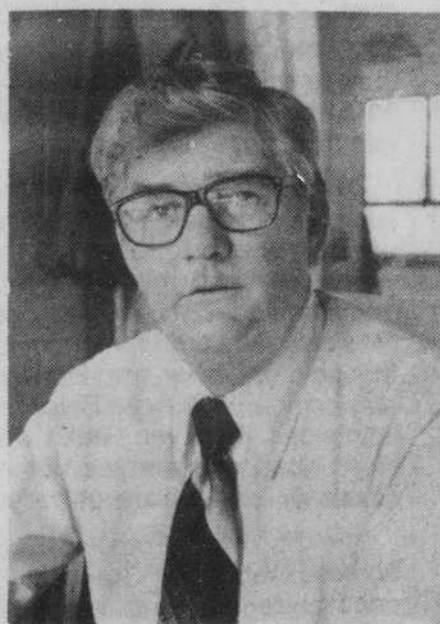




Pat Randall

Randall's goal communication

Pat Randall, candidate for the new Springfield county commissioner post, sees his greatest asset as helping to increase communication. For the last 10 years, Randall has been secretary-treasurer of the Oregon AFL-CIO, and has spent a good portion of his time lobbying, which he says will serve him well as a commissioner.

"I don't care who does the job as long as it gets done," says Randall. "It's an art form to convince people without making them mad. The whole job comes down to communication."

Randall says he would like to keep the county out of the energy and timber business and instead work toward the best interests of the county. This includes locating needy seniors in the county and sending a brochure to all households headed by a person 65 years of age or older, telling them what programs the county offers them. Randall is very wary of cutting off transportation to the elderly, because he says that also cuts them off from doctors, the supermarket and other services.

Randall would favor returning to the system of a chief administrator

rather than letting the commissioners handle it all.

"We need someone (an administrator) who knows what he's doing," Randall says. "All the county's business can't be run by the commissioners alone. A chief administrator has to meet necessary qualifications for the job, while all a commissioner has to do is be 18 years old, live in an area for a set time and get most of the votes. I don't think that necessarily means they are qualified enough to run all the county's business."

Randall also wants to take a

look at the county's current programs. "We need to reevaluate all ongoing programs and see how we can make them more meaningful and how we can get the most value for what we're paying," says Randall. "Right now, there isn't much imagination used in creating programs. Our youth don't know how to work because there is no place to learn. It doesn't do any good to have one person shovel a ditch along a county road while four people watch. That doesn't teach them how to work, it teaches them they can get paid for not working."

Ex-mayor wants hassle-free Board

Vance Freeman, former mayor of Springfield now seeking the new Springfield county commissioner seat, says the "little things are where it starts" in making county government work.

Freeman says one of these little things is getting more citizen participation in county government. He says he would like to establish a program similar to the "Project Listen" he started as Springfield's Mayor to get that input.

Freeman disagrees with the reorganization the current commissioners have instituted, which

did away with the chief administrator.

"We need a strong administrator for the commissioners," he says. "The commissioners don't have the time to completely run the county; that's what staff is for."

Freeman also pledges to get rid of the hassles going on now with the commissioners.

"I won't be involved with selling papers," he says, "and I can work with anybody. Having five commissioners (instead of the current three) should bring about better

input and discussion, because as it stands now, two commissioners can't get together and discuss things, because they constitute a quorum. And that violates the Oregon open meetings law."

In the area of land-use planning, Freeman says, "We have too many restrictive jurisdictions taking over what our charter says we're to do." He says all land can't have the same controls, and that we should increase the density inside the cities before expanding.

As a county commissioner,

Freeman sees his role in the field burning controversy as one of a "coordinator," where he would get both sides to sit down and discuss the problem and to work out a solution.

"We can't throw a \$63 million industry down the tube," he says. "With a cooperative effort we won't lose any seed grass and we'll also reduce the smoke. We need to get it out of politics and quit fighting about it. Rather than fighting, we need more negotiation."



Vance Freeman

Myers favors urban boundaries



Greg Myers

Unless we can cope with the growing population, Eugene will "turn into L.A.," says Gregory Myers, Springfield commissioner candidate and a former University student.

"Urban boundaries need to be limited," Myers says of the Cone-Breeden developments. "Someone who just has money should not be permitted to abuse land-use regulations."

Myers, on a leave of absence from the Weyerhaeuser corporation for the duration of his campaign, says he is "very interested in controlled growth for this area." He supports non-industrial businesses and stresses "energy-ecology."

By non-industrial, Myers says he means business that won't pollute, such as electronics firms, art centers and clothing outlets.

"I'd like to see students find non-industrial jobs so that they can stay in this area," he says.

Myers thinks the present zoning ordinance should be updated. "We should start from the beginning and go back through the books," he affirms, adding that a lot of residential building is currently being done on "prime farmlands."

He says field burning is only a problem in the summer months and that the real pollution comes from car exhausts. He suggests turning to electric or mono-rail transport.

"In the future and in the long run they are more feasible and they're clean," he says. By using these

types of transport, we can keep animal and agricultural life in this area."

Myers also mentioned a 20-acre limitation on farms as more efficient land use, because persons could live in the country, but still keep the most efficient use of the land by employing new agricultural techniques.

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