

# JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

This voters' pamphlet is provided for assistance in casting your vote by mail ballot.

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Official Primary Election | **May 19, 2026**



## **Ballots Mailing Dates**

**Military & Overseas----April 3, 2026**

**Out of State-----April 20, 2026**

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## **Are you registered to vote?**

The receipt of this voters' pamphlet does not guarantee you are a registered voter as voters' pamphlets are delivered to post-office mailing addresses. You may check your registration status online via My Vote at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or by contacting your County Clerk's office at (541) 474-5243. The deadline to register to vote in this election is April 28, 2026. Additional voter registration information is listed within this pamphlet.

Dear Josephine County Voter,

Your county voters' pamphlet for the **May 19, 2026, Primary Election** has been inserted within the state pamphlet in a cost-savings cooperative effort between Josephine County and the Secretary of State. Each page of your county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a gray color bar on the outside edge.

This pamphlet is published to provide voters with information about local candidates and measures. However, candidates are not required to be included in the voters' pamphlet. Voter pamphlet statements and photos are optional and are submitted along with a filing fee. Therefore, you will not find every candidate that you will be voting for in this pamphlet. Likewise, you will not be voting on every candidate in this pamphlet, but only the applicable candidates and measures for your precinct. Candidate filing forms of all local candidates on the ballot are available at

[https://www.josephinecounty.gov/government/county\\_clerk\\_recorder/election\\_voter\\_registration/local\\_races\\_measures.php](https://www.josephinecounty.gov/government/county_clerk_recorder/election_voter_registration/local_races_measures.php)

Since this is a primary election, the Democratic and Republican parties will use this election to nominate their candidates for the November 3, 2026, General Election. Please remember that your ballot will only contain the candidates and measures for which you are eligible to vote. The content of the ballot you receive is dependent upon your party affiliation and the precinct in which you reside.

- If you are registered with a major political party (**Democratic or Republican**), you will receive your party's nominating ballot that will contain the candidates of your party along with any nonpartisan races and measures.
- If you are registered with a minor political party (**Constitution, Independent, Libertarian, No Labels, Pacific Green, Progressive, We the People or Working Families**) or have listed **Other** as your party selection, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot with only nonpartisan races and measures.
- If you are not registered with any political party (**Not a member of a party**), you will receive a nonpartisan ballot with only nonpartisan races and measures.

**If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Thursday, May 7th, please contact the County Clerk's office at (541) 474-5243.**

***I ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE:  
It's your choice and it's your voice!***

Josephine County Elections

# Translation Information

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Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [oregonvotes.gov/JosephineVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JosephineVP)

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# HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE:

## **1. Complete your ballot**

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the “write-in” line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

## **2. Check for errors**

If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you think you made a mistake, call the Josephine County Elections Office.

If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.

## **3. Sign your return envelope**










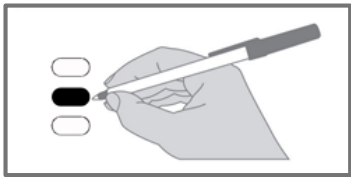
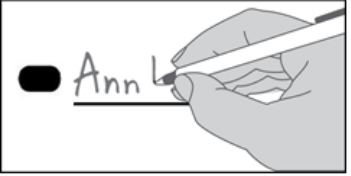
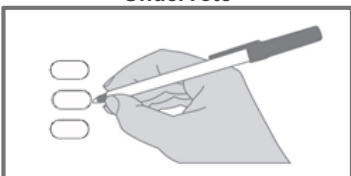
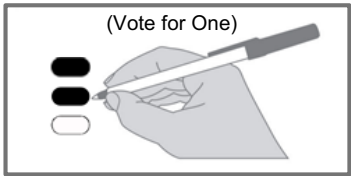
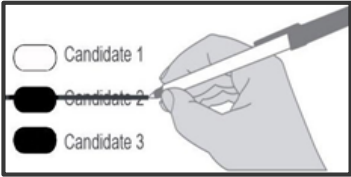
You must sign your return envelope, or **your vote will not count**.

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.

## **4. Return your ballot**

- By mail – Stamps are no longer required (ballot return envelopes in Oregon now use prepaid postage)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site (see list on the back of this pamphlet)
- At the County Clerk’s/Elections Office

# Voting Information

This information has been inserted into the voters' pamphlet to assist the voters of Josephine County in marking their ballot.					
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Candidate or Measure</b></p> 	<p>→ To vote for a candidate or measure, completely fill in the oval to the left of your response.</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Write-In</b></p> 	<p>→ To write in a name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the write-in line and write the name on the line.</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Undervote</b></p> 	<p>→ If you do not vote on a race or measure, it is called an undervote.</p> <p>→ A vote will not be counted for the race or measure.</p> <p>→ You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overvote</b> (Vote for One)</p> 	<p>→ If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote.</p> <p>→ A vote will not be counted for the race or measure you overvote, unless you correct it.</p> <p>→ You may correct an overvote by following the instructions on "How to Correct a Mistake".</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Correct a Mistake</b></p> 	<p>→ Draw a line through the oval and your unwanted response.</p> <p>→ Completely fill in the oval to the left of your wanted response.</p> <p>→ A vote will not be counted for your unwanted response.</p> <p>→ A vote will be counted for your wanted response.</p>				
<p><b>You may contact Josephine County Elections at 541-474-5243 to request a replacement ballot if:</b> you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, or your ballot is lost (or for any other reason).</p>					
<p><b>Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations:</b> Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)</p>					

# WHAT IS A PREPAID POSTAGE ENVELOPE?

## ***You don't have to find a stamp***

With prepaid postage, you no longer have to search for a stamp to mail back your voted ballot.

All ballots in Oregon will be sent to voters with a prepaid postage return envelope.

## ***How does it work?***

If you mail back your voted ballot, the Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot sent back to an Elections Official.

Only those ballots sent back through the mail will be charged to the State.

## ***What about Drop sites?***

Using one of Josephine County's 8 drop sites is faster, cheaper and will reach us before the deadline.

## ***Return your ballot***

- By mail (must be postmarked by Election Day)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site (see list on the back of this pamphlet)
- At the County Clerk's/Elections Office

# WHAT ABOUT POSTMARKS?

Beginning January 1, 2022, **postmarks can count**. However, your ballot must be:

- Signed,
- Postmarked on or before Election Day,
- Received by the County Clerk's Office within seven days after Election Day.

## **Josephine County Elections**

web: [www.josephinecounty.gov](http://www.josephinecounty.gov)

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ph: (541) 474-5243

tty: (800) 735-2900

# PRECINCT COMMITTEEPEOPLE

## What is a Precinct Committeeperson?

If you are a member of the Democratic or Republican party, you will receive a ballot with “Precinct Committeepersons” on it.

