



# 2022 VOTER GUIDE

## PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES

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## INTRODUCTION

The League of Women Voters of Fremont County (LWVFC) has prepared this Voter Guide for the primary election on August 16, 2022.

LWVFC supports informed and active participation in government and increases understanding of our election process. As a nonpartisan grassroots organization, the LWVFC works to provide election information to empower voters. The LWVFC does NOT SUPPORT OR ENDORSE any candidate for elected office.

A committee of citizens has chosen non-partisan questions that represent the issues and interests of a wide cross-section of voters.

**THE RESPONSES:** The deadline for responses was June 13, 2022. Question responses were limited to 560 characters. Reminders and follow up phone calls were conducted when possible to those who had not responded by the deadline. The candidates' statements included here are exactly as submitted. No response is recorded for candidates who did not respond.

Candidate question responses are grouped by office and are presented in alphabetical order.



# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**TERM:** Two years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$174,000 base plus more in leadership

**BENEFITS:** Office space in Washington, D.C. and in home state, retirement pension, health benefits, and other expenses related to Congressional duties.

**OTHERS SERVING:** There are 435 members of the United States House; Wyoming has one member.

## Responses US House of Representatives **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES**



**Lynette Grey Bull**



**Steve Helling**



**Meghan Jensen**  
(no photo provided)

### **QUESTION 1: Do you support or oppose federal legislation to reduce dependency on extractive energy industries? Please explain.**

**LYNETTE GREYBULL Q1:** These industries are super-profitable because the government isn't neutral--it subsidizes them. Congress could instead let the market run its course and help facilitate workers' and communities' shift to new energy production. When given the resources, Wyoming's communities will know how to re-invent the energy industry. The role of Congress should be to protect workers, communities, and the environment. The handling of mine closures in Wyoming the past couple of years should not be the model for how to do business with our families. Instead, with our energy school, brain power, and strong communities, we can be a model of innovation and environmental responsibility--and the federal government can be a cooperative partner in this.

**STEVE HELLING Q1:** Legislation encouraging clean energy sources such as wind and solar would arguably be reducing dependency on extractive energy industries. When we do not have enough energy we should not be restricting known safe and clean energy sources such as oil, gas and clean coal. Our power grid is fragile and blackouts and rolling blackouts are expected this summer. Inflation is at a 40-year high and high energy prices are a big contributing factor, as production and transportation costs steadily increase as the cost of energy increases. Ultimately there needs to be a reasonable balance that protects both Wyoming's precious land, water, and air while at the same time protecting the important oil, gas, and coal industries.

**MEGHAN JENSEN Q1:** I support economic growth in Wyoming and some companies are already working on how best to compete in the changing economy. Federal legislation to reduce dependency on extractive industries will come for many reasons. One of the reasons will be to work towards energy independence. A question Wyoming will have to answer for ourselves is "Will Wyoming have a solution when we are unable to fund our education and other necessary services?"

### **QUESTION 2: Please explain your position on congressional regulation of media content.**

**LYNETTE GREYBULL Q2:** I'm a strong advocate of first amendment protections for the media. I also recognize that corporate media is a big business, and sometimes the public's problem with media giants is that they are giants. But that's what antitrust law is for: to stop anti-competitive, abusive or monopolistic practices—not to regulate content or tell media outlets how to manage their platforms. Congress

can regulate commerce; it can't censor content except in very limited circumstances (particularly to prohibit the exploitation of children). I'm comfortable maintaining that balance. If public discourse is bad and the media magnifies that, let's work to make public discourse better!

**STEVE HELLING Q2:** Indecent material is already forbidden. I oppose any additional regulation of media content by Congress. Congress should make no law abridging freedom of the press and doing so would be in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**MEGHAN JENSEN Q2:** Our first amendment rights are very important and that is why this subject is very hard to regulate. It does not mean that there are serious concerns with media content that need to be addressed. The short answer to this question is that if special interest groups and some parents would instead focus on the content of other media than the books in our libraries and schools, our youth and country would be far better off in the future.

### **QUESTION 3: What should the U.S. role be as a member of NATO?**

**LYNETTE GREYBULL Q3:** Our role should be careful, judicious, and responsible. Conflict within and between nations is not in the interests of the vast majority of people on the planet, and my own indigenous background makes me a little suspicious of wheeling and dealing among the great powers. But as long as this is the way we do things, the role of regional alliances like NATO should be to prevent conflict and, when necessary, protect innocent lives. Member states will limit themselves to that role only if their collective governments commit to it. Also, and this is important: NATO and other multinational military forces have been implicated in violence against women and human trafficking for decades. Much more must be done to stop this behavior.

**STEVE HELLING Q3:** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has successfully kept the peace among its 30 members since 1949. It has been a great force for peace, as an attack on one of the members is considered as an attack on all. The United States has been a member and a leader and its leadership role should be maintained. Make dust or eat dust. The United States can be a leader or a follower. I vote for leadership. Unfortunately, the internal fighting and decay in this country has not gone unnoticed by other countries, who are not so sure they want us or can count on us in the leadership role. This needs to change so that other countries can count on the United States again. A strong United States makes for a safer world.

**MEGHAN JENSEN Q3:** I support the work of the U.S. and our allies in the 40's to create and join NATO and will continue to support the work for the same reasons.

**QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**LYNETTE GREYBULL Q4:** I've been directing, creating, and advocating in government and private organizations for years, including founding Not Our Native Daughters, advocating federal prioritization of child trafficking, protecting free speech after Standing Rock, chairing the Arizona Commission for Indian Affairs, helping incarcerated women at To Set the Captives Free Women's Mission Program, testifying for the Grizzly Bear Protection Act, liaisoning for the Wyoming Outdoors Council and the Citizens for the Red Desert Coalition, and many other responsibilities. All this people-centered work shaped my approach to policy: start with what people need—especially the most vulnerable and least privileged. Listen, be willing to work with everyone, and get it done.

**STEVE HELLING Q4:** I am even-tempered have a lot of life experiences. In addition, I have been in leadership roles throughout my life, most recently as a member and chairperson of the Colorado Springs Independent Ethics Commission, where I served from 2016-2022, and was chairperson in 2019-2020. I am an attorney and most litigation cases have been resolved through the years by mediation and compromise. I was president of the board of directors of Legal Aid Services for two of my nine years, providing legal services to the poor. I would hope to blur the lines between Democrats and Republicans and re-develop the love of God and country, which would then be reflected in deeds as well as words.

**MEGHAN JENSEN Q4:** I intend to show folks the qualities I have during my campaign by talking with people around Wyoming and focusing on the importance that working folks bring to public office rather than just talking about it.

Responses US House of Representatives **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



**Robyn M. Belinskey**



**Harriet Hageman**

**NO RESPONSE:**

**Anthony Bouchard**

**Liz Cheney**

**Denton Knapp**

**QUESTION 1: Do you support or oppose federal legislation to reduce dependency on extractive energy industries? Please explain.**

**ROBYN BELINSKEY Q1:** I oppose federal legislation to reduce dependency on extractive energy industries. We still need oil, coal and gas in the state of Wyoming. The US should not be dependent on foreign extractive energy resources.

**HARRIET HAGEMAN Q1:** I oppose any such efforts to reduce our ability to explore for, produce, use, and export our oil and gas, coal, uranium, trona and other resources. Wyoming is the largest coal producer in the nation, with over 1.6 trillion tons in our state alone. It is clean, accessible, affordable, and makes our lives better in terms of providing affordable energy. Our fossil fuels are the foundation of our prosperity, a fact that is proven on a daily basis as Biden's failed energy policy results in ever-increasing inflation, catastrophic problems with our supply chain, and shortages of basic goods. Energy security is national security. It is not the government's role to adopt policies that are intended to increase the cost of energy.

**QUESTION 2: Please explain your position on congressional regulation of media content.**

**ROBYN BELINSKEY Q2:** Media is protected by the First Amendment of free speech and has become "here say" instead of informative and news worthy. Self regulation of the media as opposed to governmental interference is preferred. Media should adhere to a higher standard of journalism than "social media."

**HARRIET HAGEMAN Q2:** I believe strongly in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution in terms of freedom of speech. The federal government has been overtly pressuring social media companies to censor and discriminate against particular viewpoints. The government should not be allowed to do indirectly what it cannot do directly. We need to evaluate Section 230 of the Communications Decency act and assess the extent to which social media companies can be likened to common carriers or the "town square" for purposes of ensuring that we protect our long-standing tradition of robust debate and open and free discussion.

**QUESTION 3: What should the U.S. role be as a member of NATO?**

**ROBYN BELINSKEY Q3:** I support US membership in NATO. However, I feel a greater emphasis should be placed on member nation's participation in equitably sharing common goals regarding defense and security issues in order to secure mutual member nation respect in conflict resolution.

**HARRIET HAGEMAN Q3:** To adhere to and comply with our obligations as set forth in the legal agreements that we have made.

**QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**ROBYN BELINSKEY Q4:** As a US citizen and resident of Wyoming having worked as a paralegal in various aspects of litigation, e.g., land use, real estate, worker's compensation and wills & trusts, etc. has given me a wide ranging background in law. I am relatable and approachable to the general public and understand what Wyoming voters face on an every day basis. As Wyoming's next Congresswoman I will represent "We the People" to the best of my ability with common sense and reason.

**HARRIET HAGEMAN Q1:** As a water, natural resource, and constitutional attorney, I have spent over 2 decades pushing back against federal overreach. I understand and have fought for our legacy industries, including fossil fuel production, agriculture, tourism, recreation, and hunting and fishing. I know how the federal regulatory agencies work, and know what we need to do to restore our constitutional foundation of separation of powers -- with Congress retaking its rightful place as the legislative branch. I understand how critical it is to take power out of Washington, DC and return it to the states where it belongs. I have long defended our businesses, families and communities, and will use my skills and experience to further a conservative agenda.

# WYOMING STATE AUDITOR

**Chief accountant and payroll officer for the state**

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit

**SALARY:** \$92,000

## Responses Wyoming State Auditor **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



**Kristi Racines**

**NO RESPONSE:**

**Bill Gallop**

**QUESTION 1:** What do you see as the greatest challenges facing Wyoming's financial affairs and what would you do to address those challenges?

**KRISTI RACINES Q1:** Wyoming will continue to struggle with intense volatility in our revenue streams, particularly with the uncertain economic outlook. Like other states, we have received, and will continue to receive, unprecedented amounts of COVID-19 relief and infrastructure funds. This is not free money - it is critical that we are responsible in our choices so that our grandchildren will not be paying the price. Infrastructure in our small communities and access to healthcare in rural areas will be of importance to me - and will help paint a vibrant future for our state while maintaining our character.

**QUESTION 2:** Do you think there is sufficient transparency in Wyoming's finances? Please explain.

**KRISTI RACINES Q2:** Transparency isn't an end destination - it can always be improved. When I was elected State Auditor four years ago, I inherited a lawsuit in regards to state expenditures. A month after taking office, I produced six years' worth of expenditure records, eliminating barriers to transparency that had plagued Wyoming for years. To be more proactive, I put Wyoming's checkbook online six months after taking office (at WyOpen.gov), at no additional cost to the Wyoming taxpayer. My office prides itself on responding to public records requests quickly, efficiently, and accurately, which I promise to continue. WyOpen has received nearly 200,000 visits since inception, and we plan to add additional functionality over the next four years.

**QUESTION 3:** What changes, if any, would you propose to improve Wyoming's accounting procedures? Please explain.

**KRISTI RACINES Q3:** The State Auditor, by statute, is the chief accountant for the state - so this is an important question! During my first term, we have undertaken several projects to add efficiency and improve accuracy in the accounting function. These include cleaning up the chart of accounts, simplifying the process for businesses and individuals to be paid by the state, and improving training so that other agencies are well-equipped to serve citizens. The Auditor is responsible for the state's electronic accounting system, which is extremely large and complex. In the next several years, we are undertaking a substantial upgrade to this system - at no cost to the taxpayer - which will allow us to work smarter, streamline, and find more efficiencies.

**QUESTION 4:** What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?

**KRISTI RACINES Q4:** I hold a degree in accounting from UW and I am a licensed CPA. In private practice, I performed audits of Wyoming businesses, nonprofits, and governmental entities. Later, I served as the Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of Human Resources of Wyoming's judicial branch, managing an \$80 million statewide budget and overseeing the human resource function for over 300 employees. In addition to financial expertise, Wyoming perspective is critical to this position. I'm a 4th generation native and my family has been in agriculture and oil and gas. An avid sportswoman, I enjoy hunting, fishing, and camping. This balance of experience has enabled me to bring a sharp fiscal eye to the State Loan and Investment Board and the Land Board.

# WYOMING STATE GOVERNOR

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit    **SALARY:** \$105,000

## Responses Wyoming Governor **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES**



**Theresa A. Livingston**



**Rex Wilde**

### **QUESTION 1: What specific measures would you propose to enhance state revenues?**

**THERESA A. LIVINGSTON Q1:** Outdoor recreation that brings in revenue. It's working already. tourism is up. Also, rare minerals could bring in revenue. Get the younger generation to help up with ideas to bring in revenue. They are amazing.

**REX WILDE Q1:** First is I would raise licensing fees for out of state hunting and fishing. I want to make I-25 and I-80 toll roads for people crossing our state: \$25/truck, \$5 car, but not for people with Wyoming license plates. We probably wouldn't need federal funding to maintain our roads.

