

County Commissioner Pos. No. 1

Skaggs: Sees no need for correction facility, favors local land-use planning

There is no need for a true corrections facility in Lane County, according to Joe Skaggs, Republican candidate for Lane County Commissioner Position Number 1.

Skaggs would like to see the present county jail upgraded so it can remain in adequate service until a new "reasonably priced" facility can be planned.

Skaggs, a real estate broker in Vida and president of the

McKenzie River Land Owners' Association, cites statistics that show 60 to 70 per cent of county prisoners are being held for trial. The average inmate stays in the jail 17 days, says Skaggs, and most convicted inmates are transported to state facilities within 48 hours for conviction. So there's really no need for more than a holding facility, he reasons.

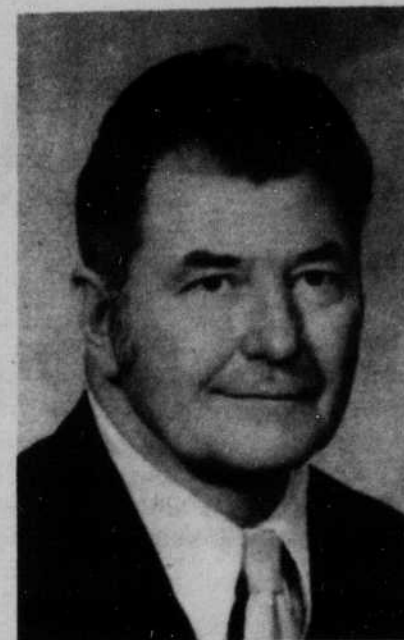
Like the other two Republican commissioner candidates

for Position Number 1, Skaggs favors more local control of land-use planning. He wants "sub-areas" of the county created as constituency districts. Citizens from these sub-areas would serve on regional planning commissions serving areas such as the coast, the mountains and central metropolitan Lane County.

Also like his opponents, Skaggs wants Lane County run with the efficiency of a big business. He wants frugal

spending, reduction of payroll wherever possible, assistance to the business community to increase county prosperity and public relations campaigning to recruit new, "preferred" industry.

Editor's Note: the Emerald did not arrange an interview with Skaggs before press time. The information in this profile was condensed from campaign literature and statements and public letters released by Skaggs.



Joe Skaggs

Reindl: Wants five commissioners elected from constituency districts



Ed Reindl

By PHIL WALDSTEIN
Of the Emerald

There aren't enough Lane County Commissioners, according to Ed Reindl, Republican candidate for Position Number 1 on the Board of Commissioners. And even if there were enough, electing them on a county-wide vote is the wrong way to select them, he says.

Currently there are three commissioners elected by the county as a whole. Reindl would like to see five commissioners elected from constituency districts. This would provide better local representation and prevent the metropolitan areas from dominat-

ing county decisions, he says.

Reindl, a Florence nurseryman and member of the West Lane Planning Commission, would also like to see three planning commissions for the same reason he wants more commissioners: more local control. Reindl says the three commissions could use the same staff presently used by the two commissions. It would take longer but such a system would cost no more and would be more responsive to local control.

Reindl wants to abolish the state Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) which he calls an appointed commission with dictatorial power. To that end

he is backing an initiative to put repeal of the law that created LCDC on the ballot. Reindl is quick to point out that he isn't opposed to planning done by LCDC, just the fact that it is done at state level without local control.

Reindl is confident the \$11.7 million bond issue for a new county jail will be defeated. He believes a good jail can be built for about \$7.5 million which would provide less space for prisoners. "The armory site is the logical site for the jail," says Reindl. "I think it's too late, but that's my opinion."

Reindl favors a county library system, but he says the public should be "told the

whole story" on the continuing cost of such a program. He thinks the public won't fund a library when it knows the cost.

Reindl sees no need for investing in a recycling plant to solve Lane County's solid waste disposal problem. He says there is enough acreage in the quarry pits by Valley River Center to last the county 20 years.

If you can't get excited about Reindl's positions on land-use, solid waste disposal or the jail, try his stand on public nudity. Reindl wants to reverse the current law that makes nudity legal on public land except for designated areas. His version would ban public nudity except in specified places.

Parkhurst: Five commissioners would mean cumbersome county government

By PHIL WALDSTEIN
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Having five Lane County Commissioners rather than the present three would mean five aides, five secretaries, five offices and five cars. The result would be needless county expenses and a more cumbersome, less responsive county government, says John Parkhurst, Republican candidate for Lane County Commissioners Position Number 1.

Parkhurst, a property tax consultant in Eugene and past-Lane County assessor,

believes three at-large commissioners is still the best system for county government.

Parkhurst agrees basically with the current plan for a new county jail and sees the need for an individual-cell holding plan. But he would like to save the current jail building for a work-release and education facility instead of tearing it down. This would save \$1.5 million, Parkhurst says.

Like his Republican opponents for commissioner, Parkhurst wants more localized control of land-use

planning. He would like to see the state Land Conservation and Development Commission abolished in favor of local planning.

"Communities like the Long Tom (River) group and Loraine should decide what they want to live with," Parkhurst says. "The broad guidelines should be decided by counties and the state together."

Parkhurst would like to see private industry doing things that the county is currently undertaking. Things like a solid waste recycling plant and

county bridge and road building.

Parkhurst recalls the constant search by the county for a place to dump its garbage. He believes a solid waste recycler is the best solution. The northwest industrial section of Eugene would be the logical place for such a plant, Parkhurst says, since there would be a good market there for the steam produced. But instead of the county paying for it, "We should go into recycling on a private basis."

The candidate says the county could save money by letting private contractors take care of major road and bridge construction, rather than maintaining a standing construction force.

He also sees a savings possibility in combining some county departments that cover the same ground like the building inspection department and the assessor's office.

When he was county assessor, Parkhurst recalls having to call Manpower Inc. on occasion when, he says, other departments had people that weren't busy. A pool of personnel would be more efficient and save money for the county, Parkhurst points out.

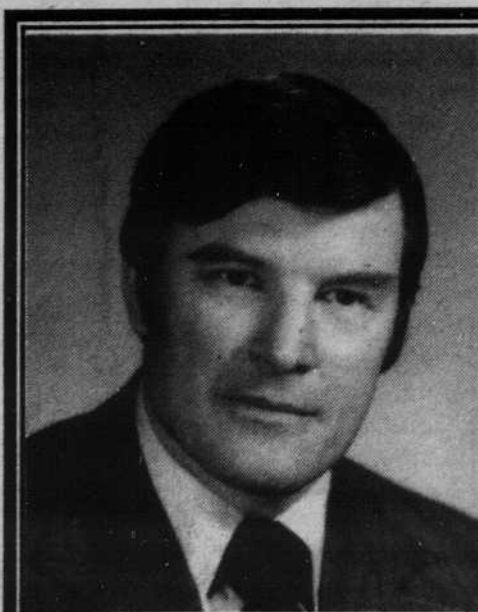


John Parkhurst

Another area where Parkhurst would like to save money comes closer to the average student's interest than, say, land-use planning on the Long Tom.

"We've kind of gone overboard on bike paths," Parkhurst says. The bicycle is a good method of transportation, he admits, and is easier to park and maneuver with inside the city. But, "I saw the city plan for proposed bike paths and it looks like we're getting carried away."

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