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Weld County Commissioner Steve Moreno won't seek reelection, to retire



GREELEY, CO – DECEMBER 08:Weld County Commissioner Steve Moreno speaks during a stakeholders meeting regarding new proposed regulations on solar energy development in Weld County in the event center at the Weld County Administration Building in Greeley Dec. 8, 2020. (Alex McIntyre/Staff Photographer)

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Weld County Commissioner Steve Moreno, an at-large commissioner since 2014 and twice chairman of the board, will not seek reelection this year as he plans to enter retirement.

Moreno was elected as commissioner in 2014, earning nearly 70% of the vote against opponents Lynette Kilpatrick and Carl Erickson. He was reelected in 2018 and served as chairman that year, a position he filled again in 2021.

Prior to serving on the board, Moreno was elected as the county clerk and recorder for the maximum of three four-year terms. Before that, he worked in the Clerk and Recorder's Office for more than 17 years. In a news release announcing his retirement, Moreno said it's been an honor to serve the county for the past 37 years.

In announcing his retirement, Moreno endorsed former Commissioner [Kevin Ross, who simultaneously announced his plans to run for the seat to be vacated by Moreno.](#) Fellow Republican [Elijah Hatch is also running for the seat.](#)

"Kevin's knowledge of county government and his dedication to Weld residents is unmatched," Moreno said. "He has already proven himself as an effective leader in the role of commissioner as he helped guide the county through some of its most trying moments during the start of the pandemic."

In the release, Moreno highlighted career moments including maintaining the county's financial condition with no debt nor county sales tax, as well as a strong cash reserve and one of the lowest mill levies among Colorado counties. Moreno served on several boards and commissions. He was also involved in the Weld County Parkway and Weld County Road 49 projects, the largest Public Works capital improvement project in county history.

Moreno is excited to spend time with his wife of 38 years, Joyce, and his two children, Douglas and Courtney, the release stated.

"I am humbled to have been elected five times countywide by Weld residents and entrusted to represent them in two elected offices. I appreciate the support and responsibility," Moreno said. "It will always be the highlight of my career — a career that would not have been possible without the support of my wife and kids, who allowed me to sacrifice family time in order to participate fully in public service."