### **QUESTION 2: How would you work with the legislature to prepare Wyoming for wildfires and drought?**

**THERESA A. LIVINGSTON Q2:** I worked in wildfire for the BLM so I have some knowledge of the process. It was wonderful to see how all the agencies state, county, & federal work together during fires. They also work together to prevent fires through prescribed burns & other methodologies. The tires between all the fire agencies working together are amazing. I was there to get them what they needed. Being that closed to the fire was endless education. The legislature needs to keep up the funding they give to the fire programs. They also should work on educating the citizens of Wyoming to understand what is being done especially when it comes to drought. Drought is something we should all help with by using the resources & water wisely.

**REX WILDE Q1:** That's a tough question; we've got global warming. It's here. We've seen more wildfires than ever before. I think the National Guard should be trained as fire fighters.

### **QUESTION 3: What are your top two issues for the Wyoming government to address in the next four years?**

**THERESA A. LIVINGSTON Q3:** Health care for women without restrictions.

Medicare expansion. I want to include better mental health care. Healthy people make for a healthy state. This is good for everyone. The second issue is project-based education with an emphasis on aptitude testing. We need to help students find their "WHY" so they will be happy & productive in life. I think this will make for happy teachers which will be a great out come for all.

**REX WILDE Q1:** Water. Water, water, water. Our C.F.S. are tremendous. When we were a territory, people basically took advantage of us. In 1922 there was the Green River Accord; they basically put Wyoming put in a high chair and put us in the pantry. It belongs to all of us, and it flows out of here, but it's ours. I think that Wyoming should be recognized as an autonomous region with our low population, our large area, and everything we give to the U.S.—water, minerals, coal, uranium. If I become governor, I would support legislation that the federal government recognize Wyoming as an autonomous region and then compensate.

### **QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**THERESA A. LIVINGSTON Q4:** 72 years of being a human on this earth. 28 years of that time is residing in Wyoming including Lander, Cheyenne, & Worland. I have visited most of the state during those years. I served in the USAF for 9 years living in Germany, Turkey, & Spain. I also lived in other states. As a teenager, I lived in Taiwan with my parents. My dad was in civil service. He was in the Army/air corps. WW2. I worked for the DOI/BLM for 15 years so I have a background in land management. Being a Para in Special Education gives me a good background in Education. I often bring a different perspective to life from living in so many places.

**REX WILDE Q1:** 259th BCT, the 82nd airborne, and the 1022 medical detachment of the national guard in Cheyenne. Bilingual (Italian and English). I'm just a regular guy, not a rich man. This campaign is being run on my own; no one is giving me money, so I'm not beholden to anyone. I'm honest, hardworking, and determined. I was a cabinet maker for 34 years of my life. The only reason I'm running for office is water.

# Responses Wyoming Governor **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



**Mark Gordon**



**Rex Rammel**



**James Scott Quick**

**NO RESPONSE:**  
**Brent Bien**

## **QUESTION 1: What specific measures would you propose to enhance state revenues?**

**MARK GORDON Q1:** Wyoming doesn't have a revenue problem - it had a spending problem. This year I signed a budget \$400 million less than 2020 and our state government is the leanest it's been in a decade. I have fought to expand Wyoming's economy, especially our legacy industries of agriculture, mining and tourism while fighting the Biden Administration to reopen our tremendous energy resources to benefit America. President Biden's shortsighted "green energy" agenda has run Wyoming's economy into a ditch and caused the worst inflation in 40 years. An "All of the Above" energy policy would increase Wyoming energy production and revenues and return America to the Trump policy of energy independence and address our record gas and diesel prices.

**REX RAMMEL Q1:** State sovereignty over all of Wyoming lands and resources. Ten years ago the federal government was taking over a billion dollars from Wyoming in royalties from our natural resources. If Wyoming took control that money would be ours. Wyoming has a constitutional right to the land, we have just never had a governor with guts enough to take it from the feds. I will sign an executive order on Day 1 ordering the state police to remove the federal land managers from Wyoming. The BLM, Forest Service, Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife...Gone!!!

**JAMES SCOTT QUICK Q1:** We need to open our drilling back up. We need to fight DC on that and we need to fight more to get the coal out. Let's cut back some of the regulations; that will invited good businesses to come to Wyoming.

## **QUESTION 2: How would you work with the legislature to prepare Wyoming for wildfires and drought?**

**MARK GORDON Q2:** I have been very active in working with the Legislature and our Congressional Delegation to prepare as much as possible for wildfires and drought. The State now has a \$20 million contingency fund for fighting wildfires. I've also worked with the Legislature to add additional 'Good Neighbor Authority' positions at State Forestry, which allows the State to partner with the U.S. Forest Service to promote healthy forests. As we work to protect our water rights, I have established a working group on the Colorado River Compact and added more staff with the Attorney General and State Engineer offices. I have also upgraded water storage and irrigation infrastructure and teamed with the Legislature and Congressional Delegation to fund it.

**REX RAMMEL Q2:** Make sure our agencies are properly funded to mitigate and prevent damages. We will have the monies we need if we get control over the public lands. Instead of reactive policies, Wyoming could be proactive in prevention and mitigation.

**JAMES SCOTT QUICK Q2:** We need to open our logging industries; that will help manage our forests better and increase our revenue. We need to protect our water rights at all costs. Let's just implement good common sense suggestions and work together. If legislators have good ideas for the people of Wyoming, let's get it done.

## **QUESTION 3: What are your top two issues for the Wyoming government to address in the next four years?**

**MARK GORDON Q4:** Our most pressing issues deal with constant Federal overreach damaging Wyoming's economy and hurting our seniors, veterans and all citizens. I have been fighting Biden's policies since, on day one, his Administration ended oil and gas leasing on most of Wyoming's public lands. It seems every day that Mr. Biden is attacking our State, our economy and our values. Yet all we hear out of Washington is that it's someone else's fault. I successfully fought Biden's push for school closures and vaccine mandates for Wyoming students and National Guard troops. We kept our schools open, and Wyoming led the nation in in-person school days. And I will continue to fight all attempts by the Feds to gain control over more land in Wyoming. Period.

**REX RAMMEL Q3:** Get control over the 30 million acres of public lands and the billions and billions of dollars that come with it. 2. Property tax reform. I believe there will be enough extra money from the natural resource taxes to exempt all primary residences from property taxes.

**JAMES SCOTT QUICK Q3:** The first thing I going to do is get rid of the reservation only system on our state parks. I want to keep 10-15% of the spots that can be reserved for tourists. I want the reservations taken in-state. I wanted to protect the jobs we have in Wyoming first and worry about new jobs second. I want to keep the coal fired power plants open. Could Wyoming citizens form a co-op to take them over and keep them open (that was my wife's and other We need to open u our forest an)? I'm not against nuclear power, but a lot more is not being shared with the general public.

## **QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**MARK GORDON Q4:** I grew up on my family ranch outside of Kaycee and currently serve as your Governor. I'm a lifelong conservative, staunch defender of Second Amendment Rights and an advocate for smaller government closest to the people. I have guided our State through the worst pandemic in a century, all the time focused on saving lives and livelihoods. Prior to serving as Governor, I was elected as Wyoming's State Treasurer and served on the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. I have a broad range of experience in the fields and industries among the most important to our state – from running a family ranch to working in the energy and tourism sector. We have more to do, and I'm here to say Jennie and I are all in for Wyoming.

**REX RAMMEL Q4:** I am a constitutional scholar. I have written a book, "A Nation Divided: The War for America's Soul," which can be found on my website for free. RammelforWyoming.com. This book explains why and how Wyoming can be sovereign over all her lands. I have been in politics for 20 years challenging laws, defending the constitution and advocating for the principles of liberty. I am a veterinarian, rancher, small business owner, sportsman and above all a family man.

**JAMES SCOTT QUICK Q4:** After graduating from Douglas High School, I went into the Marines. I chose to come back to Wyoming after my honorable discharge. I'm deeply rooted in the state of Wyoming. I've worked in the energy business--oil, uranium, coal, pipeline and I've owned my business for 14 years and am still working. The last few years have been hard on everybody. I feel we've lost our voice in Wyoming. I refused to be silenced anymore. We need someone to step up and be the voice for the people.

# WYOMING STATE SECRETARY OF STATE

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit **SALARY:** \$92,000

## Responses Wyoming State Secretary of State **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



**R. Mark Armstrong**



**Dan Dockstader**  
(no photo provided)



**Chuck Gray**



**Tara Nethercott**

### **QUESTION 1: What changes, if any, would you recommend in Wyoming's election laws?**

**R. MARK ARMSTRONG Q1:** Absentee and mail-in ballots appear to be the source of the voter fraud in most cases. We all know that the day-of-election in-person voting is not the problem. So why after a major rewrite of the election code does the election code still read: 22-9-102. Who may vote by absentee ballot, (a) Any qualified elector may vote by absentee ballot. Shouldn't we be encouraging day-of-election in-person voting? And limiting mail-in and/or absentee voting to people with special circumstances (military, camp jobs, out of town, homebound, resident in nursing care facility, or other). Shouldn't we advocate for paper ballots? Stopping crossover voting with a three pronged approach.

**DAN DOCKSTADER Q1:** I am committed to ensuring election integrity throughout Wyoming. An effective and accountable government starts with free and fair elections. I have supported Legislation to make our elections in Wyoming secure, safe and efficient. As your Secretary of State, I will work closely with the Legislature to protect the integrity of our elections. A successful audit system helps establish and maintain voter confidence. We have an excellent team at the Election Division and all divisions of the Secretary of State's Office.

**CHUCK GRAY Q1:** We must ban ballot drop boxes. The documentary 2000 Mules has shown how dangerous these drop boxes are. We must also move to an election with entirely paper ballots with no exceptions. There also needs to be an audit of each election. America is built on one person, one vote, and we should never tolerate criminals, tyrants, and cheats who try to change that. The State also needs to fight to protect the voter ID law I passed. The recently announced policy of hiding certain voter registration and turnout data from the public is a horrible idea and a recipe for disaster. Unbelievably, the State is now hiding public data about our elections. We need more transparency, not less.

**TARA NETHERCOTT Q1:** Wyoming leads as an example to the nation for conducting safe and secure elections. I intend to continue with this commitment to election integrity. This requires constant evaluation of elections procedures to ensure best practices are being utilized, with a careful balancing of election security with voter participation. Areas of Wyoming's elections laws that should receive additional attention from the public, county clerks and the legislature include: ballot boxes, absentee ballots, and ballot harvesting.

### **QUESTION 2: What role should the Secretary of State play in increasing voter turnout in Wyoming?**

**R. MARK ARMSTRONG Q2:** When people believe that the vote counts, they will turn out to vote.

**DAN DOCKSTADER Q2:** Repetitive educational visits to Wyoming's 23 counties where I'll cultivate working relationships with our respective County Clerk's offices. They understand the importance and responsibilities of their office. In addition, holding open office hours to ensure accessibility to the Secretary of State's office at the local level.

**CHUCK GRAY Q2:** No response

**TARA NETHERCOTT Q2:** As the chief elections officer for the state, the Secretary of State plays a fundamental and primary role in increasing voter turnout. Voting is the cornerstone of our country, the government's power is derived from its people and that power should be reflected in the vote. Increasing voter turnout requires intentional prioritization for communicating election information and coordination with the state's county clerks and a reminder to all Wyomingites that voting is not only a privilege, but a duty. Every vote counts.

### **QUESTION 3: In what ways can the secretary of state improve access for rural voters?**

**R. MARK ARMSTRONG Q3:** In Albany County we had our voting poll locations restricted due to Covid. We put together a team that was able to restore, for the most part, our rural polling locations.

**DAN DOCKSTADER Q3:** Ensure adequate polling locations, with the respective county clerks. County Clerks are to be commended for their dedicated efforts to access to safe and secure voting locations in each Wyoming county.

**CHUCK GRAY Q3:** All voters should have the same access to register and vote. I support in person voting with paper ballots and won't gamble on black box voting machines that can't be accurately audited. The SOS also manages corporate registrations. I'll make it easier for all Wyomingites to create and run their own small businesses. I view it as my job to get the government out of our way and off our backs. As a member of the State Board of Land Commissioners. I will ensure that every state land decision is handled with a Wyoming First approach. And I will work against and expose insider-driven corruption.

**TARA NETHERCOTT Q3:** With the majority of Wyoming voters being rural, improving and increasing access must be a priority. As your next Secretary of State, I would consult with all the county clerks and the voters to understand what factors may be limiting rural voter turnout and evaluate how rural voters prefer to vote. Responding to the desired preferences of the voters, balanced with election security will result in greater participation and stronger outcomes.

**QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**R. MARK ARMSTRONG Q4:** Legislative Advocacy, Business Development, Litigation Mitigation, Legal Strategies, Regulatory Compliance, Government Liaison, Agency Liaison, Legal Testimony, Remedial Action, Subordinate Management, Contracting, Human Health Risks, Site Safety, Corrective Action Plans, EIRs, EISs, Resolutions, Ethics Compliance, Permitting, Inspections, Document Research, FOIA, Sunshine Act, Client Contentment

**DAN DOCKSTADER Q4:** President of the Wyoming Senate, 16 years service in the Legislature - both House and Senate, over 15 committee assignments, twice on Appropriations, Legislation designed to protect Wyoming jobs, director/vice-chairman of a 35,000 meter electric/natural gas co-op in western Wyoming, Energy Council/state govt. assignments related to state/federal relations, governmental affairs, multiple trips to D.C. to visit/connect with Wyoming's Federal Delegation, business alliance advisory board, town councilman, fair board director, chamber director, Rotary member, arts council, historical society director, museum director and 37-year Wyoming small business owner!.

