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## 2018 COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

The following questions were posted on January 16, 2018 by the public Facebook group, “Park County Election 2018” and each Commissioner and Sheriff Candidate was invited to answer those questions that pertained to the position they are campaigning for.

**1. Have you ever managed any employees and if so how many?**

Yes. While working at the Breckenridge Ski Area, I managed approximately 30 crew members.

**2. & 3. (Sheriff)**

**4. What will you direct your deputies /employees to focus on and why? How do these issues affect citizens of Park County? [ALL]**

Park County has its historical and natural resources that need to be preserved for future generations to learn from and enjoy. Customer service is critical to serving Park County citizens. The taxpayers of Park County don't have the option to receive County services somewhere else, so they need to receive a high quality of service, delivered with respect. If there is a problem, let's fix it. Through the adoption of the budget for the County, I want to see fiscal responsibility. It is not the County's money; it is the taxpayers' money. It needs to be spent wisely, regardless of the department or position held.

**5. (Sheriff)**

**6. How do you plan to balance the wants and needs of the rural vs suburban residents? There is a perception that Park County is becoming Denver lite. Do you agree with the code of the west if so why if not then why? [ALL]**

Where there is a need, work to fulfill the need whether that is transportation, healthcare, roads, etc. Most people realize Park County is a rural county and it is very large. Residents must do their part and realize that services that are readily available in large communities may not be as fast in Park County. Take responsibility for yourself. Be respectful. Prepare yourself and be prepared to help. Be a good neighbor. Yes, I agree with the Code of the West and live it out daily as it is very similar to the Golden Rule.

**7. What is your position on Civil Asset Forfeiture? [ALL]**

Civil Asset Forfeiture should not happen until the accused is found guilty; otherwise, the innocent are possibly being penalized.

**8. What is your position on eminent domain? [ALL]**

I am not a fan and it has not been an issue in Park County for over ten years. There may be instances where it would be needed, but each case needs to be carefully evaluated.

**9. What procedures will you implement to provide transparency in your departments activities above and beyond the open records laws? [ALL]**

I believe that the current Open Records Laws are working for the Commissioners at this time. Minutes are available on the Park County website (<http://www.parkco.us/AgendaCenter>) and if one desires the entire transcript of BOCC Meetings, they are available. If someone is curious, there are avenues to obtain information. The County should not have to hold your hand if you want more information; attend the meetings. Additionally, I agree with Commissioner Dick Elsner that BOCC Work Sessions and possibly BOCC Meetings should be held throughout Park County at different times so that interested parties are able to attend. Work gets in the way for people to attend. This would allow them to go.

**10. Will you consider a run as an independent should you not be the caucus winner? [ALL]**

No.

**11. What will you do to streamline and optimize the budget of your department? What wasteful practices do you want to eliminate? [ALL]**

The Commissioners should set the priorities for the County budget. The department heads develop their own working budgets which are presented by the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager. The Commissioners have work sessions to discuss and change it before they adopt the final budget. That being said, I would like to see roads, historic preservation and natural resources protection achieve a high priority. From my current point of view, I don't know of any specific wasteful practices; however, I want Park County employees to each be fiscally responsible as well as conservative in managing taxpayer funds.

**12. What personal and or economic relations do you have to current elected county officials? [ALL]**

Assessor, Dave Wissel	I have known him for approximately 20 years as our children attended school together.
Clerk and Recorder, Debra Green	Years ago, we both worked at the Breckenridge Ski Area so I have known her for over 30 years.
Coroner, David Kintz Jr.	As a member of the Fairplay Board of Trustees, we have awarded the Christmas lighting contest to the Kintz Jr. family several times.
Commissioner Dist. 1, Mike Brazell Commissioner Dist. 2, Dick Elsner Commissioner Dist. 3, Mark Dowaliby	I have developed "professional" relationships with all three current Commissioners by attending BOCC Meetings, elected officials dinners and having attended "Commish with a Dish" gatherings at all Park County locations.
Treasurer, Michelle Miller	We met mid to early 1990's at a church in Fairplay.

I have not had the opportunity to interact with Sheriff, Fred Wegener, or Surveyor, Jack Kirby. I have no economic relations with any of the above listed elected officials, other than David Kintz Jr. who was awarded prize money.

**13. - 17. (Sheriff)**

**18. What makes your promises or answers more believable than another candidates?**

I obtain nothing by attempting to deceive the voting public. If my campaign is based on lies, half-truths or fabrications, I don't need to be a Commissioner.

**19. Why should we believe that you will truly do what you say you will do and that your answers aren't just campaign promises said to merely get elected?**

I sincerely believe that a huge part of being a Commissioner is being engaged in my community which I already am. I currently am on the Fairplay Board of Trustees and have been for almost five years. I have volunteered through the Town of Fairplay and the Park County Republican Central Committee. I will continue to be engaged and committed to my community. I have the proof in my previous actions. If I am not doing what I said I would do, call me and hold me accountable.

**20. Do you have kids currently enrolled in the Park County school system?**

No. My children have already graduated from Park County School District Re-2.

**21. Would you support or not support teachers in the Platte Canyon school system being trained and authorized to maintain a firearm in select classrooms?**

I'm not sure that this is asked of Commissioner candidates, but I support all law abiding citizens to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit if they so desire. Knowledge of firearms removes the fear of firearms, i.e. facing the monster under the bed results in less fear of said monster. Gun free zones are an invitation to irrational/unstable people wishing to do harm to innocent people. The Bill of Rights still applies and the Second Amendment is one of them.

**22. - 24. (Sheriff)**

**25. Do you support individuals being able to own guns? If not, why and if so, why?**

(please see 21.)

**26. Do you support the federal government removing marijuana from a schedule 1 drug?**

I support the people's voice being heard. It is a States Rights issue. Colorado, of course, has legalized marijuana, but I personally am not in favor of legalization.

**27. Have you ever disobeyed an order from a superior and if so, why?**

No.

**28. (Sheriff)**

**29. If elected, how will you avoid conflict of interest, favoritism and the perception of deep corruption that currently seems to be so prevalent?**

I think it all comes down to professionalism and my high standard of ethics and morals. As a Commissioner I will not please everyone, but I will follow the law.