- These are people who represent their political party in each precinct on a countywide “Central Committee”.
- Precinct Committeepople help set the party agenda and party platform.
- They act as directors of the local party Central Committee, attend meetings of the committee, help candidates run for office, and conduct the business of the party.
- Central Committees elect people to represent the county at the state level, and those members select the representatives to the national committees.
- They also help select replacements for vacated state offices (Oregon House or Senate offices).

## Voting for Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs):

To qualify as a Precinct Committeeperson (PCP), one must have lived in the county and have been registered in their political party for at least 180 days prior to the Primary Election. A person can represent the precinct in which they live, an adjacent precinct (within the same county) or another precinct within the same House District (within the same county). They serve a two-year term.

A Committeeperson is elected in each precinct for every 250 voters (or major part thereof) that are registered in the precinct as of September 11th (251 days prior to the Primary Election). There is a list showing the positions available as well as a list of current position holders from both parties on our website.

Your ballot will indicate how many offices are available in your precinct. For instance, it would say “Vote For Six” if there are six offices available for your precinct. If you are not registered as a Democrat or Republican, Precinct Committeepersons will not appear on your ballot.

- You **do not have to vote** for any PCPs (yes, the rest of your votes will still count).
- You do not have to complete each available position if you do not want to.
- Where a candidate has filed, mark your selection like any other race.
- If you want to write in a name that is not on the ballot, fill the box next to “Write-in”, then neatly write the person’s name of your choice on the line provided.
- To be elected, a “write-in” candidate must:
  - A. receive at least 3 (three) votes from members of their party in that precinct
  - B. and have filed an SEL 105D by 8pm election night with the County Clerk’s office
  - C. or someone else needs to have filed an SEL 105N by 8pm election night with the County Clerk’s office
- Only write-in candidates who have the appropriate SEL 105 D or N form filed with the elections office by 8pm on Election Night will have their names listed on official results.

# Measure 17-127 Josephine County

## Referred to the People by the County Governing Body

# 17-127

### Animal Shelter and Animal Control Five Year Local Option Tax

**QUESTION:** Shall Josephine County levy \$0.16 per \$1,000 assessed value for Animal Shelter and Animal Control for five years beginning 2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** This replaces the current Animal Shelter and Animal Control local option tax which expires June 30, 2027. Revenue from this measure would go into a dedicated fund. By law, Josephine County would use this revenue only to:

- Fund the Animal Shelter and Animal Control program;
- Cover related administrative expenses.

The Animal Shelter provides adoption, food, care, medical treatment and temporary shelter for dogs, cats, and other animals impounded under law.

Animal Control investigates animal abuse, neglect, hoarding, and abandonment. Animal Control enforces state and local laws that regulate dogs running at large, dogs attacking livestock, and dogs that are dangerous or a public nuisance.

At \$0.16 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of assessed value, the tax would cost \$1.33 per month or \$16.00 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home valued at the County's average residential property value of \$239,908 would be approximately \$38.39 per year.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,660,934 in 2026-2027, \$1,719,067 in 2027-2028, \$1,779,234 in 2028-2029, \$1,841,507 in 2029-2030, and \$1,905,960 in 2030-2031, for a total of \$8,906,702.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

which meets national No-Kill standards. Services provided by the shelter include:

- Housing, husbandry, and veterinary care for displaced animals;
- An adoption program to place animals in new homes;
- Reuniting lost pets with owners, including a lost/found database serving over 700 additional animals each year;
- Overseeing dog rabies and licensing program;
- Resources for the public regarding animal care, veterinary services, and feral and nuisance animals.

The Animal Control program is supervised by the Sheriff's Office. When the last levy was passed in 2021, Animal Control Officers responded to 2238 calls for service. In 2025, Animal Control Officers responded to 3394 calls, including complaints for animal abuse, neglect, hoarding, abandonment, dog bites and dog versus livestock encounters. Animal Control Officers also enforce state and local laws regulating dogs running at large, and dogs that are or may be dangerous or a public nuisance. Services provided by the Animal Control Program include:

- Three full-time Animal Control Officer (ACO) positions;
- Six days/week response to animal bites, animal crimes and nuisance animals;
- Public education regarding responsible pet ownership;
- Animal bite management and communicable disease control;
- Provision of safety equipment for ACOs;
- Training for ACOs;
- Investigation and prosecution of animal-related cases.

The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee receives monthly reports regarding expenditure of levy funds and advises the Board of County Commissioners on animal-related issues. In accordance with law, expenditures from this fund would be subject to annual independent audits.

At \$0.16 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of assessed value, the tax would cost \$1.33 per month or \$16.00 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home valued at the County's average residential property value of \$239,908 would be approximately \$38.39 per year.

*(This information furnished by Josephine County Board of County Commissioners.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Josephine County's Charter requires the County to "provide full support and maintenance of all Animal Control field services and shelter operations." In November 2021, voters passed a five-year local option tax of \$0.11 per \$1,000 assessed value to provide for Animal Shelter and Animal Control services for the county. That measure expires on June 30, 2027.

This proposed new local option tax of \$0.16 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value would provide funding for Animal Shelter and Animal Control programs through June 2031. The revenue from this measure would go into a dedicated fund. By law, the fund could be used only for Animal Shelter and Animal Control services, and related administrative expenses which include Finance, Human Resources, Legal Counsel, and Information Technology. No revenue from this measure would fund the office or salaries of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Animal Shelter is located near the Grants Pass Airport. In 2025, the Shelter served 2,270 animals. Animals enter the shelter from Animal Control or Law Enforcement situations, abandonment, cruelty, or neglect cases, as strays, or relinquished by their owners. In addition to 8.1 full-time equivalent county employees, the Animal Shelter receives support from over 150 unpaid volunteers. The Shelter has a live release rate over 90%,

# Measure 17-127 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Support for our Animal Shelter is urgently needed—and the cost of saying “yes” is remarkably low.

Think about the value of a penny today. Many businesses don't even accept them. The proposed levy adds just five more pennies to what we're already paying—bringing the total to only 16 cents per \$100,000 of assessed property value. That's a small investment with a big impact.

Voters have shown strong support in the past, with over 70% approving the last two levies. Now, we're asking for your help again.

The shelter's needs are real and pressing. Facilities are deteriorating:

- Cages are overcrowded, spilling into hallways
- Sewage and waste systems are failing
- Air conditioning, washers, and dryers frequently break down
- Repairs are often temporary and no longer sufficient

These conditions are not just inconvenient—they're urgent. Quick fixes have run their course, and the shelter can't keep up.

State laws require proper animal care, and Josephine County's Charter reinforces this responsibility. In fact, it states six times that the county “*shall support the Animal Shelter*”—the strongest language in the entire document.