**CHUCK GRAY Q4:** Election Integrity has been a priority of mine as a state legislator. During my service in the State Legislature over the past six years, I'm the only SOS candidate with a proven conservative record and a proven record regarding election integrity. I was the lead sponsor of the voter ID bill, which passed in the 2021 session. My leadership has always been dedicated to giving power and accountability back to the people from which it's being taken away by big-government policies, self-serving politicians, and bureaucratic overreach. I've led on fighting out of control property tax increases. We don't need career politicians who have only proven they will help themselves at our expense. With me what you see is what you get.

**TARA NETHERCOTT Q4:** As your next Secretary of State, I have the necessary working knowledge, through my experiences as a practicing attorney in corporate formations, registered agents, and as a small business owner. My 6 years as a state senator, serving on the Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Committee - home committee of the Secretary of State, has gained me advanced expertise on all elections laws, election integrity concerns, corporate filings, notaries public, and all matters impacting the office. I have the desire to serve as a working elected, to instill trust and security in our elections, I have the business experience and proven leadership to lead a highly competent team for continued excellence.

**WY STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit    **SALARY:** \$92,000

**Responses Wyoming State Superintendent DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES**



**Sergio A. Maldonado, Sr.**

**QUESTION 1: Please explain your support or opposition to school-based suicide prevention programs for students.**

**SERGIO MALDONADO Q1:** I support any education program which seeks to address suicide within our society. In Wyoming data suggests this is a serious situation and cause of death among youth aged 10-25 years. (CDC, 2019) Our schools all provide unique community environments where school-based suicide prevention programs can be implemented. I maintain that age grade level instruction coupled with parental consent and professional staff training and an on-going assessment of student awareness and resistant factors could be routinely monitored. Both parents and caregivers/teachers are often unaware that our students may entertain suicidal thoughts or behaviors. Does our school district review all school related outcomes of existing suicide prevention?

**QUESTION 2: Please discuss your opinions about the various options for providing K-12 education in Wyoming school districts?**

**SERGIO MALDONADO Q2:** I am reminded that the Wyoming Constitution prohibits directing education dollars to "any person, corporation or community not under the

absolute control of the state, nor to any denominational or sectarian institution or association." Yet there is the 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling prohibits states from specifically discriminating against religious schools. We do have various options in Wyoming. Public education (94.5%) attendance, Private (2.2%) attendance, Homeschool (2.7%) attendance and Charter (.6%) attendance. The State of Wyoming spends \$19,342/student while the private sector spends \$7,238/student. I support our public schools yet a critical element in increasing student success needs further scrutiny. We must examine and challenge low ability and high task-difficulty attributions(beliefs)—educators and students coupled with families.

**QUESTION 3: Current school funding is adequate.**

**SERGIO MALDONADO Q3:** Strongly disagree

**QUESTION 4: Please explain your answer on school funding.**

**SERGIO MALDONADO Q4:** The very unfortunate variable in funding Wyoming education is the ongoing volatility of oil and gas coupled with a complicated formula that basically redistributes wealthy school district revenue . With a potential \$100 million in possible K-12 cuts, our programs are in dire straits. The University of

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Wyomingan board of trustees finalized a 16.5 million reduction on June 16, 2022, with another potential cut of \$17.5 million. As with K-12 budget cuts, the university cuts affect students, faculty, and recruitment. Losing funding potentially forfeits UW's ability to meet federal cost-share requirements for further grants. The current funding of our K-12, university and community colleges is not acceptable!

**QUESTION 5: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**SERGIO MALDONADO Q5:** I am truly a Native Son, born in Riverton, enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho tribe (maternal) with my father an indigenous man from Pihuamo, Jalisco, Mexico. I have a masters degree in Elementary Education and Supervision. I've taught in Indian and public schools, a federal prison, and as a graduate student. I'm currently in a doctoral program at UW, graduating within the year. I have experience with federal programs from work and being on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE). I also served as the Northern Arapaho Tribal Liaison with Governor Mead. As SoPI, I will lead with a blend of vision, analysis and action. As a lifetime educator I know that we affect lives, and our daily efforts have lifetime effects.

Responses Wyoming State Superintendent **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



Megan Degenfelder



Thomas Kelly



Brian Schroeder



Jennifer Zerba  
(no photo provided)

**NO RESPONSE:**  
**Robert J. White III**

**QUESTION 1: Please explain your support or opposition to school-based suicide prevention programs for students.**

**MEGAN DEGENFELDER Q1:** Wyoming has the highest rate of suicide deaths in the nation, which is unacceptable, and we cannot expect children to learn if they are struggling mentally. Wyoming law requires school staff to receive suicide prevention training at least every four years, and that the State Superintendent provides appropriate education/training materials to school districts. As Superintendent, I will ensure that the department is a "clearing house" for best practices and we provide districts with individual support to prevent suicide. I am also a strong believer in local control, and I support local school board ability to allocate funds to school-based suicide prevention programs, based on what the individual needs of their communities are.

**THOMAS KELLY Q1:** Parents and guardians should be primary in any suicide prevention program. School faculty and staff can be helpful to alert parents to potential issues and support families who are struggling. As Superintendent, my job would be to review current resources that the state makes available to all districts in regards to providing programs. With that in mind, I would only support programs that made parents and guardians central to any efforts and did not encourage public schools to overstep their bounds. I also would consider successful faith-based programs on the list, as the information would be voluntary and optional, not mandated.

**BRIAN SCHROEDER Q1:** In what other profession must one be an expert in math, English, history, science, government, vocabulary, reading, spelling and be able to gracefully address the mental health needs of young people? Teachers, next to parents, have the most difficult job on earth. Suicide prevention programs for students help teachers to do their job, and I support these programs--so long as they do not disrupt the student-parent relationship. If the schoolhouse is intended to be an extension of the community, programs designed to help students and parents find mental health support are worth funding, promoting, and supporting.

**JENNIFER ZERBA Q1:** I favor school-based suicide prevention programs for students and will support getting the necessary resources to our schools and

classrooms by improving mental health and all things related to suicide prevention. I will encourage our schools to work with parents and with community-level training and activities. Community Prevention Specialists (CPS) work with local coalitions to strengthen prevention efforts around thoughts, feelings, risks, and events that place a person at risk. Prevention focuses not only on the drivers of suicidality but on suicide prevention using protective factors and strengths on the individual and community levels. Together we can support getting our students the help they need. Our students' lives are important.

**QUESTION 2: Please discuss your opinions about the various options for providing K-12 education in Wyoming school districts?**

**MEGAN DEGENFELDER Q2:** I believe that the greater the number of choices and opportunities for students and parents, the better. From school buildings to program pathways, by increased choices we can best meet the needs of individual students. We have hardly scratched the surface when it comes to school choice in Wyoming and there are many exciting opportunities to explore, including those within the current public education system. At the end of the day, it is our responsibility to educate every single child in the state. But the more options we can give to them and their parents, the better.

**THOMAS KELLY Q2:** The one-size-fits-all approach to public schools rarely has successful long-term results academically or financially. Wyoming is behind the curve on charter schools, which allow for innovation and greater liberty for communities. Vouchers could be useful to provide choice for parents who pay their taxes but cannot afford private schools out of pocket. Educational professionals should treat homeschooling with the respect it deserves, but state funding for homeschooling is a bad idea because it opens the door to government asking what parents are teaching their kids at home. That is also why I firmly oppose the NEA's position that homeschooling parents must have their curriculum approved by the state, and parents must be licensed.

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**BRIAN SCHROEDER Q2:** Every child is unique. As a former private school administrator, public school parent, and teacher, I know the importance of school choice. Every child's educational needs are different, and the more choices there are, the better. I believe in an "all-of-the-above" approach to school choice: I support public schools, private schools, charter schools, and home schooling. Wyoming is a leader in the school choice movement, thanks to the legislature's efforts to allow the State Loan and Investment Board to authorize charter schools.

**JENNIFER ZERBA Q2:** My opinion about the various options for providing K-12 education in Wyoming falls under the purview of educators' feedback and available resources. What works in one school district or school doesn't necessarily work in another. Urban schools and rural schools need different options to provide education. Technology access for all students is critical to providing K-12 education. Wyoming is in dire need of educators to implement K-12 education. Providing a mentally, emotionally, and physically safe environment must be at the core of providing K-12 education. I will uphold our Wyoming constitution with the various options for education. I will also encourage parental involvement in their own children.

**QUESTION 3: Current school funding is adequate.**

**MEGAN DEGENFELDER Q3:** Agree

**THOMAS KELLY Q3:** Strongly Agree

**BRIAN SCHROEDER Q3:** Agree

**JENNIFER ZERBA Q3:** Strongly disagree

**QUESTION 4: Please explain your answer on school funding.**

**MEGAN DEGENFELDER Q4:** WY's Constitution requires the state provide a complete & uniform education system adequately funded by the Legislature. The Legislature creates this system or "basket of goods," which is then priced out. This structure ensures school funding is adequate based on the system created. Unless the Legislature changes the basket of goods, they are constitutionally required to fund the current at an adequate level. The block grant is then set up to so local school districts allocate funding based on individual or unique needs in their communities. As Superintendent I will advocate for school funding to be as close to the classroom as possible, with students and teachers, and that it be transparent for parents and the community.

**THOMAS KELLY Q4:** The amount of funding is not the issue in Wyoming. Utah spends half as much per student with better results. Wyoming is 8th in per student spending in the US, spending more than liberal states like Illinois and California. Wyoming also has top-heavy administrative costs with superfluous numbers of assistant superintendents, assistant principals, and directors who are paid large salaries and never set foot in a classroom to teach. There is plenty of money in the system to pay teachers better without spending more. While this is an issue for local districts primarily, the Superintendent can provide incentives through regulations to increase teacher pay and reduce the amount of bureaucrats.

**BRIAN SCHROEDER Q4:** Wyoming has been blessed with abundant natural resources, and in turn, with ample funds for our public school system. In order to ensure that we lead the nation in education, we must properly prioritize how these funds are spent. As a former classroom teacher, I know that the most impactful place to spend public funds is in the classroom..

**JENNIFER ZERBA Q4:** Over the last few years, Wyoming's education budget has been cut by \$300 million. The effects of this are hundreds of job openings for the 2022-2023 school year and 65% of educators wanting to quit. There is not enough school funding. Our educators are burnt out, overworked to tears, and left to figure it out themselves. Some current state and federal funding that is given to support programs is not being spent on those programs. Accountability for this issue is imperative. I support ensuring program funding goes to the proper area and that educators are involved in decisions about where programs are needed and where they are not. I also support transparency in every district budget and publicizing them on district websites.

**QUESTION 5: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**MEGAN DEGENFELDER Q5:** I come from a 6-generation Wyoming ranching family. I attended WY public schools, kindergarten through the University of Wyoming. I have a masters degree in economics and have built my entire career right here in Wyoming, with experience in both the private sector and in education. I previously served in a cabinet level position for the previous State Superintendent Jillian Balow, where I made meaningful budget reductions, staff consolidation, partnered with the Legislature to update the "educational basket of goods" for the first time in 20 years, and oversaw a \$30MM budget and 25 person staff. I also have years of experience in the coal and oil and gas industries, where I fight for Wyoming and against harmful regulations and policies.

**THOMAS KELLY Q5:** I'm the Chair for the Department of Political and Military Science at American Military University, with a Ph.D. in American Government and an MA in Education. I'm a former public school teacher of social studies and special education. From managing a team of professors who largely disagree with me politically and from teaching teens with severe behavioral disabilities, I've learned to be assertive and supportive to lead teams and foster open communication for productive results. I also have several children in Wyoming public schools, and I've seen what happens to the public schools of other states when left-wing indoctrination replaces actual education and teaching.

**BRIAN SCHROEDER Q5:** I am a sixteen-year veteran of teaching with school administration experience, and have served as Wyoming's Superintendent of Public Instruction since January 2022 after being appointed to the role by Governor Mark Gordon. I am an advocate for parents and against indoctrination, and I believe strongly that the purpose of education is simple: to learn to think. My wife Susie and I have been blessed with seven children, each of them having attended public schools. I have worked in public and private schools, and as a result, I have the necessary experience to serve in this role knowing the perspective of a parent, teacher, administrator, and community stakeholder.

**JENNIFER ZERBA Q5:** As a Wyoming native, I have been walking the halls of Wyoming school districts since 1976. My daughters graduated from NCHS in Casper. I was an empowered & involved parent. As a Wyoming educator, my experience needs to be represented in the Superintendent of Public Instruction role. I have been a cosmetologist for over 30 years. I have my BSBA and MPA. I'm in my 3rd semester for an EdD. LDT at UW. I owned my own business and have been in management, leadership, and communication for over 17 years. I have been interim executive director for the Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce and executive director for Toastmasters International for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. My experience ensures Wyoming students are ready for Wyoming.

# WYOMING STATE TREASURER

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit    **SALARY:** \$88,000

## Responses Wyoming State Treasurer **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**



**Curt Meier (R)**

### **NO RESPONSE:**

**Bill Gallop**

**QUESTION 1:** Please explain your support for or opposition to the constitutional amendment to allow cities and towns to invest in stocks and equities?

**CURT MEIER Q1:** I support the measure with a couple of warnings. It is imperative for local governments to establish a healthy reserve fund and put in place some tall sideboards to limit access to any reserve funds. I also urge them to beware of any deals that appear too good to be true. During the next two years, there will undoubtedly be opportunistic circumstances that can offer substantial risk-based returns, but it is not something that should be done lightly. I'm confident in our team's ability to take advantage of the current market after they beat benchmark returns two years in a row, but that is something 80% of equity mutual funds fail to achieve and local governments realistically may not be able to expect that kind of performance.

