

1 - What do you see as the county's budget priorities in the coming years and how does the library fit into those priorities?

- A county commissioner should always have "the people" in mind and how our community will be affected by the budget. I will be cognizant of the burden high taxes as the budget is presented by each department. I will reflect on past budgets and pay attention to any significant increases.. Wants and needs always need to be balanced to ensure unnecessary spending. The library would not be handled differently than any other dept when it comes to budget..

2. Concerning property taxes, how do you balance the sentiment that property taxes should be reduced with the priority and obligation of county government to maintain vital community resources that provide amenities and resources we expect to maintain or improve our quality of life in Laramie County?

-With inflation, Laramie County residents, feel the pinch when they buy groceries, fill up their gas and pay utility bills. When this happens, the average citizen must reduce spending in other areas of their lives. Government should operate the same way when a budget is concerned. If getting back to the basics is needed to ensure lower taxes and still have the basic resources needed to run our towns and cities, then coming together as a team to make difficult decisions will be necessary. We can't continue to just spend money because we want something and hope things will change and bring more revenue. We make sacrifices to ensure our basic obligations are met and learn to deal with less if needed.

3. What is your understanding of the county funds provided for the library's operation budget and would you plan on making any changes to this funding over the next four years?

- It would be naive to think that the library doesn't need certain funding to keep operating. Without knowing what the library needs to fully operate and run in an orderly and efficient manner, I would not know what is needed if anything, to change. Once elected I hope to work closely as much as possible and appropriate, to ensure the library is functionally operational without going over budget.

4. What education and/or career experience do you have that qualifies you to perform the job of County Commissioner?

- First and foremost, I am a resident of Laramie County and intentionally planted roots here with my family because of the conservative atmosphere in Wyoming. I believe a government closest to the people, is the best kind of government. Most of my professional experience is in the home building and real estate industry. Managing multiple projects at one time, with multiple vendors, understanding different types of people and how the local economy and businesses run will be essential pieces to being a commissioner.

5. By Wyoming State Statute, the County Commissioners appoint the five members of the governing board for the Library.

i. How would you ensure that the appointed citizens will enhance and advance the strength of the Library?

- Communication is key! I will make sure that the decisions made by the board follow the mission of the library and align with the values of the Laramie County citizens. Just like in business, I will review resumes, references and any other information needed to properly vet and hire the right people to reflect the mission of the library and values of the citizens.

ii. What is your perception of the type of oversight and authority county commissioners should have over these board members once they are appointed?

- I believe once a vetting process has been completed, they should be entrusted to do the job put before them. I would hope that after speaking with them and taking all information needed to come to the decision of picking these individuals, I can trust they will do the job as needed and put before them.

iii. What additional responsibilities, if any, do County Commissioners have in relationship to the operation and administration of the Library?

- I believe the only time the commissioners would need to step in, is if there was a public concern.

6. What do you see as the role and purpose of the library for the citizens of Laramie County? Please include in your answer any services you have noticed or used as a member of the public.

- Providing access to materials that a person may not have access . Be it computer use, printing or copying of materials, access to resources for learning and education is also the role of the public library. Meeting rooms are a great resource for the community as a whole and I've enjoyed using them.

7. What is your stance on intellectual freedom and the role of libraries in ensuring access to diverse viewpoints and information, particularly on controversial topics? Do you approach this differently for youth versus adult materials?

- I've always thought that access to the public library is a great resource for any community. Every community member should be able to use the library for resources they need to learn and educate themselves on all subject matters if they desire. In Terms of children having access to the library and any topic inside the public library, that is a decision for parents and guardians to make and allow their children to access the topics they find appropriate for them.

8. Have you visited the library branches or bookmobile? Please include in your answer your thoughts on what services we offer the rural patrons of Laramie County.

- My children and I have visited the library over the years and I continue to use the library for meetings. They are great for our community members to have as an option. My kids had the opportunity to use the bookmobile when they were in elementary school and they loved it.

9. What can the county commissioners do to ensure healthy communication and cooperation with other governmental entities such as city councils, town councils, mayors, and state government

-We must always be open and transparent. Making sure that all public notices and meetings are accessible and I at proper times. The relationship the commissioners have with all government entities should be the same as it is with the citizens of Laramie County. These relationships should foster respect ,openness, accountability and transparency; always and in every situation.