Please vote **YES** for the Animal Shelter. It's clearly the right thing to do—for the animals, for the law, and for our community.

*(This information furnished by Larry J West.)*

## Argument in Favor

Our Animal Shelter needs your help. The number of animals handled by the Shelter and Animal Control keeps increasing every year. The costs of veterinary services (especially), and basics like food and medications have increased much faster than inflation in general. The Shelter/ Animal Control needs more money to continue the current level of services they provide to the community. Without an increase in funding, some services will have to be cut. Our hard-won status of being a 'No Kill' shelter will be in danger.

The proposed levy is a carefully considered, modest increase that will allow the Shelter and Animal Control to maintain services at the level they are now. It will also provide for a small staffing increase for the chronically understaffed Shelter (employing 75% less staff than the average shelter in our region).

The numbers are important and demonstrate just how little will make such a big difference.

The current levy has a tax rate of \$0.11 per \$1000 of assessed value. It will be REPLACED by a levy with a rate of \$0.16 per \$1000 (NOT increased by 16 cents). The average assessed value for a residence in the county is \$239,908. The current tax on that home that goes to the Shelter is \$26.39 per year. At the rate proposed by 17-127 it would be a tax of \$38.39 per year.

That is an increase of \$12.00 per year. A dollar a month more. That's all. The Shelter has done a spectacular job of 'doing more with less'. But there is a limit to how much magic they can perform. At a certain point there just needs to be more money. Our Shelter deserves the community's continued support. Please vote 'YES' on measure 17-127.

*(This information furnished by Debbie Dean.)*

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# Measure 17-127 Arguments

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## Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 17-127. Without your support, we face impending peril, as we did approximately 12 years ago, becoming a "Catch and kill" facility. The euthanasia rate was approximately 75% or greater. The reasons are many: minimal staff and open hours, lack of funds, and general apathy from the community. Think about it, 3 out of 4 animals were killed. We have come a long way since the days before the first levy, when animals had merely a few days in the shelter before they were killed. Today, our animals have no expiration date.

Some words and phrases are obsolete in Josephine County when referring to animals. Today, one of those obsolete words is "The Pound". We have an Animal Shelter and care facility with a successful adoption program working with Animal Control to ensure the safety and welfare of the animals and the public. Adding to the challenges, however, is the cost of veterinary care, which has risen about 400% in recent years. We don't say "Dog catcher". That word is gone. We have Animal Control Officers. Animal Control ensures the safety of all in the community, not only protecting our animals, but the community as a whole- regardless of pet ownership. The animal population has increased exponentially, as have calls for Animal Control- be it hoarding cases, abuse and neglect, or dangerous animals. Congratulations to the community, the staff, and volunteers for bringing our shelter to the "No-Kill" Status we enjoy today. It took hard work, collaboration, dedication, and heart to achieve this status. It will take you, the voters, to keep it, to allow breathing room to work moving forward.

This increase doesn't give us a luxury animal resort. It seeks to maintain operations in spite of rising costs; it enables us to provide essential services and allows room to explore ways to build upon and expand these services for our community. Vote Yes on Measure 17-127.

*(This information furnished by Raleigh Smith.)*

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# Measure 17-126 Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District

## Referred to the People by the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District

# 17-126

### Five Year Local Option Tax to hire and maintain Firefighter/EMT's

**QUESTION:** Shall District impose 5-year levy, for 2026-2031, in the amount of \$0.99/\$1,000 assessed value for hiring and maintaining Firefighter/EMTs?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** The Illinois Valley Fire District, a volunteer department, was formed by local citizens in 1954. Our Valley continues to grow, and laws requiring volunteer education and commitment have put a strain on the volunteer program. This levy would provide minimum staffing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to respond to the needs of our Valley residents.

The revenue generated will be for the sole purpose of hiring and maintaining FF/EMT's and NOT to fund any additional money for administration or operations of the district.

Currently, tax payers pay \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for our current Local Option Tax levy for FF/EMT's. If passed this levy would replace the existing Levy for a total of \$0.99 per \$1,000 assessed value. This Local Option Tax would be in addition to current tax rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate. An impact example for a typical property assessed at \$100,000, would be \$99 per year.

(The proposed rate will raise approximately \$929,120 in the fiscal year 2026-2027; \$956,993 in the fiscal year 2027-2028; \$985,703 in the fiscal year 2028-2029; \$1,015,274 in the fiscal year 2029-2030 and \$1,045,733 in the fiscal year 2030-2031)

sources were limited. IVFD protected the community through the combined efforts of career and volunteer firefighters, supported by mutual aid from departments across Oregon.

The proposed local option levy will maintain IVFD's six (6) Firefighter/EMT positions for five additional years and will replace the current local option tax. These firefighters work alternating 24-hour shifts to provide continuous staffing, rapid response, and the ability to manage multiple emergencies. Paid staffing also supports volunteer recruitment, consistent training, and community engagement.

Fires and medical emergencies are inevitable in the Illinois Valley. The Firefighter/EMTs who respond at all hours deserve fair and competitive compensation for their work. Approval of this levy will allow the district to provide a modest wage increase for the six paid positions. Funds generated by this levy will be used solely for these firefighter wages, helping retain experienced responders and maintain safe staffing levels.

Maintaining staffing levels also supports IVFD's Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating, which can help reduce insurance premiums for homeowners.

### Will this levy cost me more?

Yes. The current local option tax is \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value and funds four Firefighter/EMT positions. The proposed levy would increase the rate to \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value and continue two grant-funded Firefighter/EMT positions, with grant funding expiring June 30, 2026.

If the levy does not pass and grant funding expires, staffing would be reduced. Emergency responses could be limited to one on-duty firefighter, with additional support dependent on volunteer availability. A single-person response delays critical tasks and reduces safety for responders and the public.

Keeping fire stations staffed saves lives and property when minutes matter most.

Not one cent of this levy will leave the Illinois Valley.

Not one cent will be used for administrative costs, projects, buildings, or apparatus

*(This information furnished by Jamie Paul, Division Chief Administration.)*

## Explanatory Statement

The Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) is a primarily volunteer fire department serving approximately 200 square miles, from Hayes Hill to the California border. IVFD provides fire suppression, emergency medical, rescue, and disaster response services through six fire stations.

Over the past ten years, IVFD's annual call volume has ranged from 1,286 to 1,734 calls. Prior to implementing paid 24-hour firefighter staffing, average out-the-door response times were four to six minutes. With the addition of paid Firefighter/EMTs, response times have been reduced to less than two minutes.