**QUESTION 2:** What do you see as the greatest challenges facing Wyoming's wealth fund management and what would you do to address those challenges?

**CURT MEIER Q2:** The mismanagement of the Biden administration's over-supply of federal stimulus, coupled with a Federal Reserve Board who did not have their eye on inflation and supply are big challenges, but we've made great efforts to mitigate the outcome. We hired managers who do better when the market has a downturn, increased our diversity and made changes in asset allocations which are not as sensitive to stock market fluctuations. We have a new accounting software system and implemented an "internal reconciliation and audit division," to assist in accomplishing all the inherent, implied, characteristic and core duties in the Wyoming constitution as set forth in Powers vs Mead as described by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

**QUESTION 3:** What role should cryptocurrency play in Wyoming's future?

**CURT MEIER Q3:** The State Treasurer should not spend a lot of time or effort on coins — or any commodity — that are too volatile for investment purposes, and we've certainly seen that to be true of Bitcoin and some of the other cryptocurrencies recently. At the same time, I believe Stable tokens or coins could have some future in Wyoming, but they should be backstopped by U.S. treasuries of a maturity of less than one-year left. It also appears positive that the cost of transactions are much less than credit cards, and should be at least as secure. I continue to monitor those conversations at the state and federal level regarding cryptocurrency with interest, but our primary focus is on the very real returns we are generating for Wyoming right now.

**QUESTION 4:** What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?

**CURT MEIER Q4:** I've served as your State Treasurer for the past 3 1/2 years, and assets under the office's management are up \$5 Billion during my term. We have provided hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue each year, and Wyoming now has the #1 rated sovereign wealth fund in the U.S.-nominated for "Turn Around Fund of the Year" by Institutional Investor Publication. The number of checks issued and dollars distributed to Wyoming citizens through the ongoing efforts of our Unclaimed Property Division is unprecedented. Prior to becoming State Treasurer I ran a multi-million dollar agricultural enterprise with retail, rental, and lodging offshoots for 36 years, and spent 24 years in the legislature including two committee chairmanships.

# WYOMING STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**TERM:** 2 years, no term limit  
**SALARY:** \$150 per day

**BENEFITS:** Travel reimbursement

**OTHERS SERVING:** There are 60 members of the Wyoming State House of which five members represent Fremont County.

## Wyoming State House of Representatives 33 Candidates



**Wade Warren LeBeau (R)**  
(no photo provided)



**Sarah Penn (R)**

**NO RESPONSE:**

**Republican**

**Valaira Whiteman**

**Democratic**

**Andi LeBeau**

**QUESTION 1: What, if anything, would you support to improve reasonable access to health care in Wyoming?**

**WADE WARREN LEBEAU Q1:** I believe ALL Americans should have health care. HOWEVER, I need to be more involved and informed to how to make it better than I.H.S. and the V.A. healthcare. I grew up a government “baby” and democrat by culture and believe these 2 systems SUCK...

**SARAH PENN Q1:** We need to return to private insurance where the free market encourages competition for low rates and better coverage. Government should not be involved in dictating healthcare.

**QUESTION 2: What, if any, specific measures would you propose to generate future state revenue?**

**WADE WARREN LEBEAU Q2:** No Response

**SARAH PENN Q2:** We have great natural resources and energy reserves. In our current gas and energy crisis we should be fully utilizing those resources. However, our greatest issue is our out-of-control spending. We have more of a spending problem than an income problem.

**QUESTION 3: Is current school funding adequate? Why or why not?**

**WADE WARREN LEBEAU Q3:** I would have to see the funding to know if it is adequate. cannot make an accurate assessment without seeing the budgets and how it is being spent. I would have to become familiar with my districts school funding and reporting to know whether the funding is adequate or the administrators are spending that funding wisely.

**SARAH PENN Q3:** Agree. Wyoming is among the highest educational-spending states. Once again, we do not need to look at increasing spending, we need to audit our current practices and eliminate waste. Unproductive programs should be phased out.

**QUESTION 4: What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?**

**WADE WARREN LEBEAU Q4:** HD33 has a unique population of different races and cultures. I am enrolled Shoshone, an honorable discharged veteran, a father, and interested/concerned with how things on the local level are being handled and reported by current representation. I have been across the world and witnessed what true 3rd world countries are like and have seen many things in those areas that I NEVER want my children to experience.

**SARAH PENN Q4:** I have a deep love for and commitment to this great country and state of Wyoming. I work hard for things in which I believe. I have been witnessing situations and events where I feel strong intervention is required. I want my children to inherit a strong future with endless possibilities. Without significant direction changes, I worry that those possibilities may be lost.

## Wyoming State House of Representatives 34 Candidates

**NO RESPONSE: Pepper L. Ottman (R)**

## Wyoming State House of Representatives 54 Candidates



**Lloyd Charles Larsen (R)**

**QUESTION 1:** What, if anything, would you support to improve reasonable access to health care in Wyoming?

**LLOYD LARSEN Q1:** The challenge with answering this question is to define what “reasonable access” means. I well understand demands by citizens for Primary care, emergency care, Mental health services, health services to the elderly, to those with disabilities. I support an increase in Wyoming’s Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to bring that rate in line with our surrounding states to help offset the costs of uncompensated care, and reimbursements to providers more in line with their costs. Medicaid Expansion is a conversation that has to take place. The large majority of legislators do not understand the history of Medicaid expansion and how it has evolved since it was first introduced as part of the Affordable Care Act.

**QUESTION 2:** What, if any, specific measures would you propose to generate future state revenue?

**LLOYD LARSEN Q2:** We continue to ask the extractive industries to pay for the services provided by state government, with our citizens contributing in a very small way through the sales tax they pay. All estimates tell us the revenue from minerals will continue to decline. At a time in earlier decades when revenue generated from minerals were strong we give a significant number of sales tax exemptions to businesses and industries, I think we need to strategically remove many of those exemptions. I also think we need to consider a corporate tax with a deduction allowed if the corporation pays a severance or royalty tax. Businesses and professions need to be part of the effort to stabilize of our tax base.

**QUESTION 3:** Is current school funding adequate? Why or why not?

**LLOYD LARSEN Q3:** Strongly agree. Before we increase the funding to K-12 education, we need to make some adjustments to the funding model that governs the requirement to fund education at the current level. There are, in my opinion, adjustments we could make to ensure teacher salaries remain competitive, and I believe we could achieve cost savings by funding actual numbers of employees and not the allowed number of employees based on an antiquated formula. Additional savings adjustments could be made in the allowance for health insurance. Our funding model is a great Cadillac model, we can’t continue to drive because it is costing us more than we can afford. I think we could adjust to a Buick plan and still get to the desired destination safe and sound.

**QUESTION 4:** What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?

**LLOYD LARSEN Q4:** Since being elected to the legislature I have established an ability to work with state agencies intimately in pursuit of solutions to complex problems, particularly with healthcare, and capital construction contracts between the public entities and private contractors. My six years of service on the appropriations committee has allowed me to have a deep understanding of the costs required to run state government. Since being on this committee we have been tasked with drafting budget bills through two significant fiscal down turns and still provide the essential services to the citizens of the state while maintaining a balanced budget. The budget passed for the next biennium is smaller than our budget ten years ago when I was elected.

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## Wyoming State House of Representatives 55 Candidates



**NO RESPONSE: Ember Oakley (R)**

# WYOMING STATE SENATE 25

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit

**SALARY:** \$150 per day

**BENEFITS:** Travel reimbursement

**OTHERS SERVING:** There are 30 members of the Wyoming State Senate of which two represent Fremont County. Terms are staggered.

## Responses Wyoming House of Representatives District 25 **REPUBLICAN**



**Cale Case, PhD (R)**

**NO RESPONSE:**

**Republican**

**Shawn J. Olmstead**

**QUESTION 1:** What, if anything, would you support to improve reasonable access to health care in Wyoming?

**CALE CASE Q1:** I have supported increasing reimbursement for providers of Medicaid services. In addition, I am one of the leading proponents for expanding Medicaid eligibility. I will continue to work hard to expand Medicaid as I believe it will be an essential part of helping our working poor in Wyoming as well as maintaining critical health care facilities in rural areas. Locally, I am supporting the free clinic in Lander and am grateful to those behind the effort.

**QUESTION 2:** What, if any, specific measures would you propose to generate future state revenue?

**CALE CASE Q2:** The world is increasingly concerned about carbon and climate change. Income from coal and gas has dropped. Only temporary ARPA funds are preventing serious shortfalls. Future restrictions to mining and drilling on federal lands and producing federally owned minerals will reduce mineral taxes. The tightening of renewable portfolio standards from our trading partner states will impact our revenues even more. Our sales tax regime is riddled with exemptions other states do not have. In the past decade, our population grew the slowest of any state in the region and we were the only economy that got smaller. We need sustainable policies for encouraging growth and funding the future from sources that are not contributing a fair share now.

**QUESTION 3:** Is current school funding adequate? Why or why not?

**CALE CASE Q3:** After decades of work and litigation, Wyoming developed a sophisticated model that produces the most equitable school funding in the country. Overall, our students are doing well and teacher pay has been very solid until relatively recently as comparative salaries have slipped some from the previous high levels. It is harder to attract new teachers. Perceptions about our extremely demanding conservative culture are not helping. Per student, we spend more than any neighbor states. We have the remotest topography and sparsest population of the lower 48 states, but the differential is significant. Student achievements are somewhat comparable to our neighbors, but they are not significantly better, given the amount that we spend.

**QUESTION 4:** What qualities, training, experiences, and skills would you bring to this office?

**CALE CASE Q4:** I am an earnest proponent and student of the democratic process. I have carefully learned the legislature's rules and how important they are for orderly procedure, decorum, and civility in our democracy. I work hard to do a good job and approach every day with enthusiasm. I know that I represent all the people in my district and work for all of Wyoming. I am - chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee and cochairman of the Select Committee on Legislative Process. - a natural resource economist who works internationally in energy, water, telecommunications, and electric and gas utilities. - a businessman that has met a payroll for more than two decades. I love my community and work hard to serve it and my beloved Wyoming.

# FREMONT COUNTY ASSESSOR

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$88,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension



**Tara Berg**

## **QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**TARA BERG Q1:** The two attributes I possess that have led to my success as the Fremont County Assessor are fair and approachable. The two qualifications that are necessary for continued success are education and experience.

## **QUESTION 2:** Given the rise in property sales leading to increased property taxes, what tax structure improvements would you propose?

**TARA BERG Q2:** There are many moving pieces in this one question, making it difficult to pinpoint one area. The assessor does not “set” the market value, rather we calculate a value in response to the market. The market is set by an individual who wants to sell a property, an individual who tells them how much the property could sell for, someone who wants to buy the property, and finally an appraiser to ensure the value will satisfy the regulations for a bank loan. Increased property values do not have to result in increased property taxes. If the bodies we elect to the entities that require our tax dollars’ budget in a way that when the valuation goes up, the mill levy can go down, taxes could stay stable. While many of the mill levies have a statutory limit, a large part of the mill levy calculation is mandated to the individual school districts.

## **QUESTION 3:** How will you advise the County Commission and State Legislature on property assessment issues?

**TARA BERG Q3:** Communication and dedication are the key components to keeping others informed and involved. I have a proven track record of communicating issues with both the Board of County Commissioners and our legislative representatives. As a member of the Wyoming County Assessors Association Legislative committee I have been very active in the legislative process. Wyoming is a closed disclosure state (sale prices are not public record) so at times it is difficult to give exact numbers when communicating what is happening locally. I have worked diligently through press releases and town hall meetings to keep taxpayers informed of the process of arriving at market value and inevitably the final tax bill. I have made myself readily available to the public by being the first person they see when they come to the assessor’s office.

## **QUESTION 4:** How would you improve the current property tax assessment system?

**TARA BERG Q4:** The current valuation method in the State of Wyoming is solid. It starts with listing the individual characteristics of each property and developing a replacement cost new less depreciated value. The Marshall and Swift costing system is used to calculate the replacement cost for the property. This same costing system

is used by both appraisers and insurance companies to develop a value for their purposes. The market value is established using sales and applying adjustments fairly and equitably across valuation areas. The Wyoming Department of Revenue, Chapter 9 Rules, define how the market is to be calculated and applied. The values then go through an audit with the Wyoming State Board of Equalization to determine if they are in compliance. Should any stratum be out of compliance, the State Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust the value and taxpayers only recourse is to go before district court. Once the value is determined the assessment ratio is applied and the mill levy is applied to the assessed valuation to determine the actual tax dollars. Taxpayers can see where their actual tax dollars are spent on their tax bill each year. Adjustments could be made to the level of assessment; the amount taxing entities can request through the budgeting process (which results in the mill levy request) or applying a homestead exemption to property owners who meet a criteria defined by the legislature. In order to change any other part of the process the constitution would need to be reviewed and changed as it currently reads, “All property shall be uniformly valued at its full value as defined by the legislature,”; The legislature shall not create new classes or subclasses or authorize any property to be assessed at a rate other than the rates set for authorized classes.” I support any form of relief or restructure that the legislature would impose, as long as it is fair and equal, can be administered and meets the constitutional and statutory requirements the assessor is held to by the two oaths of office that are required. The assessor is the only elected official that has to take two separate oaths, the second being to do the job “without fear or favor”. The current valuation method in the State of Wyoming is solid. Property is valued through fair and consistent methods, with market changes (dictated by sales) applied fairly and equally. The Wyoming Department of Revenue, Chapter 9 Rules, define this process and Wyoming State Board of Equalization conducts an audit to ensure compliance. Should any stratum be out of compliance, the State Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust the value and taxpayers only recourse is to go before district court. Once the value is determined the assessment ratio is applied and the mill levy is applied to the assessed valuation to determine the actual tax dollars. Adjustments could be made to the level of assessment; the amount taxing entities can request through the budgeting process (which results in the mill levy request) or applying a homestead exemption to property owners who meet a criteria defined by the legislature. In order to change any other part of the process the constitution would need to be reviewed and changed as it currently reads, “All property shall be uniformly valued at its full value as defined by the legislature,”; The legislature shall not create new classes or subclasses or authorize any property to be assessed at a rate other than the rates set for authorized classes.” I support any form of relief or restructure that the legislature would impose, as long as it is fair and equal, can be administered and meets the constitutional and statutory requirements the assessor is held to by the two oaths of office that are required. The assessor is the only elected official that has to take two separate oaths, the second being to do the job “without fear or favor”.

