprise. I disagree.

**One of the current** Clerk's plans is to offer the same services as a citizen-owned company across the street. Their prices are reasonable, but to take their profits, the Clerk has proposed competing with them. Can he be persuaded to change his mind? No, because he's brought this plan to the Board of County Commissioners repeatedly.

**Enough complaining.** What can the staff and I do together? In my opinion, our office should be the central place where citizens can find government documents quickly and inexpensively. Isn't it now? No, but it really could be. With new leadership, we'll stop charging eight dollars for a one-page document that's just a single click away.

**Even I have asked** for public documents seen on televised meetings—only to be told they don't exist and never did exist. Let's not do that anymore. We're going to be public servants again. And we're not going to rely on "the unwritten rules" in denying applications. Yes, that really has happened.

**Let's be pleasant**, by all means. And I promise that we can do a lot better in the Clerk's Office with new management and just a little reorganization. Thank you for thinking about this easy change. I truly believe we can offer better service to the community.

**I ask for your vote.**

*(This information furnished by Dale Matthews)*

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## Josephine County Assessor



**CONSTANCE "CONNIE" ROACH**

**OCCUPATION:** Josephine County Assessor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Three+ years, Josephine County Assessor; Eleven+ years, various positions, Assessor's Office; Nine+ years, Membership Secretary/Office Manager, Grants Pass Family YMCA; Data Processing Supervisor, Zero Corp; Computer Operator, Detroit Free Press.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Associate Degree, General Studies, RCC; Registered Appraiser 3, State of Oregon.

**GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Josephine County Assessor (January 2009-current); Oregon State Association of County Assessors, District 1 chairperson (current); Oregon State Association of County Assessors, Legislative Committee (current); Deputy Assessor (March 1997-December 2008)

During her prior election, **ROACH** pledged to:

**listen** to all citizens and treat them with **dignity and respect**

**help citizens** understand their property assessments maintain a **fiscally responsible** office

fulfill the required duties of the Assessor's Office with **integrity & fairness**

offer citizens the **best service** possible

**inform** senior and disable citizens and veterans of their available options

**assist** forest and farm landowners with their assessments

**As your current Assessor, ROACH** has kept her pledge and

**ROACH** will continue to give the citizens the best service possible within the limits of the Assessor's budget.

**ROACH** will continue to look for the most efficient approach to meeting the Assessor's mandates.

**ROACH** is a 30-year Josephine County resident and taxpayer

**ROACH's** goal is to **provide fair and accurate assessment** of all property in Josephine County.

**CONNIE ROACH - endorsed by**

Michael L. Schneyder, former Josephine County Assessor; Colene Martin; Jerry Leagjeld; Roy Lindsay; Helen Scott; Trenor Scott; Jim Frick

*(This information furnished by Connie Roach)*

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**BALLOTS**  
**MUST BE RETURNED**  
**BY**  
**8:00 PM**  
**ON**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
**MAY 15, 2012**

**Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations**

Open from April 28<sup>th</sup> until 8 p.m., May 15, 2012

**Josephine County Courthouse:**

**The County Clerk's Office** (7:50 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday) *Open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day*

**Justice Building side, ground floor next to the elevator** (24 hours / 7 days)

**Next to the "C" Street Entrance** (Tax Office Entrance) (24 hours / 7 days)

**South Grants Pass:**

**South Valley Bank**, 290 Union Avenue, front parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

**Library Drive-up Ballot Drop:**

Parking lot behind library. Enter from "C" Street (24 hours / 7 days)

**Merlin:**

**Umpqua Bank**, Merlin Rd. & Monument Dr., parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

**Murphy:**

**Ray's Sentry Market**, in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

**Cave Junction:**

**Cave Junction City Hall**, near front entrance (24 hours / 7 days)