When emergencies occur, time matters. In cardiac arrest, irreversible brain damage can begin within four to six minutes. In modern residential fires, flashover can occur in as little as seven to nine minutes due to contemporary construction materials and furnishings. Having trained Firefighter/EMTs immediately available significantly improves life safety and property protection.

Volunteer fire departments nationwide continue to experience declining participation. Increased training requirements, families working multiple jobs, and the growing time and financial commitments of volunteering have made recruitment and retention increasingly difficult, even as demand for service grows.

During the 2020 Slater Fire near Happy Camp, California, the Illinois Valley faced an imminent wildfire threat when state re-

## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



### Alicia Louise Dove

**Occupation:** Substitute Teacher for Grants Pass

**Occupational Background:** Accountant, Paralegal, Construction, Restaurant, Home Health Care, Personal Care Assistant for the State of Oregon

**Educational Background:** Daytona State College - Bachelor-Supervision and Management and currently in school for my Master's in Teaching at Western Govern University.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** President of Student Government at Daytona State College

My name is Alicia Louise Dove, and I'm running for Josephine County Commissioner.

Originally from Houma, Louisiana. I moved to Grants Pass, in 2023 to enjoy my beautiful grandbabies. Margot Elouise Ware and Lucie Lynn Ware, my step grandchildren Lyla Pardo and Emerson Pardo. I was raised with a political family who fought for the people's life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I have two children Stanley W. Ware, JR. his fiancée Marcie Wise and their four children and who is owner and operator of Drip'n Chik'n located at 1572 NE 7th St. Grants Pass, Crystal Allie Dove Mullen who resides in Lake County, Florida.

I am committed to the future of our community and its children. I am also committed to the business growth of this community.

I believe in upholding family values such as respect, responsibility, and hard work. These principles have shaped who I am, and I want to help instill them in the next generation. Our schools should not only educate but also strengthen the bond between home and school. We need leaders who understand the unique needs of rural families and help businesses prosper.

We need leaders to help stop the drug trafficking and human trafficking in our communities. We need leaders to protect our children from the criminals. Who can bring practical solutions to the table, and who will always put our children first. I ask for your vote to help ensure our counties are places where our businesses thrive, values are upheld, and our children's futures are bright.

Political beliefs don't exist in a vacuum. They are deeply connected to a person's upbringing, education, social circle, cultural identity, and personal life experiences.

*(This information furnished by Alicia Louise Dove.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



### Colene Martin

**Occupation:** Josephine County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** John L. Scott Real Estate; Real Estate Broker

Oregon State Chamber of Commerce; Chief Operating Officer

Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce; Chief Executive Officer Photo Den Vision & Sound; Owner

**Educational Background:** Rogue Community College AAS; Business Technology; Management

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed Josephine County Commissioner, Government Affairs Committee; Rogue Valley Association of Realtors; GP & Josephine County Chamber; Oregon State Chamber of Commerce

In February of this year, I was honored to be appointed to serve as Josephine County Commissioner, allowing me to begin working immediately on the issues that matter most to our community.

**Josephine County deserves steady, thoughtful leadership focused on practical solutions.** I am running to serve as a **voice of reason** and to bring experience, integrity, and leadership you can trust and count on.

I am a third-generation Josephine County resident, small business owner, wife, mother, and grandmother who cares deeply about the future of our community. Like many of you, I want Josephine County to **remain a safe, prosperous place where future generations can live, work, and raise their families.**

#### Public Safety

Public safety must remain a top priority. I will work to strengthen law enforcement resources and support our local police departments and the county sheriff, so our neighborhoods remain **safe while respecting our rural way of life.**

#### Fiscal Responsibility

I believe in **responsible budgeting and careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars.** I do not support placing new tax burdens on hardworking residents without voter approval. My focus is on improving efficiency in county government, managing resources wisely, and supporting policies that **protect local jobs, natural resources, and economic opportunity** in Josephine County.

Josephine County benefits from leadership that **listens to citizens and believes local decisions should be made by local people.** Strong collaboration between the county, our cities, and community partners is essential to building a stronger future.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

*(This information furnished by Colene Martin.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



**Corey  
Wilson**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner; Finance Officer - American Legion Grants Pass Post 28

**Occupational Background:** Adjutant - Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 4116; Small Business Owner - The Armory; Oregon Army National Guard

**Educational Background:** Grants Pass High School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Army National Guard

I'm focusing on three core priorities that affect all of us: government accountability, economic growth, and public safety. These aren't just talking points—they're the foundation of a community that actually works.

### Government Accountability

It's pretty simple: you deserve to know exactly where your tax dollars are going. We need to move away from "business as usual" and toward a system built on transparency and real results. If a program isn't delivering, we should be honest enough to fix it or move on. It's about building trust through steady action, not just promises.

### Economic Growth

Growth is the engine that moves us forward. My goal is to clear the path for local innovators and small businesses by cutting out the unnecessary friction that holds them back. When we make it easier to build, hire, and expand, we create a more resilient economy where everyone has a fair shot at success. Let's focus on creating opportunities rather than obstacles.

### Public Safety

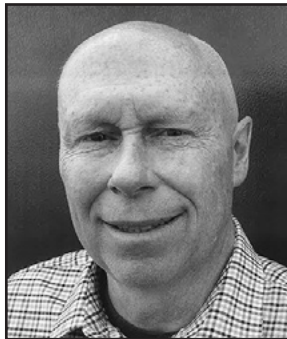
Safety is the baseline for everything else. We can't thrive if we don't feel secure in our own neighborhoods. This means ensuring our first responders have the right tools and training while maintaining a justice system that is both effective and fair. Everyone deserves the peace of mind that comes with living in a safe, stable community.

By focusing on these three pillars, we can stop just "getting by" and start building something better. It's about being practical, being honest, and getting to work.