# FREMONT COUNTY ATTORNEY

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$98,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension



**Patrick LeBrun**  
(no photo provided)

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**PATRICK LEBRUN Q1:** I have practiced law in Wyoming, exclusively for more than 20 years. I have managed the County Attorney's Office both as a Chief Deputy and as the County Attorney for nearly a decade.

**QUESTION 2:** Given the imperfections in the criminal justice system, how will you work towards building an equitable system?

**PATRICK LEBRUN Q2:** No system is perfect and the criminal justice system is no different. We in the Justice system can and do work to improve everyday. It is a human endeavor, however. And so there will always be imperfections. The solution is education. As long as I am the County Attorney our Office work to educate.

**QUESTION 3:** As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the county, how would you improve transparency and communication with attorneys, federal prosecutors, and the public?

**PATRICK LEBRUN Q3:** TWe are extremely fortunate in Fremont to have numerous highly reliable and trustworthy news outlets. I have always and will always respond as best I can to media inquiries. Sometimes law and security limits what I can say, however.

As far as communication with attorney's, it's an absolute necessity. It's the only way that cases move through the system. The 7 lawyer team I have supervised for nearly a decade does a very fine job. And we will continue to improve.

# FREMONT COUNTY CLERK

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$88,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension



**Julie Freese (R)**



**Kelly Rutz (R)**

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**JULIE FREESE Q1:** I am a dependable and dedicated public servant. I'm customer service-oriented and available, even after hours, to my constituents. I am experienced and I continue to strive for improvements. The County Clerk's position is diverse and extensive. Jobs of the County Clerk: Vehicle titling, UCC filings, Land Recordings, Marriage Licenses, HR, Payroll, Accounts Payable, Budget

Officer, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Election Officer. The Clerk's job has grown to a job that doesn't end at 5 daily or on Friday.

**KELLY RUTZ Q1:** The two attributes that I feel are important to me is the ability to listen to people and to be goal oriented, to know what you want to accomplish. As an active member of the Fremont County Republican party, I know what our members' expect of the county clerk's office, especially those who do not live in Lander. As a former teacher, I understand working with various levels of government, local and state.

**QUESTION 2: Given that there is only one absentee ballot secure drop-off location in the county, how will you ensure that rural citizens have access to voting?**

**JULIE FREESE Q2:** There are 8 vote centers for voting on Election Day. Voters may vote at any of these locations. There is early voting 45 days prior to the election in the courthouse where the voter may run their ballot through a machine. If these methods do not work for the voter, absentee ballots are an option. W.S. 22-6-113: Absentee ballots shall be mailed or delivered to the County Clerk. Delivery can be to the office or by a drop box at the courthouse.

**KELLY RUTZ Q2:** I will open voting centers in small communities in Fremont county, have town hall meetings and have open office hours. As county clerk, I will fiercely defend the right of every registered voter the opportunity to vote and have their vote counted correctly.

**QUESTION 3: How will you ensure accessible voting, such as voter registration and absentee ballot drop off location, on the Wind River Indian Reservation?**

**JULIE FREESE Q3:** Wyoming Statutes do not allow any drop boxes other than the courthouse. All voters may vote at their polls on election day, early vote at the courthouse or get an absentee ballot. The reservation voters have 3 vote centers within the reservation. Per W.S. 22-1-102 (a) (xlv) both tribes may enter into a cooperative

agreement with the Clerk to serve as registry agents. I send letters each year to both tribal leadership asking for a meeting to discuss this and I send the cooperative agreement to them for approval. Have done voter registration drives.

**KELLY RUTZ Q3:** I intend to open a satellite clerk office in Ft. Washakie once a month for the convenience of the Wind River Indian Reservation. As a former resident of the Wind River Indian Reservation, I will work with tribal leaders to improve voter registration and voter turnout.

**QUESTION 4: What is your public outreach to access and register new voters, especially first-time young voters, and voters moving into Fremont County?**

**JULIE FREESE Q4:** I have met with various school groups to do voter registration and educate on elections. I have opened a Facebook account for elections and will look at more social media to reach youth. I use student election judges at the polls. I have done a number of voter registration drives at local events happening in the county. We have information on our website/Facebook about registration and voting. I use radio information programs and write op-eds in the newspapers as other ways to reach all voters.

**KELLY RUTZ Q4:** I intend to re-open the Riverton office at least one a week and open satellite offices in Pavilion, Dubois and Ft. Washakie once a month. As a former school teacher, I am well aware of the positive anticipation that our young people feel when granted the privilege to vote. As county clerk, I would coordinate with the county high schools to deliver the correct information the new voter will need to register and make informed decisions.

**FREMONT COUNTY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$88,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension



**Kristi H. Green (R)**



**Karl Falken (R)**  
(no photo provided)

**QUESTION 1: What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?**

**KRISTI GREEN Q1:** I am honest and hardworking in all I do. I have 39 years of court experience, of which 35 of those years are administrative leadership in the court system. I believe in leading by example. I am dedicated and work alongside my staff to achieve the greatest results. I am proud of the competent staff I have built. I will continue to lead in this manner as we move forward to e-filing in the near future.

**KARL FALKEN Q1:** My career of over 35 years has centered around world-class documentation management and control. I have also demonstrated excellent customer service skills with individuals, cooperate entities and government agencies.

**QUESTION 2: Given that the Clerk of District Court is the official keeper of all district court records, what is your philosophy on communications with the public understanding confidentiality restrictions?**

**KRISTI GREEN Q2:** As Clerk of District Court I believe in running an office that is totally open and transparent. I am governed by the Wyoming Court Rules – Rules

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Governing Access to Court Records. My office scans all court pleadings filed. Many records are available for review from a public access computer. Others are limited due to the nature of the cases including minor children, juvenile records and adoptions to name a few. There are times when access can be given to pleadings if we redact confidential information from them before copying the same. My staff is trained to explain and help the public understand why some records cannot be accessed while always adhering to the Wyoming Court Rules.

**KARL FALKEN Q2:** At the practical end of the spectrum, my staff and I must carefully adhere to all legal and policy requirements. At the personal end of the spectrum my staff and I must treat each customer as an individual with all the respect, understanding and compassion we would expect from others. In between, I must be sure that the staff under my supervision is well trained, fully equipped, well motivated and properly monitored to assure confidentiality. Lastly, all equipment and software must be correctly used and rigorously tested and maintained to assure there are no accidental or intention breaches of security.

# FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSION

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit  
**SALARY:** \$34,000 per year

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension

**OTHERS SERVING:** There are five Districts in Fremont County, each represented by one Commissioner.



**Timothy Haid (R)**  
(no photo provided)  
**District 1**



**Jeremy Hernandez (R)**  
**District 3**



**Joseph Lucero (R)**  
**District 3**



**Christy Hirasawa Gabel (R)**  
(no photo provided)  
**District 4**



**Michael Jones (R)**  
(no photo provided)  
**District 4**

**NO RESPONSE:**  
**Republican**  
**Clarence Vern Thomas** District 1  
**Ron Fabrizius** District 3

**QUESTION 1:** When considering budget deficits, do you support cutting services, raising taxes, or some sort of combination? Please explain.

**TIMOTHY HAID Q1:** No new taxes - better planning, community development, and support for industry generates revenue - not taxation. Politicians like to cut essential services to justify punitive taxation and crippling regulations - let's find a better way. Support small business and innovative industry.

**JEREMY HERNANDEZ Q1:** Reduce government

**CHRISTY HIRASAWA GABEL Q1:** My consideration is to thoroughly review the budget and search for ways to reduce expenses and/or alter spending.

**JOSEPH LUCERO Q1:** First and foremost I would consider cutting the salaries of overpaid "public servants" who cannot justify to my satisfaction the quantity and quality of services they provide to the people of Fremont County for the salary and benefits packages being paid to them. There is at least one group of county employees I know of that is grossly overpaid for the work they do, and each person enjoys 17 WEEKS of paid vacation every year on top of that. The best treatment for budget deficits is to trim all "fat" first, and only then look at other options.

**MICHAEL JONES Q1:** It is never a black and white situation. In 2020, we worked with the Library, Fair, and Museum to work with their patrons to aid in raising money to alleviate the general budget. Each organization rose to the occasion to sustain their budgets and limit service reductions. Reorganization or combining of departments is often something to consider when faced with balancing services verses reduced revenue.

**QUESTION 2:** Within the job responsibilities of a County Commissioner, what should be the top three priorities?

**TIMOTHY HAID Q2:** Leadership that reflects the will of the people, support and defend freedom, and restore public lands.

**JEREMY HERNANDEZ Q2:** Fiscal responsibility, employee retention, infrastructure rebuilding

**CHRISTY HIRASAWA GABEL Q2:** Service to Community; Stewardship of Taxpayer Funds; Leadership

**JOSEPH LUCERO Q2:** 1) Protecting the tax-paying citizens of Fremont County from ANY type of government overreach beyond the limits imposed by either the Wyoming State or U.S. Constitutions. 2) Full transparency on all budget decisions, and against any impositions upon the rights of our people from Washington D.C. as well as from Cheyenne. 3) Never, ever again allow a completely political FRAUD like the common cold Coronavirus' "Pandemic Declaration and Global Response" to abrogate the rights and freedoms of ANY U.S. Citizen for purely political gain.

**MICHAEL JONES Q2:** In general, understanding how things work and communicating within county government and with the public is a very important aspect of being a County Commissioner. Reading and understanding correspondence, budget materials and legal documents are a key area to focus on. Specifically, our top priorities are to find a long term solution to ambulance funding, communicating with the public regarding upcoming closure of the Lander Landfill site in 2028, and as always maintaining roads for public safety.

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**QUESTION 3: What specific expertise and skill will you bring to the Commission?**


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**TIMOTHY HAID Q3:** I am a true constitutional republican, resident of Fremont county for nearly 20 years - more than 50 for the State of Wyoming. I am a small business owner, a community farmer, a veteran of the US Army, a public servant, God fearing, somewhat intelligent, and loyal to the people.

**JEREMY HERNANDEZ Q3:** Life long entrepreneur and business owner. School Board Trustee

**CHRISTY HIRASAWA GABEL Q3:** My background in accounting; preparing budgets and fiscal responsibility.

**JOSEPH LUCERO Q3:** I have endured 33+ years of having my unblemished clinical performance record abused by administrators and nurse managers for their own financial gain and personal career enhancement. This ever-worsening application of complete Medical Fraud was brought to a climax with the biggest LIE in human history, the "COVID is Lethal" betrayal of all scientific understanding and Public Trust that were once the hallmarks of Modern American Medicine. As a former nuclear reactor operator, laser fusion researcher, and virology lab worker I know of other abuses as well.

**MICHAEL JONES Q3:** I have many years of experience in business as a senior operations manager and business owner. My experience with budgets, goal setting and communication have benefited me in the last four years in oversight of the County's business. The job of the County Commission is to manage the business of the State Government at the local level. My background and experience has been has served the county well in the last four years.

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**QUESTION 4: How do you propose to increase county revenue to counter the decline of the fossil fuel industry severance taxes? Or, what services and operations would you cut given the decline in fossil fuel industry severance taxes?**


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**TIMOTHY HAID Q4:** To start - county elected officials must demand our State representatives take affirmative action to promote industry in Wyoming - not regulate or tax it out of existence. Digging a deeper hole is not a viable solution. I do believe in smaller government and would consider reducing non-essential services and/or operations once identified. My push would be for less regulation and restriction. Let's build a better economy for our community.

**JEREMY HERNANDEZ Q4:** Reduce wasteful spending as I have seen on the school board, support one cent tax money to be only given to county residents

**CHRISTY HIRASAWA GABEL Q4:** Before considering cutting services and operations, an evaluation would be necessary to determine the significance of the decrease in severance taxes. Increasing revenue would need to be a joint effort

amongst city, county, and state government. We definitely have options in Fremont County, but thinking outside the box is crucial. For example, highlighting the National Museum of Military Vehicles as a must see destination could equal tourism stops in Dubois, Lander, and Riverton.

**JOSEPH LUCERO Q4:** Well, when times are hard for all working taxpayers who have suffered a drop in income, then government employees should take a proportional cut in their own paychecks as well. This includes the various high end prerequisites that government employees enjoy- government service should ALWAYS be lean, efficient, considerate of all the taxpayers being served, and NEVER taken for granted. If one cannot be so grateful in their government work to accept providing more for less over time, then government will function better without them.

**MICHAEL JONES Q4:** Commissioners do not have the authority to raise taxes or create other revenue. We can educate our legislators on impacts of legislative mandates that increase cost at the local level. I am hesitant to ask the legislature or the public to increase taxes. Commissioners can look for opportunities to support businesses in their efforts to grow the economy. I have a strong track record in supporting economic development here in Fremont County . I encouraged the library and fair to increase new revenue streams. It has proven to be a successful strategy.

