

2026 Candidate Questionnaire Answers

1) Name:

Andrew Koeppen

2) Age (actual date of birth — not for publication):

Personal information requested for administrative purposes and not intended for publication has been omitted.

3) Address & length of residency in town or county:

Grant County resident since 2021. We chose to make Grant County our home because we believe it is one of the best counties in Washington to live, work, and build a future.

4) Phone number(s), e-mail address, website (if applicable):

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5) Education background:

Telecommunications Systems Engineering, with a focus on systems analysis, process verification, and telecommunications infrastructure.

Licensed Washington State Real Estate Broker and commissioned Washington State Notary Public.

Ongoing professional education in business operations, regulatory compliance, real estate, and related fields.

6) Occupation/work history:

Managing Director, GOAT Professional Services / Hot Off The Press (2007–Present), responsible for business operations, financial management, budgeting, contracts, regulatory compliance, process improvement, and organizational leadership.

Previously served as a telecommunications test engineer and project manager, leading testing and verification of complex billing and E911 emergency communications systems where accuracy, reliability, and compliance were critical.

7) Public office sought (include length of term):

Grant County Auditor — 4-year term

8) Political party affiliation (if applicable):

Republican

9) Prior experience in elective position or public office.

Elected Precinct Committee Officer in 2022 and re-elected in 2024. Elected Chair of the Grant County Republican Party in 2023 and re-elected in 2024, serving until 2025.

10) What are your reasons for seeking elective office?

I am seeking the office of Grant County Auditor because I believe government works best when it is transparent, accountable, and focused on serving the public. After becoming active in Grant County and working with local organizations, I came to believe the Auditor's Office could benefit from an even stronger focus on transparency, accountability, and public engagement.

My career has been built on testing and verifying complex billing systems, emergency communications systems, and business processes to ensure they worked accurately and reliably before problems affected the public. I am running to provide independent oversight, strengthen public confidence, and ensure the Auditor's Office serves the people of Grant County first.

Every Penny. Every Vote. Every Record. Counts.

11) What are your qualifications for this position?

My qualifications are rooted in a career focused on accuracy, accountability, compliance, and continuous improvement. For more than three decades, I have evaluated complex billing systems, emergency communications systems, financial processes, and business operations where accuracy and reliability were essential.

On one major telecommunications project, I challenged the original testing approach and developed a more effective solution that ultimately saved the company well over \$1 million while improving the quality of the testing. Success depended on identifying problems, verifying results, and ensuring systems performed as intended.

Throughout my career, I have managed budgets, negotiated contracts, evaluated financial decisions, and worked within regulatory requirements while leading organizations through periods of change and improvement. Whether working as a business owner, where pennies matter, or as a licensed real estate broker, I learned that good stewardship requires asking difficult questions, challenging assumptions, negotiating wisely, and making informed decisions before committing resources.

The Auditor's Office requires someone who can evaluate processes objectively, safeguard public resources, ensure legal compliance, and maintain public trust. My experience solving

complex problems, improving systems, managing resources, and providing independent oversight has prepared me to fulfill those responsibilities effectively.

12) What are the top issues to be addressed in this campaign?

The top issues in this campaign can be summarized in three principles: Every Vote Counts. Every Penny Counts. Every Record Counts.

Every Vote Counts means ensuring elections are secure, transparent, and administered in a way that earns public confidence. This includes reviewing election procedures, strengthening security, improving transparency, and identifying opportunities to improve ballot access and election reporting.

Every Penny Counts means providing strong oversight of taxpayer dollars by reviewing financial controls, contracts, spending practices, and reporting to promote accountability, efficiency, and responsible stewardship.

Every Record Counts means making county services more accessible by improving public records access, modernizing the Auditor's website, and identifying opportunities to improve vehicle licensing and other public services.

My 10 in 100 Plan turns these principles into ten specific actions for my first 100 days in office, with measurable results and a public report so citizens can evaluate my performance. The complete plan is available at www.Andrew4Auditor.com.

13) If elected, what goals would you like to accomplish during your term, and how?

My first goal is to implement my 10 in 100 Plan, which focuses on improving election transparency and security, strengthening financial accountability, improving public access to records and services, and identifying opportunities to improve operations throughout the Auditor's Office.

During my first 100 days, I will review election procedures, financial controls, contracts, public-facing services, vehicle licensing operations, and the Auditor's website. I will publish a public report detailing my findings, completed commitments, recommendations, and next steps so citizens can clearly see what was promised, what was accomplished, and what remains to be done.

Throughout my term, I will continue working to improve efficiency, strengthen accountability, modernize services, and earn the public's trust through measurable results and transparent reporting.

14) What qualifications, issues, or personal differences contrast you and your opponent(s)?

What distinguishes me is the type of work I have spent my career doing. My responsibility was not simply to operate systems, but to evaluate them, identify problems before they became failures, and find better ways to achieve results.

Throughout my career, I have verified complex billing systems, supported E911 emergency communications deployments, managed budgets and contracts, improved business operations, and led organizations through change. Those experiences taught me that good systems depend on accountability, careful oversight, and people willing to ask difficult questions.

My philosophy is that the Auditor should continually look for ways to better serve the public while protecting taxpayer dollars, maintaining secure and transparent elections, and preserving accurate public records. I believe the office deserves full-time leadership, measurable accountability, and someone willing to evaluate decisions based on facts, follow the law, and continually improve services for the citizens of Grant County.

15) Other campaign information or significant endorsements?

I believe public service should be measured by results, not promises. That is why I developed my 10 in 100 Plan, outlining ten specific actions for my first 100 days in office, along with a public report so citizens can see what was accomplished, what was learned, and what comes next.

Additional information about my qualifications, priorities, and complete 10 in 100 Plan is available at www.Andrew4Auditor.com.

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16) Other family information or civic/community activities, memberships, or affiliations?

My wife and I chose to make Grant County our home because we believe it is one of the best places in Washington to live, work, and build a future.

I have always believed that strong communities are built by people who are willing to get involved. Throughout my life, I have volunteered my time by organizing blood drives, serving with Kiwanis and CARE Moses Lake, supporting voter registration efforts, serving on a Public Safety Advisory Board, moderating candidate forums, organizing public memorials and community gatherings, helping organize caucuses and conventions, and participating in local parades and civic events.

Community service has never been about holding a title. It has always been about giving back, helping others, and leaving my community better than I found it.