*(This information furnished by Corey Wilson.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



**John  
West**

**Occupation:** Small Business(s) Owner; Land Developer; Wildland Firefighting Co.; Forest Management Co.

**Occupational Background:** Josephine County Commissioner; Log Scaler; Sawmill Worker

**Educational Background:** Glendale High School Graduate; Umpqua Community College, Forestry Technology Graduate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Glendale Planning Commission, 2-years; Glendale Planning Commission Chair, 2-years; Elected Josephine County Commissioner, 2-years; County Commissioner Chair, 1-year; County Budget Chair, 1-year; Grants Pass City Economic Development Committee representing Josephine County, 2-years; Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce representing Josephine County, 2-years

**John WEST** is a true native of Josephine County, born at the old Dimmick Hospital.

**John WEST Cares** about how county decisions affect **Your Family, Your Job, Our Community's Safety, and the Cost of Living here in Josephine County.**

**EXPERIENCE MATTERS** because it Saves **TAXPAYER'S MONEY**

**John WEST** learned what works, what does not, and what government can do better for the people it serves!

**John WEST** is the only **CANDIDATE** that has the **EXPERIENCE:**

- **WEST** was Elected by the people as County Commissioner
- 2-years **WEST** Passed and Managed County Budgets
- 2-years **WEST** Managed approximately 450 employees
- 2-years **WEST** Cut Wasteful Spending = Adding \$2 million to County Reserves
- 2-years **WEST** Reduced Burdensome Regulations
- 2-years **WEST** voted **NO** on commissioner pay raises
- 2-years **WEST** Worked for **YOU**, the People of Josephine County
- 2-years **WEST** Maintained an open-door policy

**"These experiences have better equipped me to deliver real results for YOU. I will focus on what matters most to the people who live and work here."**

**John WEST's Priorities are YOUR Priorities:**

- lowering - NOT RAISING Property Taxes
- Public Safety & Law Enforcement
- Funding Local Veterans Services through percentage of Forestry Revenues
- Strong Local Economy & Jobs
- Essential Services without Growing Government
- Transparent, Efficient & Accountable Government

Experience does matter. **Results matter more.**

**"I understand how to deliver results for all the people of Josephine County."**

Learn More About **John West** at [electjohnwest.com](http://electjohnwest.com).

**"I am humbly asking for your vote." – John West**

*(This information furnished by John West.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



### Tracy Thompson

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:**  
Chief Science Officer-Helogen  
Corporation

**Educational Background:**  
San Jose State University - BS

Biochemistry; UCSF - PharmD Pharmaceutical Chemistry (inc)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Advisor NZ Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment; California Judicial Council on Family Law

Josephine County deserves better. Voters demanded change three times in 15 months—62% recalled commissioners, rejecting waste and mismanagement. Now it's time to build forward with competence, transparency, and vision serving all residents.

I'm committed to regaining the trust of our community and making a real difference in people's lives. As someone with no personal business interests to consider, my focus is solely on serving the public - and that means putting the needs of families at the top of my priority list.

My positive plan for prosperity:

Public safety first - Restore 24/7 sheriff coverage, strengthen fire resources

Aggressive grant pursuit - Bring home \$18M+ in wildfire, broadband, economic development funding

Maximize O&C timber revenue/SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY - Secure federal dollars for roads, sheriff, fire protection

Increased energy independence - Solar farms harnessing our abundant sunshine + logging slash biomass for jobs and resilience

Economic diversification - Light industry infrastructure: universal broadband, workforce training, ready sites. Healthcare (>30% economy) needs partners

True transparency - NO BACKROOM DEALS!, merit-based hiring, open government

I've spent over 40 years building successful health tech companies, balancing huge budgets and leading large complex teams creating life-saving medical devices that have helped over 50 million patients. Now I'm retired, but I'm not done yet. As an Army veteran, one who knows the meaning of duty, and an 8-year resident of Grants Pass, I'm bringing my proven track record of competence to the table.

We've struggled to overcome timber dependency before. Now facing healthcare reliance and AI disruption, I'll prepare our workforce for tradeable goods, agriculture innovation, light manufacturing—creating stable jobs automation can't touch.

Together, we'll build a thriving Josephine County—business-friendly, family-focused, forward-thinking. No shadows. No special interests. Public interest always first.

*(This information furnished by Tracy Thompson.)*

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**Josephine County  
Commissioner, Position 2**



**Chad  
Hansen**

**Occupation:** community development

**Occupational Background:** contracting

**Educational Background:** HVHS 1991

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Josephine County budget committee; Law Enforcement Service District Budget Committee  
HANSEN a lifelong Josephine County resident with roots dating back to 1946 when my grandfather, Bob Nolan, moved to the Illinois Valley as a smoke jumping instructor

Hansen is the president and founder of the nonprofit Home Bridging GP Inc HBGP builds new homes and rehabilitates blighted properties for workforce home ownership. This is achieved through local partnerships, private funds and grants HBGP has provided 34 home to date in Grants Pass and Cave Junction

I will step aside from HBGP operations, and I will disclose any potential conflicts of interest as a Commissioner

**HANSEN PRIORITIES**

Public Safety	Economic Development
Planning Reform	Regulatory Balance
Conservative Financial Oversight	Transparent Governance

**HANSEN will LISTEN**

HANSEN believes leadership should encourage confidence, accountability, compassion and hope.

Chad HANSEN asks for your vote in the May primary

**Endorsements:**

Brian Bouteller  
Jared Rydell  
Rogue Truck Body, Keith Hill, Owner  
Justin Gerlitz  
Ed Bankuti  
Dwayne Yunker  
Byron Robertson

Chad has done more for people that have nothing to offer in return than anyone I know. He wants the best for this community, many times at great expense to his own comfort. Chad is one of the most outside the box thinkers I know and he's one of the best listeners you will find. I'm grateful he's willing to serve in this capacity. Our community will be better for it.

Kerry Alderson

I endorse Chad Hansen for Commissioner of Josephine County knowing he will work tirelessly to restore faith in our county leaders and to listen to what people are concerned and care about when ultimately making decisions for the best interest of our County. Honesty and Integrity are much needed in our leadership going forward and Chad possesses both

Byron Robertson

*(This information furnished by Chad Hansen.)*

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**Josephine County  
Commissioner, Position 2**



**Indra  
Nicholas**

**Occupation:** Indra's Ice Cream, Inc. dba Udders

**Occupational Background:** Home Instead Senior Care, franchise owner; GPSD7, substitute teacher; SCUSD, teacher/activities director/student government advisor

**Educational Background:** University of Missouri - Columbia, 16, AB Biology; National University, 18, MS Instructional Leadership, K-12 teaching certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Josephine County Charter Review Commission, Rogue Community College Board of Education, Grants Pass City Council

I am running for County Commissioner because Josephine County deserves strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, and common-sense decision making.

For more than 30 years, I have proudly called Grants Pass home. I raised four children here, and we built our lives the same way many families in this county have—through hard work, perseverance, and commitment to our community.

I spent over 20 years as an educator, helping students succeed and preparing them for productive futures. I later built and operated a senior care company serving our region, managing millions of dollars in annual operations. Running a successful business requires discipline, accountability, and responsible financial management—skills I will bring to county government.

As a current Grants Pass city councilor and RCC board of education member, I have seen firsthand how important it is to protect taxpayer dollars and focus on practical solutions rather than political agendas. Government works best when it remains transparent, accountable, and focused on the needs of the people it serves.