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**QUESTION 5: Given the burden placed on the county due to the uninsured, do you support Medicaid expansion?**


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**TIMOTHY HAID Q5:** Absolutely not. This issue was created, developed and compounded by government. Over regulation and incompetent governance exasperated the problem - why make it even worse? Making healthcare more affordable and accessible, nurturing a solid economy, and clearing the way to opportunity should be the goals of government - not iron fist control and manipulation.

**JEREMY HERNANDEZ Q5:** No I do not

**CHRISTY HIRASAWA GABEL Q5:** No

**JOSEPH LUCERO Q5:** Definitely NOT. Medicaid is already one of the biggest "insurance" Frauds ever concocted by corrupt politicians. It is, in the vast majority of cases, a "health insurance" plan for uninsurable people whose poor health is entirely self-inflicted. With every new "right" to government healthcare comes an equally powerful RESPONSIBILITY to do everything possible to sustain one's own good health. If the government were to end the tobacco industry, end alcohol and drug abuse, and eliminate interpersonal violence, THEN we could talk about Medicaid expansion.

**MICHAEL JONES Q5:** If the State of Wyoming could expand Medicaid coverage so that the State is not left holding the bag if the Federal Government cut funding to the program, I would consider supporting it. Other states have successfully set up this type of arrangement.

# FREMONT COUNTY CORONER

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$88,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension

**NO RESPONSE: Erin Ivie (R)**

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**QUESTION 2:** Give two examples of your advanced investigation and critical thinking skills?

**QUESTION 3:** How do you handle unidentified victims?

**QUESTION 4:** Define a good working relationship with law enforcement and individuals?

# FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits

**SALARY:** \$98,000

**BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension



**Ryan Lee**  
(no photo provided)

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**RYAN LEE Q1:** I emphasize that the holder of an elected office should closely resemble the nature and needs of the citizens. To that end I know our way of life; and I know what is important to the people of this County. I am a lifelong resident and have served the public for 26 years as both a volunteer fireman and Professional Peace Officer, currently serving as your Sheriff. I have been there and have helped thousands for almost three decades maneuver through the most difficult times of their lives. These attributes speak highly of my commitment as your Sheriff.

**QUESTION 2:** How do you work and communicate with other law enforcement jurisdictions regarding the Missing Murdered Indigenous People issue?

**RYAN LEE Q2:** During my term I have assigned one Deputy full time to the Wyoming DCI. This Deputy holds a Special Law Enforcement Commission with the BIA and also a Federal Deputization. His duties involve an appointment to the Safe Trails Task Force which works in conjunction with all of our Federal and State Partners to combat Criminal Activity both on and off the Reservation. My Deputy has been involved with Indigenous missing persons cases and was directly involved in solving two homicides concerning Indigenous Victims both on and off the WRIR.

**QUESTION 3:** How will you build a positive working relationship with the Wind River Reservation?

**RYAN LEE Q3:** During the COVID-19 Pandemic I worked closely with Tribal Government, the Emergency Management Coordinators for each Tribe, and Tribal Health Services to monitor, mitigate, and assist with the outbreak. I have and will continue to to build positive and productive partnerships with the BIA and Tribal Organizations in this manner and assist with major incidents and planning mitigation for future events. It is my firm belief that solid relationships should be formed by all elected officials with all governmental agencies to serve the public good.

**QUESTION 4:** Given the cost of Search and Rescue operations, should a rescue fee be assessed?

**RYAN LEE Q4:** All Search and Rescue operations are reimbursed by the WY Search and Rescue Council, thus diminishing the direct impact solely to the individual tax payer in Fremont County. I do not support Fremont County Citizens having to fork over costs for their own rescue, as I believe that they ultimately pay the taxes to purchase and maintain the equipment utilized. We have seen increased medivac operations, especially in remote areas which can be very expensive, however those costs are billed directly to the patient. Also, Thank you to all our SAR VOLUNTEERS!

# FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limits    **SALARY:** \$88,000    **BENEFITS:** Qualify for health insurance and retirement pension

**NO RESPONSE:** James A. Anderson (R)

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that make you ready for this office?

**QUESTION 3:** In your opinion, what is the essential duty of the County Treasurer? How would you carry out that crucial duty?

**QUESTION 2:** If elected, would you change any of the office's budget priorities?

**QUESTION 4:** What are your ideas to implement more innovative or efficient processes?

## CITY COUNCIL

**TERM:** 4 year terms. No term limits.

**SALARY:** Varies. In Riverton, Council members receive \$500 a month; Lander Council members receive \$75 per meeting. Dubois and Shoshoni Council members receive \$50 per meeting.

**BENEFITS:** Varies. Lander members are eligible for health care.

**OTHERS SERVING:** Voters living within a particular city ward or area select this non-partisan position. Lander and Riverton have six Council members plus the Mayor. Dubois, Hudson, Pavillion, and Shoshoni each have four Council members plus the Mayor.

### City Council DUBOIS

**RESPONDED**

**Randall Lahr** (2-year unexpired term)  
**Amanda Ysen** (4-year term)

**NO RESPONSE**

**Dave Neary** (4-year term)  
**Bruce J Thompson** (4-year term)

**QUESTION 1:** Do you support a 1/2-cent sales tax for economic development? Why or Why not?

**RANDALL LAHR Q1:** Yes

**AMANDA YSEN Q1:** I do not support this at this time. Our families and residents in Dubois have larger struggles related to housing and inflation. It appears that this tax would be unlikely to help with these issues. I would be willing to have more conversations about this sales tax but would vote what would be in the best interest of my community.

**QUESTION 2:** In light of increased fire and flooding across the Mountain West, what role should the city council play in disaster planning?

**RANDALL LAHR Q2:** Preparation and implementation

**AMANDA YSEN Q2:** City planning should include discussions related to fire and flood prevention and response. I believe discussions should be related to being part of regional/state committees and other strategies that could actually prevent or reduce fires and flooding. Essentially, city council should be at the table as these issues could greatly impact our residents and community.

**QUESTION 3:** What specific expertise and skill will you bring to the Council?

**RANDALL LAHR Q3:** Business/Community development

**AMANDA YSEN Q3:** I have been a resident of Dubois for 6 years. I am employed by the local school district as the business manager. I have over 20 years experience in running a non-profit organization before coming to Dubois. I have a strong accounting, grant management, and community involvement background. I hold a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice/Forensic Psychology with a minor in accounting and recently completed a master's degree in Public Administration. I am look forward to further serving my community.

### City Council HUDSON

**NO RESPONSE**

**Bruno Bonella** (4-year term)  
**Mary Anne Robeson** (4-year term)

**NO RESPONSE**

**Josh Williams** (4-year term)

# City Council LANDER

## RESPONDED

**WARD 1 Oakley Corsick-Boycott** (4-year term)

**WARD 1 Joshua Hahn** (4-year term)

**WARD 1 Douglas Spriggs** (4-year term)

**WARD 2 Austin Shields** (4-year term)

**WARD 2 Missy White** (4-year term)

**WARD 3 John Larsen** (4-year term)

### QUESTION 1: Do you support a 1/2-cent sales tax for economic development? Why or Why not?

**OAKLEY CORSICK-BOYCOTT Q1:** It depends on how we, as a community are choosing to define “economic development”. Initially, I am inclined to say “yes” as our economy is largely tourism driven and 1/2-cent sales tax would serve to benefit from the tourism influx. However, given the recent, drastic shifts in inflation, I continue to worry about what kind of “economic developments” we are choosing to invest in without the infrastructure to support them.

**JOSHUA HAHN Q1:** Yes, I think returning a little back to the businesses helps them especially during tough times.

**DOUGLAS SPRIGGS Q1:** The 1/2 cent sales tax initiative is a viable means to supporting multiple community projects, initiatives, and community events. This tax allows us to capitalize on the large influx of tourist dollars as well as generate much needed revenue to maintain key infrastructures and community growth. Maintaining a strong and healthy community for the people requires being able to fund the overall health of the community and the 1/2 cent sales tax helps to support that.

**AUSTIN SHIELDS Q1:** I do not support the 1/2 cent sales tax because I believe government bodies and the committees appointed by the local officials should not be allocating money to certain businesses in the name of economic development. I have spoken to businesses in town and they are upset because they may be put out of business because their competitors are receiving thousands of dollars and they receive nothing. Our tax dollars are deserved somewhere else, like our streets and sewers.

**MISSY WHITE Q1:** Yes. As an 8+ year volunteer chair of FAST, a Minimum Revenue Guarantee is required to have commercial air service, regardless of provider. Without the ED tax, we won't have flights. Commercial air service benefits everyone. It brings tourists to town; businesses require it to get to conferences & markets, & to recruit employees to provide services that we all use. For funds for local ED efforts, that's Wyoming values in action: we take care of our own. We need to diversify our economy, and this effort helps. We “ride for the brand” with the tax.

**JOHN LARSEN Q1:** I am a very strong proponent of the 1/2 cent sales tax. The biggest selling factor for me was the financing of the air service for Fremont County. I also felt that the funding for the ground transportation was very important. I like the idea of the monies that are available for economic development through the cities and the county, but have some apprehension about it also. It will be very easy for the selection committees to be picking winners and losers. I ran out of space to elaborate further.

### QUESTION 2: In light of increased fire and flooding across the Mountain West, what role should the city council play in disaster planning?

**OAKLEY CORSICK-BOYCOTT Q2:** Our role as city council within our community should always be to build foundations for preventative community care. This goes for fires, floods or any other disasters that may occur; natural or otherwise.

**JOSHUA HAHN Q2:** I think the council along with other disaster entities could run ideas past the citizens in meetings and work together to mitigate the task at hand.

**DOUGLAS SPRIGGS Q2:** As a central “hub” for a large portion of the Wind River Range, it is important for the city council to be an integral part of disaster planning. To effectively facilitate disaster relief there must be an effective plan in place to respond at a high level for the community. The question is not if we need to be a part of disaster planning, but more how we can stay ahead of the disasters that constantly threaten our community. Planning for potential disasters, natural or otherwise, are a necessity for the council to be able to effectively navigate.

**AUSTIN SHIELDS Q2:** I am a volunteer with the Lander Volunteer Fire Department and we are always on call; however, when it comes to decision making, we should always do what is best for Lander and its citizens, especially those that may be effected by flooding or fire. We must speak with everyone that may be effected and be transparent with a plan and be proactive with all parties involved.

**MISSY WHITE Q2:** Public Safety is a key responsibility of city government: provide fire & police services; mitigate fire/ flood/other disasters to protect citizen's lives & property, and minimize repair/replacement costs of city infrastructure. The 2017 flood cost Lander \$1.7M in repairs to date, and isn't done. Council provides goals & funding to address public safety. Under Mayor Richardson, Council created public safety goals to better protect residents, and staff are achieving them. It's easier/ cheaper to prevent loss than rebuild after loss.

**JOHN LARSEN Q2:** There are various programs that are made available for the city to consider, that the average citizen is not made aware of. As a council I believe that we have a responsibility to research these options, and then bring them back to the citizens. Being that there are approximately 7700 people in Lander, that means that there are 7700 different opinion's on what should or should not be done, hence the fecal hemorrhage begins.

### QUESTION 3: What specific expertise and skill will you bring to the Council?

**OAKLEY CORSICK-BOYCOTT Q3:** Born and raised in Lander, and having worked professionally for the last 15 years in the performing arts, it has been vital to learn work within high-stress conflict in order to cultivate deeper understanding for all points of view and ultimately still being able to deliver a “product” that serve. My profession has served in ongoing development of empathy, conflict resolution, and aggressive practice of listening to learn vs to listening to respond and preferring to learn from conflict as opposed to the need to be seen as “right” or “correct”.

**JOSHUA HAHN Q3:** I will listen to the public with an open mind and support the ideas that will better the city of Lander. I believe good communication between the citizens and the city council members is the key to a successful city.

**DOUGLAS SPRIGGS Q3:** I bring 6 years of administrative experience to the council. I have worked for multiple non-profits responding to the needs of the people. These experiences have required me to be a good listener and to find creative ways of changing and adapting to the needs of those I serve. I have navigated high stakes situations, creating viable solutions to implement while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Effective listening, transparent communication, working as a team, and having a passion to serve others have all been central to my skillsets.

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**AUSTIN SHIELDS Q3:** I am a father of three beautiful children that I will raise in this community. I bring to the table a family aspect that, some might say, has been lacking especially in a growing town. Also, I have worked for WYDOT in the construction department for 8 years and have not only learned how to build roads from the ground up, but also balanced budgets and worked with contractors to get a good product. My wife and I also own and operate a commercial cleaning business in town and manage the Lander Convention and Community Center.

**MISSY WHITE Q3:** I bring knowledgable experience having served for 4 years. I diligently prepare for Council meetings, & spend hundreds of additional hours with city staff to learn in-depth about city needs/processes/challenges so that I can help bring positive, needed, sustainable, and cost-effective changes. I am trustworthy,

work hard, listen deeply, and lead with integrity. My record shows that I make decisions based on well-researched facts, for short and long term city needs. I am a servant leader in service to Lander's best future.

**JOHN LARSEN Q3:** My wife and I raised two daughter to be very respectable and contributing citizens, with only a few set backs that I'm sure they inherited from their Dad. From the time that we moved to LND in 1980 I have been a private business co-owner, employing up to 150 people at various times. I have the opportunity of serving in my church in many different responsibilities. I have served on many volunteer boards like Lander Community Foundation, the Lander Airport board, and as city liaison to the Chamber, LOTRA, and County Solid Waste. Year 4 of first term.

