

In Clackamas County

Nine candidates seek seat held by Commissioner Skoko

Nine candidates hope to beat out Stan Skoko, a 16-year veteran of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, for the one seat up for election.

The six Democrats and three Republicans attack Skoko's controversial stands and disagreements with fellow commissioners Robert Schumacher and Ralph Groener.

Skoko, 64, has served off and on the commission since 1948. A native of the county, he first came to work for the county highway department in 1932.

Skoko has locked horns

with county planners in his belief homes could be built on some of the rocky, hilly land in Clackamas County that can't be used for forestry and farming. That view finds favor with some residents who maintain they must divide and sell their land in order to make it profitable.

Skoko voted against the board assuming the Housing Authority and hiring a consulting firm to analyze the county's space needs. He said he is concerned about police protection in the county, space in the courthouse and road maintenance.

He supports a five-man board, with each commissioner assigned to supervise one county department.

West Linn mayor Alan Brickley, 37, said the commission needs more active debate and less personal conflict. He has served as a West Linn councilman for two years and is a member of the county comprehensive plan committee.

Land use planning and space for county government are also his concerns.

He stresses the need to broaden the tax base of the county. Businesses should be

encouraged to settle in specific locations within Clackamas county, said Brickley.

He favors retaining the current three-man commission and suggests a better review of county programs. He also agrees that each commissioner should be responsible for a particular department.

Wilsonville city planner Robert Mahoney, 41, criticizes the county's land use process as "too slow." He said light, non-polluting industry should be developed but that no current commissioners are encouraging the move.

He favors enlarging the

board to five commissioners so as to represent a more diversified electorate.

Mahoney said the commissioners should encourage the Legislature to adopt an income tax and cut back on property taxes. He attacks Ballot Measure 6, which enlarges the Metropolitan Service District, for not allowing county lines and primarily benefiting Portland and Multnomah County.

Another Democrat, Suzanne VanOrman, thinks voters will want a woman on the commission. She has worked primarily in human services, and is currently coordinator of volunteer

services for Clackamas County Juvenile Court.

She said the commission isn't familiar with county programs and is too embroiled in conflict. She said she is "good at being rational." Enlarging the commission would only take funding from county programs, she said, but the three commissioners should be assigned to supervise particular county departments.

Ballot Measure 6 would simply create another regional agency that would short-change Clackamas County, she said.

Democrat Dean Killion, 44, is an Oregon City realtor best known for his strong labor ties as former president of the Oregon AFL-CIO. He has been under fire for his Senate rejection to the Employment Appeals Board in 1976, when he was charged with improper use of union funds.

Killion favors cluster planning instead of spreading homes over farmland. He said not conserving farmland is pricing people out of homes. Killion is supported by the Clackamas County Labor Council and the county Home Builders Association.

Other Democrats running include Howard Klemens, 63, a former Oregon City mayor who is retired as superintendent of the maintenance department of Publisher's Paper Co. Klemens believes land development is putting a strain on the county's schools and public services.

George E. Thomas, 42, advocates cutting property taxes. He is owner of Thomas Construction Co.

Three Republican candidates are vying for their party's nomination.

Alan Samarin, 32, is an active volunteer for Clackamas County senior citizens' programs. The county probation officer

criticizes the present commission's lack of administrative planning.

Retired Sheriff's Deputy Gilbert Rodgers, 63, is well-known in the county for his work as chief tax deputy. He supports a county tax base and reasonable growth to provide jobs.

Terry Van Der Mark, 30, was recently recalled as a Johnson City councilman for his stand on changing mobile home zoning from commercial to residential. The machinist said East Clackamas County needs more identification with commissioners. He supports county growth to spread the tax burden.



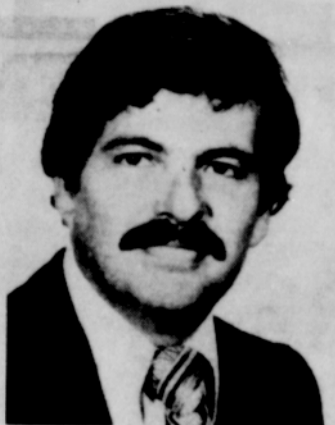
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Candidates familiar

There is an air of familiarity in the race for the District 56 House seat.

Paul Walden, who lost his seat to Wayne Fawbush in 1976, is the only Republican vying for the nomination. Fawbush is also the only Democratic candidate vying for his party's nomination.

Walden is the owner-manager of KIHRR Radio in Hood River. He served for six years in the Oregon Legislature from 1971 to 77, serving on the school finance, revenue, transportation and education committees.

He has said that he favors a small, local-approach government that can respond to people's needs. "Local control is the best control."

Fawbush was elected to the House in 1976, having lost a previous election to Walden.

He is a photographer and with his wife, Gloria, owns a

small orchard. He earned a bachelor of arts and a masters of arts in political science from the University of Oregon.

After serving as an officer in the Air Force, he returned to Hood River.

In the State Legislature, Fawbush served as one of seven members of the House Leadership Committee, as well as vice chairman of the Business and Consumer Affairs Committee and as a member of the Revenue and School Finance Committee.

He said his goals include stiffer penalties for drunk driving; a child abuse law to protect battered children; further tax reform, especially income tax reform; to eliminate the surplus caused by inflation at the end of each budget term; and increasing power for the state ombudsman to control runaway state regulator agencies.



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New bridge due

The Sleepy Hollow Bridge crossing the Sandy River just past Alder Creek is going to be scrapped in favor of a new structure in the near future.

The county highway department has received funding from the Safer Off-Systems Road program to prepare the preliminary engineering of the new bridge which will be 32 feet wide and have a separate pedestrian walkway.

The present steel truss bridge is structurally deficient to handle the heavier loads from logging trucks

according to engineers with the county. It was built in 1953 and has a 20-ton load limit.

The new bridge will be rated as H-20-44, the terminology for bridge weight limits now being constructed.

It will handle loads up to the allowable limit for regular highway use.

The new bridge will have an estimated cost of \$229,000.

Persons or groups who wish to express an opinion on the project are asked to contact the County Department of Environmental Services at 655-8521.

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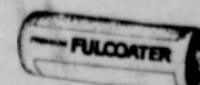
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