Our community deserves leadership grounded in **TRUST**, and honest, respectful dialogue. As a business owner, educator, mother, and community leader, I am committed to protecting the values that make our county a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

**I WILL** protect taxpayer money and demand accountability in county spending

**I WILL** support our sheriff and ensure our communities remain safe

**I WILL** support small businesses and responsible growth that strengthens our community

**I WILL** make sure citizens know how decisions are made and how their money is spent

**I would be honored to earn your vote.**

*(This information furnished by Indra Nicholas.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Mark  
Jones**

**Occupation:** Retired Firefighter

**Occupational Background:** Josephine County Assessor's Office; City of Scottsdale Fire Department; Rural Metro Fire Department

**Educational Background:** Hidden Valley High School; Diploma; Maricopa Community Colleges; Associate Degree

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair - Rural Planning Commission; Vice Chair - Josephine Housing and Community Development Council; Board President - Mid Rogue Fire District

I grew up in the Murphy area, graduated from Hidden Valley, moved away for nearly 20 years, and after retiring in 2018, I moved back home to Josephine County.

Half my life I was a firefighter, responding to emergencies and helping people during some of the hardest moments of their lives. That career taught me the importance of service, responsibility, and accountability. When people call for help, you show up and you do your job.

That same mindset is why I'm running for County Commissioner. I believe elected officials should be here to serve the people—not themselves. Our county deserves leadership that is honest, transparent, and willing to stand up for the community.

For several years I've been actively involved in county issues. I attend Commissioner meetings and workshops, spending many hours learning the responsibilities of the position and the inner workings of our county government. I believe you should understand the job before asking voters to trust you with it.

Through my work in local government and community organizations, I've seen firsthand the challenges our county faces—from public safety to housing issues and the strain on local services. These problems aren't solved with political talking points. They require practical solutions, responsible leadership, and officials who are willing to listen to the people they represent.

### **My Commitment**

I will work for the people of Josephine County and for the good of our community—not for personal gain. Public service should mean accountability, transparency, and doing what's right for the people who live here. It's time to restore trust in local government and ensure that county leadership is focused on serving the public, not advancing personal agendas.

*(This information furnished by Mark Jones.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Matt  
Spurlock**

**Occupation:** Food Access Coordinator - Josephine County Food Bank; Musician

**Occupational Background:** Small Business Owner - Spurlock Art & Wine; Bartender/Server; Beer & Wine Distributor

**Educational Background:** Rogue Community College -AGS; Pacific Bible College; Tri-State Bible College; Marshall University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Too often government feels distant from the people. I'm not a millionaire, career politician, or a political insider. I'm a renter, a parent raising young children, and someone who understands how difficult it has become for many to afford living here today.

Through my work, volunteering, and as a musician, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with people in communities across our county. Those experiences have deepened my appreciation for the people who make Josephine County such a special place to live.

### **Integrity and Transparency**

You deserve leaders who make decisions based on facts, not personal relationships or private gain. As Commissioner, I will focus on strengthening public trust by publishing clear explanations of major county decisions through press releases and county social media, and I will advocate for plain-language summaries of budgets and contracts.

### **Community Involvement**

For years I have shown up to county meetings, asked questions, and worked with neighbors to improve our community. I have helped organize public events, volunteer projects, and civic forums that bring people together to solve problems. These experiences have given me a clear understanding of the challenges our county faces and the importance of leadership that listens.

### **Practical Solutions for Community Challenges**

From housing to infrastructure and jobs, our county must be proactive. By supporting long-term economic development and bringing our tax dollars back from the state and federal governments through grants, we can strengthen the future of our county.

Josephine County has tremendous potential. With thoughtful, forward-thinking leadership and a commitment to collaboration, we can build a future where our communities become stronger than ever.

I am Matt Spurlock, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

*(This information furnished by Matt Spurlock.)*

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**Josephine County  
Commissioner, Position 2**



**Mark  
Seligman**

**Occupation:** Landscaper  
**Occupational Background:** Landscaping - 40 years; Political Activist - 15 years  
**Educational Background:** City University of New York - BA

Sociology; City University of New York - AA Business

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Political Activist

As your county commissioner I promise

- I will be a senior advocate to keep property taxes low or not at all.
- I will endeavor to find programs that benefit our seniors and our youth.
- I will seek smaller government for all county residents so that the intrusions that government is capable of will not happen.
- My door will always be open to any county resident to discuss any position they might have.
- I promise to scrutinize the sheriff's department and ask why the 24/7 patrols have still not occurred.
- As your county commissioner I will seek to reduce taxes that the Sheriff has been part of. Specifically, I will urge that the law enforcement taxing district will be abolished.

Regarding our youth, my goal is always to see that there will be jobs provided for them when they graduate college and high school. Unfortunately, Josephine County is one of the poorer counties in Oregon and the ability to create jobs that are decent paying is a challenge. To me, it is more important that we have social programs to help our youth, to help our seniors, to help homeless. That is far more important to provide funding to than the sheriff's department.

The best way to combat crime is not through law enforcement but through providing education for our youth. That is my goal as county commissioner.

**Vote Mark Seligman  
County Commissioner  
Senior and Youth Advocate  
Protect Private Property Rights**

*(This information furnished by Mark Seligman.)*

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**Josephine County  
Commissioner, Position 2**



**James (Jim)  
Rafferty**

**Occupation:** Owner / Manager of Selma Hardware (7yrs)

**Occupational Background:** (26yrs) Owner / Manager Hardwoods Plus Co. (3yrs) IT Grants Pass Hardware. (20yrs) Harris Corp Farinon Division San Carlos

CA. Assembler, R&D Technician, Transferred to San Antonio Texas as Supervisor / in-house Manufacturing Engineer.

**Educational Background:** Attended San Mateo Jr. College night-school. Attended numerous company sponsored courses and seminars. Graduated Sequoia High School Redwood City California.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 2005~2008 Selected to the Citizens Advisory Committee Highway 199 upgrade project. 1965~1969 USAF honorable discharged (E-4).

**Qualifications:**

- 0 Meeting all the Commissioner Candidate Requirements;
- 0 Over the years; Developed Multi-Tasking, Problem-Solving, and Organizational Skills;
- 0 Administrator of business finances for over 30 years;
- 0 Constitutional Conservative, abiding by our Home Rule County Charter, ORS's, State & US Constitution's.

**My Campaign Statement:**

**Ethically & Honorably Serve Josephine County Residents**

- 0 I think Josephine County should have an elected Justice-of-the-Peace;
- 0 I was Previously Candidate for *Commissioner, Clerk, Treasure*;
- 0 I am neither a **bureaucrat, politician** or an **opportunist**, Like-You, a normal citizen;
- 0 However; I would **Encourage** the BCC to start holding alternating bi-monthly business evening meetings in Wolf Creek and Cave Junction.
- 0 I believe all citizens should be heard. **Therefore:** I would suggest to the **BCC** too individually hold bi-weekly "Town-Hall-type-meetings" throughout Josephine's precinct locations; Where-By citizens could have an opportunity to air their concerns and or grievances to a commissioner.