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## City Council PAVILLION

**NO RESPONSE** Lori Blowers (2-year term) | Patricia Johnson (2-year term)

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## City Council RIVERTON

**RESPONDED**

**WARD 1 Kyle Larson** (4-year term)  
**WARD 1 Dean Peranteaux** (2-year term)

**WARD 2 Karla Borders** (4-year term)

**NO RESPONSE**

**WARD 3 Michael (Mike) Bailey** (4-year term)

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**QUESTION 1: Do you support a 1/2-cent sales tax for economic development? Why or Why not?**

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**KARLA BORDERS Q1:** I absolutely support the 1/2 - cent tax! It helps to support many important programs in our communities.

**KYLE LARSON Q1:** Yes, to credit a better economy, Riverton must have a tax base to support City Function's.

**DEAN PERANTEAUX Q3:** Yes. The City of Riverton has used the 1/2 cent sales tax well over the last couple years and there are many projects left to accomplish.

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**QUESTION 2: In light of increased fire and flooding across the Mountain West, what role should the city council play in disaster planning?**

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**KARLA BORDERS Q2:** The city plays and extremely critical role in disaster planning, in order to help keep our communities safe and prepared.

**KYLE LARSON Q2:** We have had flooding in the city of Riverton in long time, but you must always be ready when it comes to act of Nature. Planning for trouble won't solve the trouble but it makes living through it easier.

**DEAN PERANTEAUX Q3:** Working with Emergency Managment to ensure proper planning for any event is critical. Having a plan and knowing how and when to execute the plan is an important decision which can often involve the City Council.

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**QUESTION 3: What specific expertise and skill will you bring to the Council?**

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**KARLA BORDERS Q3:** I am a fourth generation Fremont County resident who has lived here my whole life. I love my community. I have always been a hard worker and I feel that my experience helps to make me a very well informed individual, with a genuine love of my community. I try extremely hard to be informed on the important issues in my community. I am open to my constituents coming to me with issues and concerns. I feel it is important to listen to all sides of an issue, then to make the best decision possible for my community.

**KYLE LARSON Q3:** I have a business background and some knowledge of operating a manufacture company. As such I try and look at all side of the question to see what is good for Riverton Citizens as well as new business. But the bottom line is Riverton Citizens is good for them.

**DEAN PERANTEAUX Q3:** As a business owner for over 30 years in Fremont County it has helped me understand budgets and the varied staff issues as well as how to listen and make informed decisions. I've also served on several other boards which has allowed me to work as a team member and help derive solutions to often complicated issues.

# City Council SHOSHONI

**RESPONDED**  
**Jim Litz** (4-year term)

**NO RESPONSE**  
**Tammy Hardtke** (4-year term)  
**Beau Weaver** (4-year term)

**QUESTION 1:** Do you support a 1/2-cent sales tax for economic development? Why or Why not?

**JIM LITZ Q1:** Yes, as long as we can show what it's going to be used for. Not for someone's pet project.

**QUESTION 2:** In light of increased fire and flooding across the Mountain West, what role should the city council play in disaster planning?

**JIM LITZ Q2:** Should be major part of the EMOP.

**QUESTION 3:** What specific expertise and skill will you bring to the Council?

**JIM LITZ Q3:** Year's of working in small town.

## MAYOR

**TERM:** Varies    **SALARY:** Varies    **BENEFITS:** Varies

## MAYOR DUBOIS

**TERM:** 4 years    **SALARY:** \$400 per month    **BENEFITS:** Some benefits

**RESPONDED**  
**Patricia Neveaux**

**NO RESPONSE**  
**Jason Kintzler**

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that will be an asset to your community if you are elected mayor?

**PATRICIA NEVEAUX Q1:** I have lived and worked in this community for almost 25 years and will have completed 8 years as a Council Member in Dubois as of December of this year. My strongest attribute is my willingness to serve in this community with common sense and an ethical approach to local government.

**QUESTION 2:** How will you specifically contribute to ensuring a prosperous economic future for your town and Fremont County broadly?

**PATRICIA NEVEAUX Q2:** For 25 years I have worked in the bookkeeping/accounting profession. I have had the opportunity to guide and inspire many start-up businesses. I have a strong background in working with budgets and I understand fiscal and fiduciary responsibilities in managing public funds.

**QUESTION 3:** Under your leadership, what will be your top three priorities for your city/town?

**PATRICIA NEVEAUX Q3:** I would like to look for a resolution to our housing crisis. I would like to work with WYDOT on a resonable soultion to ensure the safety of pedestrians, drivers and downtown parking issues. I would also like to work with the Town Maintenance Department on present Town regualtions concerning water and sewer tap issues as well as road/street issues.

**QUESTION 4:** How do you define a vibrant and livable city/town?

**PATRICIA NEVEAUX Q4:** I believe having a viable and sustaining workforce is a key to livable community.

# MAYOR HUDSON

**TERM:** 4 years    **SALARY:** \$400 per month    **BENEFITS:** None



**Mike Anderson**  
(no photo provided)

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that will be an asset to your community if you are elected mayor?

**MIKE ANDERSON Q1:** Experience and committment

**QUESTION 2:** How will you specifically contribute to ensuring a prosperous economic future for your town and Fremont County broadly?

**MIKE ANDERSON Q2:** Continue working on improving the towns apearance and seeking out small businesses to expand or locate to the town

**QUESTION 3:** Under your leadership, what will be your top three priorities for your city/town?

**MIKE ANDERSON Q3:** Maintain and expand on jobs, improve the living environment of the and livability of the town. . continue of trying to attract young families to move to town

**QUESTION 4:** How do you define a vibrant and livable city/town?

**MIKE ANDERSON Q4:** Quality infrastructure, acivities for families, various business growth

# MAYOR LANDER

**TERM:** 4 years    **SALARY:** \$21,000    **BENEFITS:** Eligible for health insurance



**Dan Hahn**  
(no photo provided)



**Chris Hulme**



**Monte Richardson**



**Julie Silber**

**QUESTION 1:** What are two attributes and two qualifications that will be an asset to your community if you are elected mayor?

**DAN HAHN Q1:** 30 years in business in Fremont County.15 years on City Council. I'm a good listener and team player. I weigh all avenues before making a decision.

**CHRIS HULME Q1:** Starting with qualifications, as a current councilman I am diligent in seeking all relevant information and listening to community input before coming to a decision. Another, from my professional life would be the ability to work with numerous personalities, maximize productivity while also maintaining focus on safety. The first of my attributes would be the ability to participate in uncomfortable conversations while making sure the other person feels heard and valued, the other being the optimism which I carry with me through all aspects of life.

**MONTE RICHARDSON Q1:** I am a Wyoming native and have been a Lander citizen for 47 years. I served on Lander's City Council for 8 years after being elected in 2010 and am currently the City of Lander's Mayor. Therefore, I know how and what it takes to run the city and there would be no learning curve. I have never backed down from a challenge and the City of Lander is facing many challenges, I am retired so I have the time and dedication to continue to meet these challenges head on.

**JULIE SILBER Q1:** I'm Honest, Open, Respectful and Experienced. I'm a retired Wyoming Business owner and I'm open to HEAR all sides of a situation and will not make rash decisions or accept monies tied to possible "contrary" Federal obligations. I am a Prior Town Council member of 5 years for Mills, WY, Appointed by Mayor Sword as Police Liaison/Commissioner for MPD and Appointed Head of streets, water, sewer and sanitation. I was offered a job with the White house for my organizational and personal skills. I bring people together!

**QUESTION 2: How will you specifically contribute to ensuring a prosperous economic future for your town and Fremont County broadly?**

**DAN HAHN Q1:** I will work shoulder to shoulder with our community business owners and leaders within the county. I will have an open door policy for new ideas while keeping an open mind.

**CHRIS HULME Q1:** Continuing to build relationships with communities through Fremont County Association of Governments (FCAG) is important, talking with the Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes to see where we could be of service to each other would help too. I will also continue to advocate for the 1/2 Cent Economic Development Tax giving local businesses and governmental agencies access to funding. While I won't claim to have all the answers, I do have the ability to work with a very broad spectrum of individuals which will help us get to where we want to be.

**MONTE RICHARDSON Q1:** When I took office as Mayor Lander's General Fund balance was \$245,000 today that fund is approximately \$3.1 Million !! To grow this fund was not an easy task, tough choices were made and will have to continue to be made. Fremont County Mayors meet once a month to work on Economic growth. Tax dollars spent in Fremont County benefit us all no matter which municipality it was collected. I look forward to continuing these partnerships. I plan to continue applying for grants so that needed funds don't have to come from Lander's citizens.

**JULIE SILBER Q1:** Promote new business growth. Balance the budget and spend accordingly. Seek new housing options for our growing population. Secure affordable and well sourced Utilities. Keep property taxes under control. Seek affordable Local Healthcare options. Provide a safe environment for public schools. Promote and support an appropriate curriculum for our children and Honor and uphold the Constitution and The Bill of rights.

**QUESTION 3: Under your leadership, what will be your top three priorities for your city/town?**

**DAN HAHN Q1:** Safety for our citizens is always number one. Clean drinking water/storage to ensure all citizens have enough. Streets, sewer and infrastructure before any "extra's"

**CHRIS HULME Q1:** Prioritizing strategic planning and acting on those plans. Long term vision will alleviate many of the issues the city will face, before they occur. Another priority, would be strict oversight of street construction projects, and holding contractors accountable when they do not perform the job properly causing the roadway to fail before its time and adding to the cost of upkeep. The third would be taking action to diversify housing options allowed by code, without more housing there will be no workforce to ensure a prosperous economic future

**MONTE RICHARDSON Q1:** Open Door -Open Communication. My door has always been open and will continue to be. I have always listened to any and all comments or concerns and will continue to. Infostructure - water, sewer & streets. Complete projects that the current City Council has deemed important !! The Mayor's job is to follow the City Councils direction!

**JULIE SILBER Q1:** Economic Development, Affordable housing, Affordable Local Health Care.

**QUESTION 4: How do you define a vibrant and livable city/town?**

**DAN HAHN Q1:** Growing at a pace that keeps Lander moving forward in a positive direction while maintaining our small town feel and traditions.

**CHRIS HULME Q1:** To me a vibrant and livable city is defined by its people. It is one where citizens of all ages- work together willingly, acknowledge and place value on one another's differences and needs, and lastly treat each other respectfully and compassionately as equals. Within a city composed of this type of people, you may find an assisted living center, skatepark, walking paths, hospital access, economic growth options, available housing, services for the unhoused, and so on and so forth. Lander has many of these assets, as mayor I hope to add many more.

**MONTE RICHARDSON Q1:** My definition is a city that's willing to grow and be progressive thinkers, one that looks outside the box! One thing that is always a constant in this life is CHANGE !!! If you are not changing you are not growing! If you are not growing you are dying ! A dying city is not a vibrant, livable city!!!

**JULIE SILBER Q1:** Affordable housing, Employment opportunities that are paying a living wage, Low crime rate.

**MAYOR PAVILLION**

**TERM:** 4 years    **SALARY:** \$500 per month

**NO RESPONSE**  
**Richard Matthew Pattison**

# MAYOR RIVERTON

**TERM:** 4 years, no term limit

**SALARY:** \$18,000 annual salary

**BENEFITS:** Some benefits



**Richard Gard**



**Timothy Hancock**  
(no photo provided)

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**QUESTION 1: What are two attributes and two qualifications that will be an asset to your community if you are elected mayor?**

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**RICHARD GARD Q1:** I listen to and help solve citizens problems and concerns. I'm Diligent and I follow through with the jobs at hand. Qualifications: I have been a business owner for 45 years in Riverton so I have a vested interest in the community growth. I have served 4 years on City Council, served as Fremont County Republican Chairman, Precinct Committeeman and 4 years as the Mayor of Riverton.

**TIMOTHY HANCOCK Q1:** I am honest regardless of the consequences. I do not believe being a public figure allows you to twist the truth but instead you must ensure that government is transparent. I listen to people to ensure they are represented. As a council member, I proved I am unafraid to speak up on behalf of our citizens. I am a father of 5 children and I have a vested interest in the success of Riverton. I have degrees in music (from CWC), criminal justice, public administration, and law (from UW). My education provides the knowledge to effectively govern our city.

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**QUESTION 2: How will you specifically contribute to ensuring a prosperous economic future for your town and Fremont County broadly?**

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**RICHARD GARD Q2:** By promoting new growth of businesses in the city. Keeping businesses open during hard economic times. Supporting the Airport, college, school districts, and youth activities. Making sure that Riverton remains the economic center of Fremont County.

**TIMOTHY HANCOCK Q2:** I strongly believe that the more businesses in Riverton,

the better. I fully support business friendly actions by the city council and staff that will encourage sustainable development while supporting our current businesses.

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**QUESTION 3: Under your leadership, what will be your top three priorities for your city/town?**

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**RICHARD GARD Q3:** 1. Completion of the new Riverton hospital. 2. Keep open relationships with the citizens. 3. Maintain the roads/streets of city and general beautification.

**TIMOTHY HANCOCK Q3:** My first priority is for Riverton to be economically sound enough that our children can remain, or return, after becoming adults. We must keep the momentum that has encouraged business growth. My next priority is for our town to live within our means and provide for those who are here while planning for future growth. My final priority is to maintain our current form of city government: a strong council supported by professional city staff. Our staff benefits our city in a multitude of ways, including finding and acquiring funding from many sources.

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**QUESTION 4: How do you define a vibrant and livable city/town?**

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**RICHARD GARD Q4:** A city that is moving forward economically and socially with growth for jobs. Finding ways to create work opportunities for our youth to stay in Riverton. Expansion of building prospects for businesses to move into our community.