**Being active and dedicated to Josephine County; I have:**

- 0 Voted in every Josephine County election, since 1989;
- 0 Applied for the appointment of interim commissioner positions, numerous times;
- 0 Helped in the defeat of numerous ballot measures notably the City of Grants Pass Sales Tax (**Measure 17-67**).
- 0 Alone prepared and furnished the May 2010 City Council Election **Voters Pamphlet** via the WEB; When the City of Grants Pass **REFUSED** too so!

**Contact Information:**

Telephone: 458-229-2332 e-mail: RFCC@w4acg.com w4acg.com

**Thank-You** and please **VOTE !**

*In- memory of "Lorraine Rafferty"*

*(This information furnished by James (Jim) Rafferty.)*

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## Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



### **Matt Eide**

**Occupation:** HR and Finance Consultant - Independent; President, Calvary Lutheran Church of Grants Pass

**Occupational Background:** HR and Finance Consultant - Independent; Head of Human

Resources - FCR; Head of Operations - RPG

**Educational Background:** Master of Legal Studies - Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law at ASU;

Master of Management - University of Redlands; Bachelor of Arts - Political Science and Business - University of California, Riverside

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

TRUST | TRANSPARENCY | SERVICE

My name is Matt Eide (pronounced "eyed"), and I would like your vote.

There is so much vitriol in today's politics. Instead of hoping that others will work towards, I find myself with my hand raised to be part of the solution.

**TRUST:** I will work every day to earn and keep your trust. My decisions will be based on merit and what is best for the community. Every decision, every time.

**TRANSPARENCY:** My decisions and actions will be fully transparent.

**SERVICE:** Being a Commissioner is a public service. I will service the people of Josephine County.

My family has been part of the community of Josephine County for more than twenty-five years. (Many of you have been here for generations longer!) It is important to me to have a place where we can feel safe and raise children. My nieces and nephews have grown up in the community and they require a place where they can set down roots. A place where job opportunities and housing are available, where they can walk down the street, or in the park without worrying about what might happen.

I have worked throughout my career (paid and volunteer) with individuals/groups with divergent interests. We must work together for the good of our community; there is more that unites us than divides us.

I ask for your vote today.

Thank you.

[ElectMattEide.com](http://ElectMattEide.com)

*(This information furnished by Matt Eide.)*

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## Josephine County County Clerk & Recorder



**Kris  
Kirby**

**Occupation:** Retired; Volunteer Grants Pass Elks Lodge #1584 Kitchen Manager

**Occupational Background:** Small Business Owner Sign-Wave 9018 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003 24 years; Designer,

Sign maker, installer, sales, bookkeeper, etc; FedEx Driver/Delivery Full time

**Educational Background:** California State University, Chico 2 years

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Without free and fair elections, we have nothing. As County Clerk, my priority will be to reform the Josephine County election process including verifying every signature, cleaning up and maintaining voter rolls and making sure that every honestly cast vote is counted. I will oppose fraud, create transparency and stop anything or anyone that threatens the integrity of our elections. I will work with state and federal legislators to require proper ID and US citizenship for all who vote.

Unlike the current clerk, I will go above and beyond, not just doing the minimum required but instead doing all that is allowed, thereby COUNTING ALL OF THE BALLOTS EVERY TIME. It is my highest priority to have fair/honest elections.

I successfully owned and ran my own business for 24 years. I'm a hard-working, loyal, team player who will dedicate myself to assuring honest and transparent functions of the office of County Clerk and proper record keeping. I will be a conscientious steward of county funds, protecting taxpayers from waste and inefficient use of their hard-earned tax dollars.

It will be my honor to serve the citizens of Josephine County to assure best practices within the office of Clerk. I humbly ask for your vote.

*(This information furnished by Kris Kirby.)*

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## Josephine County County Clerk & Recorder



**Rhiannon  
Henkels**

**Occupation:** Josephine County Clerk & Recorder 2017-present

**Occupational Background:** Chief Deputy County Clerk: Josephine County, 2016-2017; Secretary: South Medford High School, 2013-2016; Deputy County Clerk: Josephine County 2006-2013;

**Educational Background:** Citrus College, General Studies, Certified County Clerk certification from OACC

**Prior Governmental Experience:** County Clerk & Recorder; Chief Deputy County Clerk & Recorder; Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC)

I began working for the Josephine County Clerk's Office in April 2006 as a Deputy County Clerk and have spent nearly two decades serving the citizens of Josephine County.

The County Clerk's Office provides many essential services to our community, including maintaining public records and administering elections. Ensuring secure, accurate and transparent elections is one of the most important responsibilities in local government, and my career with the Josephine County Clerk's Office has been dedicated to that mission.

As a Deputy Clerk, I assisted with elections, maintained voter registration records, recorded and retrieved official documents, processed passports, and issued marriage licenses. In February 2016, I accepted the Chief Deputy County Clerk position, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office, supervising staff, managing accounts payable and receivable, and helping facilitate elections.

In June 2017, the Board of County Commissioners appointed me as County Clerk & Recorder.

During my time with the Clerk's office, I have been involved in forty-one elections. My duties have included all aspects of the elections process from Petitions, Voter Registration, Candidate filings, Voters' Pamphlet filings, ballot creation, ballot insertion, signature verification, tabulation, write-in processing, certification & recalls.

Serving as County Clerk requires deep understanding of election law and the services provided by the office.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to have been mentored by Georgette Brown and Art Harvey, both highly respected in our community.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Josephine County, and I look forward to continuing that service with integrity, experience and dedication.

Proudly endorsed by:

Art C Harvey, Retired Josephine County Clerk

*(This information furnished by Rhiannon Henkels.)*

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## Josephine County County Clerk & Recorder



### **Darius Englen**

**Occupation:** Oregon State Legislative Assembly Legislative Assistant (LA-4)

**Occupational Background:** Information Technology & Broadcast Engineer (TV & Radio); Director of Information Technol-

ogy Services (Manufacturing); Info. Tech. Small/Medium Business Consultant & Engineer (Over 100 Rogue Valley Business Clients); Integrated Technologies Teacher at Grants Pass High School; Network and System Admin (GPSD No. 7); United States Navy Lieutenant(jg), Communications Officer; U.S. Navy Nuclear Field Electrician (E-4); Chauffeur; Landscaper; Janitor.