**TIMOTHY HANCOCK Q4:** A vibrant and livable city is a place where people want to live. It provides opportunities for recreation, economic growth, and encourages creative solutions to problems as they arise.

# MAYOR SHOSHONI

**TERM:** 4 years    **SALARY:** \$400 per month    **BENEFITS:** No benefits



**Ronald Ankeny**  
(no photo provided)



**Joel T. Highsmith**  
(no photo provided)



**Mike Norwood**  
(no photo provided)



**Jordan Whitener**

## QUESTION 1: What are two attributes and two qualifications that will be an asset to your community if you are elected mayor?

**RONALD ANKENY Q1:** My most important asset is the ability to build trust by providing leadership with integrity, honesty, and accountability. I am also dedicated to soliciting community input in a positive environment free of confrontation, with no fear of reprisal.

**JOEL HIGHSMITH Q1:** Attributes: 1. My love for the town. This love for Shoshoni pushes me to work hard for the future. 2. I am hard working. Being retired allows me the time to devote to the town. Many weeks over 40hrs. Qualifications: 1. 4.5 years on Council and 4 years as Mayor has given me the knowledge on how to continue to move Shoshoni forward. 2. Leadership. I have proven leadership qualities, as Medical Clinic, Town Plaza, Demo Shoshoni Motel & Lip Rippers, Land purchase and sales, new sewer project and a new optimism about Shoshoni State wide on my watch.

**MIKE NORWOOD Q1:** I have been in business for myself for 30+ years. I have worked in church leadership for 40 years. I have strong desire to see our community go forward.

**JORDAN WHITENER Q1:** The two attributes I bring forth are transparency and integrity. I can be transparent and provide integrity by more community involvement & disclosing information. The two qualifications I showcase is being an interactive community member while involved with the town. I have blood, sweat, & tears invested in this town as well as deep ties-my great grandfather helped build the Boysen dam in the 40s. My next qualification is I know how to lead. Im currently one of the leaders for the 5th largest gas distributor. I lead by example & getting my hands dirty.

## QUESTION 2: How will you specifically contribute to ensuring a prosperous economic future for your town and Fremont County broadly?

**RONALD ANKENY Q2:** As a previous council member I voted in favor of all efforts to support economic development and housing shortages. This includes the west side sewer expansion, demolition of the old Shoshoni Motel, the new travel trailer park, and plans for improvements on the sewer system along Maple Street. I will continue to seek ways to accomodate economic development, with very minimal cost to the residents of Shoshoni

**JOEL HIGHSMITH Q2:** I will continue the programs that has been started under my leadership. Water system improvements, Housing, Medical care, Outdoor Recreation, Town Clean up, Updating our Codes and Zoning ordinances. I have a working relationship with USDA, WCDA, and the Wyoming Business council on Housing, infrastructure(sewer, water, Broad Band, Eclectic, Streets). I have been active Board

member in FCAG WAM and WRVC. My connections in WAM led to us getting the Clinic. I will continue to be active in Town, County and State for Shoshoni.

**MIKE NORWOOD Q2:** I will work together with the council together with the county and state level to promote growth to our community.

**JORDAN WHITENER Q2:** I will contribute by seeking business to be with in the town of Shoshoni and hearing the community and that they want to see here. I can help with Fremont County economic future while working with other towns leaders and helping them with business that want to be here but aren't suitable for Shoshone.

## QUESTION 3: Under your leadership, what will be your top three priorities for your city/town?

**RONALD ANKENY Q3:** My top three priorities for Shoshoni are firstly, to implement a better way of conducting the affairs of Town Hall. Secondly, as already mentioned, I plan to continue to work on economic development. Third, I would like to seek out funding to improve our transportation infrastructure.

**JOEL HIGHSMITH Q3:** 1. Continue the projects that have been started under my leadership. 1. Infrastructure. This includes Sewer, Water, Storm water, Power, Broad Band, Natural gas, Streets, Lights. 2. Quality of life. This will include emphasis outdoor recreation, Health care, an ambulance in Shoshoni, Cafe's, Grocery Store, Strong Police Department, Town cleanup. 3. This all will lead to economic development

**MIKE NORWOOD Q3:** Continue the plans to expand the housing in our town. Promote Shoshoni as a place where businesses can come and benefit from our location. Strive to see that our infrastructure is adequate to accommodate growth and expansion.

**JORDAN WHITENER Q3:** My top three of a long list of priorities is to continue the path of economic development to foreseeing a self sustaining future. My second most important priority is our infrastructure as we need to make sure all of which is up to code. This is important because with out water, sewer, roads and finances we have no town. My third priority is the public and its well being, as we are a small community and should all take care of each other and ensuring one another's safety.

## QUESTION 4: How do you define a vibrant and livable city/town?

**RONALD ANKENY Q4:** There are five fundamental aspects of great, livable towns: robust and complete neighborhoods, accessibility and sustainable mobility, a diverse and resilient local economy, vibrant public spaces, and affordability.

**JOEL HIGHSMITH Q4:** Our citizens our are biggest assets. We must work together. We need to improve are infrastructure and make our town more appealing for people to want to live in Shoshoni. We have a big asset in the Shoshoni School. It will

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attract people with school aged children. We just need to be able to provide housing. With more people living in town we can support a Café, a Grocery store, and other small businesses. We must get Highspeed internet in Shoshoni. In todays world it is a must. The town needs a Strong Leader, Council and Employees.

**MIKE NORWOOD Q4:** One that is appealing to see and a wholesome attitude towards positive growth.

**JORDAN WHITENER Q4:** I define a vibrant and livable town by being self efficient and self sustaining. To do this we need more economic opportunities for jobs as well as more housing. To be a vibrant town we need to value ourselves on our pride and investing in the opportunities for our future.

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# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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## Constitutional Amendment A

The Wyoming Constitution allows the state to invest state funds in equities such as the stock of corporations, but does not allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities to the extent and in the manner the legislature may allow by law. Any law authorizing the investment of specified political subdivision funds in equities would require a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature.

## Constitutional Amendment B

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution requires Wyoming Supreme Court justices and district court judges to retire upon reaching the age of seventy (70). The amendment increases the mandatory retirement age of Supreme Court justices and district court judges from age seventy (70) to age seventy-five (75).

## Continuation of Mill Levy

Shall the Shoshoni Senior Citizens Service District continue a levy of 1 1/2 mills to be imposed on the taxable property of the district, the purpose of which is to support the Center's operations and facilities. First passed in 2020, the tax would be in place for a four (4) year term and resubmitted to voters every other General Election year beginning 2022.

Primary Election August 16, 2022 • General Election: November 8, 2022



# Be a Voter!

Learn how to vote, where to register to vote, and make sure you're still registered to vote!

## Learn how to vote, where to register, and Re-register if you did not vote in the last General Election

 You must be 18 years old on Election Day, be a US Citizen, and be a resident of WY.

Go to your County Clerk's Office with your identification documents <sup>(over)</sup>, fill out your Wyoming Voter Registration Application Form and get it notarized right there.

OR

Download the Wyoming Voter Registration Application form at <https://sos.wyo.gov/Forms/Elections/General/VoterRegistrationForm.pdf>. Print it, fill it out, then sign the form before a county clerk or notary public. **This part is really IMPORTANT, it MUST be notarized!** Follow the directions for mailing it on the form..

## Previously registered? Moved? Changed Your Name? Want to change your Party Affiliation?

Do a quick check! Make sure you're STILL registered, update your address or name, or change your party affiliation. Call the Fremont County Clerk's Office. 307-332-1088 or 307-332-1089, so you CAN Vote.

## On Election Day, you can register and vote at ANY 8 Voting Centers.

No matter where you live in Fremont County, you can register and vote at any of the following Voting Centers (polling places) from 7am - 7pm.

**Important: Voting in person? Bring your ID to Voting Center.**

• Arapahoe • Ethete • Riverton • Lander  
• Dubois • Fort Washakie • Kinneer • Shoshoni

But why wait?

REGISTER NOW!

## Absentee Ballot

**Q: Can I vote without leaving my house using an absentee ballot?**

**A: Yes!** Download the Absentee Ballot Request Form, <https://sos.wyo.gov/Forms/Elections/General/AbsenteeRequestForm-Standard.pdf> print it and fill it out. Find all you need to know about absentee voting in Wyoming at <https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/AbsenteeVoting.aspx>.

**Q: How do I request an absentee ballot?**

**A:** You have 4 easy options:

1. Call the County Clerk's Office and ask for one to be mailed to you.
2. Go to the County Clerk's website, download an absentee ballot, print it, fill it out, mail it or drop it off at the County Clerk's Office or in the secure drop box behind the Lander Courthouse.
3. Go to the County Clerk's website, download an absentee ballot, print it, fill it out, scan it, and email it to the County Clerk's Office. Place "Absentee Ballot Request" in the subject line, provide your name, date of birth, residential address, phone number, and mailing address.
4. Go to the County Clerk's Office and ask for an absentee ballot.

**Q: Where do I return my completed absentee ballot?**

**A:** All absentee ballots must be received by mail, placed in secure drop box behind Lander's Court-house, or delivered to the your county clerk's office no later than 7:00pm on Election Day.

**Q: When can I vote early with my absentee ballot?**

**A:** Vote early for Primary Election: July 1-Aug. 15, 2022, and for the General Election Sept. 23-Nov. 7, 2022 OR Mail your completed absentee ballot in the provided envelope to your county clerk's office. OR Drop your completed absentee ballot in the provided envelope in the secure drop box behind the Lander Court House.

## Fremont County Clerk

- 307-332-1088 or 307-332-1089
- [elections@fremontcountywy.gov](mailto:elections@fremontcountywy.gov)
- Election Office, Fremont County Courthouse  
450 North Second Street, Room 120, Lander  
Open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday
- Website: [https://www.fremontcountywy.gov/government/elected\\_officials/clerk/elections\\_and\\_voting.php](https://www.fremontcountywy.gov/government/elected_officials/clerk/elections_and_voting.php)



You can find more information on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/fremontcountywyelectionconnection](https://www.facebook.com/fremontcountywyelectionconnection)

## Acceptable Identification Documents:

### Provide ONE of the following

- Valid WY Driver's License or Out of State Driver's License
- Valid US Passport
- Tribal ID of Any Federally Recognized Tribe
- ID card Issued by any State or Outlying Possession of the US
- US Military ID
- ID Card Issued by a Local, State, or Federal Agency
- WY Student ID
- Photo ID Card Issued by University of WY, a Wyoming Community College, or a Wyoming Public School
- ID Card Issued to a Dependent of a Member of the US Armed Forces
- Valid Medicare or Medicaid Insurance Card

### OR Provide TWO or more of the following:

- Certificate of US Citizenship or Naturalization
- US Military Draft Record
- Voter Registration Card from another State or County
- Original or Certified Copy of Birth Certificate
- Any other Form of ID Issued by an Official Agency of the US or a State
- US Social Security Card
- Certification of Birth Abroad Issued by the Department of State
- Original or Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate Bearing an Official Seal Any Other Form of ID Issued by an Official Agency of the US or a State

### If your current residence address is not on the above documents provide ONE of the following:

- Current Utility Bill
- Current Bank Statement
- Current Government Check
- Current Paycheck
- Any Other Current Government Document Showing Your Name and Address

## Other voter registration locations:

**Dubois Town Hall**, County Clerk's Office, Sandy Hust, 712 Meckem St.  
Open 8am-5pm, M-F, 307-455-2345

**Fremont County Clerk's Office**, Julie Freese 450 North Second Street, Room 120, Lander. Open 8am-5 pm, M-F. 307-332-1088 or 307-332-1089

**Hudson Town Hall**, County Clerks' Office, Christy Kimber, 333 S Main Street. Open 8am-5pm, M-F. 307-332-3605

**Lander City Hall**, Tami Hitshe, City Clerk, 240 Lincoln Street. Open 7:30am-4:30pm, M-F.

**Northern Arapaho Tribal Office**, Leda Aoah or Huberta Dodge 533 Ethete Rd, Ethete. Open 8am-4:45pm, M-F. 307-332-6120

**Pavillion Town Hall**, Beckie Hatcher, 203 N. Main St. Open 11am-3 pm M-F. 307-856-2154

**Riverton Office Clerk's Office**, 818 S Federal Blvd. Open: 9am-3pm Tuesday & Thursday, 307-455-2345

**Riverton City Hall**, Kristin Watson, City Clerk, 816 N Federal Blvd. Open 8am-5pm, M-F. 307-856-2227

**Shoshoni Town Hall**, Teresa Taylor, Deputy Clerk, 102 E Second St. Open 8am-4pm, M-F. 307-876-2515

## Voting Centers:

Open from 7am-7pm on Primary and General Election Day

**Voting in Person? Important: Bring your ID to Voting Center.**

1. **Arapahoe**, Arapahoe Charter School, 445 Little Wind River Bottom Road, 82510
2. **Dubois**, Headwaters Arts and Conference Center 20 Stalnaker St., 82513
3. **Ethete**, Wyoming Indian High School Gymnasium, 636 Blue Sky Hwy, 82520
4. **Fort Washakie**, Ft. Washakie School Wrestling Rm- 90 Ft. Washakie School Rd., 82514
5. **Kinnear**, Kinneer Fire Hall, 11521 Highway 26, 82501
6. **Lander**, Bob Carey Memorial Field House in the High School, 405 Baldwin Creek Road, 82520
7. **Riverton**, Riverton, Fremont Center at the Fairgrounds, 1010 Fairground Road, 82501
8. **Shoshoni**, Shoshoni, Shoshoni Senior Citizen Center, 214 E 2nd St, 82649



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