**Educational Background:** San Jose State University, B.A. Behavioral Science/Psychology; U.C. Berkeley, A.A Nautical Science; United States Navy: Surface Warfare Officer; Information Systems & Communications Security; Gas Turbine Engineering; Nuclear Power & Propulsion; Nuclear Field Electrician's "A" School.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Rogue Community College Electronics Advisory Board (Appointed); Grants Pass School District No. 7 Technology Committee (Appointed).

"Service" is the key characteristic of my professional life: I aim to serve. It would be an honor to be of service to the residents of Josephine County in the position of County Clerk & Recorder to ensure that this integral roll of government is set up to run efficiently, protecting the taxpayer, and the freedom and rights of each person in Josephine County. This includes stewardship of public records, licenses, passport applications, and especially the County's election process and voter registration data.

Since the 2020 elections more people have become aware that something is very wrong with our election systems across the country, and without reliable, transparent election infrastructure and clean data we cannot have a democratic process nor can we have a republic. As your County Clerk, one of the goals I will have is to help ensure that Josephine County has election procedures that are trustworthy and able to be audited, ensuring that not even one voter is disenfranchised by an invalid vote.

I believe in Truth, honesty, and doing what is right, even when it is difficult. I would appreciate your vote, and entrusting me as the next Josephine County Clerk.

It is "in God we trust".

*(This information furnished by Darius Englen.)*

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## Josephine County Treasurer



**Dustin M  
Calvo**

**Occupation:** Josephine County Treasurer

**Occupational Background:** Financial management; public finance administration; tax collection implementation and supervision; investment management.

**Educational Background:** Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Josephine County Treasurer (appointed); Chief Deputy Treasurer; Court Operations Associate; Transportation Services Representative

I currently serve as Josephine County Treasurer after being appointed to the position during a time when the county was experiencing significant political and financial transition. When the opportunity arose to step into this role, I felt a strong responsibility to help provide steady leadership and stability for the Treasurer's office.

Since taking on this position, my focus has been on keeping the office operating smoothly, strengthening financial oversight, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are managed carefully and responsibly. The Treasurer's office plays a vital role in safeguarding county funds, maintaining accurate records, and supporting the financial health of local government.

Josephine County is my home, and serving this community is something I take seriously. I believe in transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

I am running for Josephine County Treasurer to continue protecting public funds, maintaining strong financial practices, and supporting the long-term financial stability of our county.

Proudly endorsed by:

Eve Arce, Retired Treasurer

Ron Smith, County Commissioner

*(This information furnished by Dustin M Calvo.)*

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## Josephine County Treasurer



**Simon  
Hare**

**Occupation:** Public Sector Regulatory Consultant - Present

**Occupational Background:** Senator Gordon H. Smith, Intern; Washington DC Office 2002 NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association)

Government Relations; Legislative Advocate; Washington, DC 2003-2009

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University Class of 2002 - Agricultural Business; BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 2 TERM County Commissioner 2011-2019; County College 2012; Oregon Gov. Kitzhaber's O&C Task Force 2014; O&C Counties Vice President 2015-2018; Treasurer 2014; Board 2011-2018; Association of OR Counties (AOC) Public Lands & Natural Resource Co-Chair 2016-2018

"The Call to Public Service is a Deafening Voice in my Soul"

Simon HARE's family has been in Josephine County since 1958

As a 2 Term Elected Commissioner for 8 years HARE worked with 8 different Commissioners and 2 County Treasurers. HARE knows the job and Taxpayers' Priorities; Small Efficient & TRANSPARENT government. He has a proven track record of FISCAL INTEGRITY.

- Appropriated and Managed over \$1 Billion Dollars in 8 years
- Directly Managed Dozens of Employees
- Helped Administer 100s of Contracts & Grants totaling millions of dollars

As a strong FISCAL CONSERVATIVE HARE will work diligently to maximize investment revenue from interest reserves.

HARE will apply his extensive county government KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE to improve TRANSPARENCY & increase EFFICIENCY.

HARE will keep the Treasurer's Office out of costly litigation.

When Elected HARE will do the following

- TRANSPARENCY There is virtually no information available to the public about the \$106 million tax revenue that passes through the office.
- EXPAND OFFICE HOURS Currently the office is open for hours not conducive to those who work 9-5
- Create an Investment Advisory Panel My Office will draw on experienced professional advisors to maximize non-tax based investment revenue while avoiding undo risk.

Please VOTE SIMON HARE - TREASURER by May 19

"Your Champion for TRANSPARENT & FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY"

*(This information furnished by Simon Hare.)*

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## Josephine County Treasurer



### Alexis H Smithey

**Occupation:** Owner of Rogue Florist & Gifts; Vice President, Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball

**Occupational Background:** President, Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball; Treasurer,

Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball; Accounting Specialist, Sweed Machinery; Cost Accountant, RTC Aerospace; Program Manager, RTC Aerospace; General Manager, Spirit Halloween

**Educational Background:** University of Phoenix; Bachelor of Science, Business/Accounting. Los Angeles Pierce College; Associate of Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences. SAI Global; Certificate in AS9100 Aerospace Quality Management Systems

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Josephine County taxpayers deserve a Treasurer who will safeguard public funds with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

Throughout my career as a business owner, accounting professional, and program manager, I have been responsible for managing budgets, overseeing financial operations, implementing policies and procedures, and ensuring accurate financial reporting. These roles require careful attention to detail, strong financial controls, and a commitment to accountability.

Handling other people's money is a serious responsibility.

Taxpayers deserve to know that their hard-earned dollars are being managed responsibly, transparently, and with the highest level of integrity.

In addition to my professional background, I have served our community through leadership and financial roles with Three Rivers Youth Baseball & Softball. These volunteer positions reinforced my belief that strong organizations are built on trust, responsible financial management, and a deep commitment to the community we serve.

As Treasurer, my priority will be protecting taxpayer dollars, maintaining transparent financial processes, and ensuring county funds are managed carefully and responsibly. I am committed to bringing practical financial experience, strong work ethic, and honest public service to this role. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote. To learn more about me and my campaign, please visit [www.alexisfortreasurer.com](http://www.alexisfortreasurer.com).

*(This information furnished by Alexis H Smithey.)*

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# BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY MAY 19, 2026

## **Josephine County Official Ballot Dropsite Locations**

Open from April 29, 2026, until 8 p.m., May 19, 2026

### **Josephine County Courthouse:**

**The County Clerk's Office** (7:50 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.)

*Open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day*

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

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

### **South Grants Pass:**

**Washington Federal**, 290 Union Avenue, front parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

### **Library Drive-up - Grants Pass Branch:**

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

### **Merlin:**

**Ray's Food Place**, 3500 Merlin Rd. parking lot next to the drive-up USPS Blue Mail Box (24 hours / 7 days)

### **Murphy:**

**Hidden Valley Market**, in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

### **Cave Junction:**

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