

Eight running for county commission post

Six Democrats and two Republicans are running for the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners position in the May primary.

They're running for the position currently held by Stan Skoko. D.L. Broetje of Milwaukie recently dropped out of the race. The candidates are listed below in alphabetical order.

Pat Blue

Pat Blue, as executive director of the Oregon Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, has spent a lot of time testifying before various boards.

About 10 months ago he was asked to run for the county commission. He talked it over with his family and others, and was encouraged to do so.

"I think I have a background as an administrator and a financial manager," he said. "I think I can have a positive influence on the county."

He said he is "basically conservative," and thinks he could find frills that could be cut.

"I'm talking about good day-to-day management," he said, adding that he would seek information about the priorities of the different department heads.

He said that the county, being next to a metropolitan area, needs to develop its own identity. He said that this can be accomplished with "proper and consistent land use decisions."

The confidence of the people dealing with the board needs to be established, he said.

Blue, a Republican, is a Clackamas County native. He received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1963.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, having completed over 500 missions as a pilot in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Blue was recently appointed to the Clackamas County economic development commission.

Duane Bock

Duane Bock believes the current county commission lacks credibility.

The incumbent, Stan Skoko, has been anti-business and anti-jobs, Bock contends.

He said that Skoko voted against the Clackamas Town Center, the Clackamas industrial area and the county economic development commission. Voting for these measures "could have brought literally thousands of jobs to the county," Bock said.

He said it is "unbelievable" that he didn't vote for these measures.

With timber receipts down, the county needs innovative leadership, Bock said. "This means at least a freeze in salaries for county employees and some service cuts," he said.

Bock, who used to live at Alder Creek, doesn't feel the present commissioners get out enough. "They're tied to Oregon City," he said. "I'm advocating better communication, and there are ways of doing that."

Bock, who has 25 years of experience as a broadcast journalist in the Northwest, said that the county, by ordinance, can get 3 percent of the gross income from cable television for the general fund.

On top of that, 2 percent more can go toward enhancement of county projects, such as informational programs. Bock said he told the commissioners a year and a half ago this money was available but the board members have "sat on their hands."

Added Bock, "The potential is immense."

Bock, a Democrat from the Milwaukie area, covered the legislature as a journalist for public television, has worked as an assistant to Mildred Schwab, Portland city commissioner, and has worked as an assistant to the county commissioners.

Vince Ferrante

Vince Ferrante dealt with the county commission on a land variance once but his application was denied.

He was displeased with the way the board operated, and feels there is a lot of dissension.

He said he ran into a lot of people who were also dissatisfied. He feels that in land use some exceptions can be made.

I think I could provide some harmony, he said.

Ferrante, a Democrat, is an account manager for Lever Brothers. He has received the distinguished sales award from the Sales and Marketing Executives International.

Employment is the top priority. "I don't know what I could do," he said. "There's not a lot anyone can do until the interest rates come down."

However, the Clairmont Water District, of which he is a commissioner, has implemented a 32-hour work week. "The main thing is to keep as many people working as possible," he said.

A similar change might be needed for county employees, Ferrante said. He added that he would review salaries.

Ferrante was born in Portland and

has lived in the Oregon City area for 13 years. He is serving his third term on the Board of Directors of the Beaver Creek Telephone Company Cooperative, has completed the Dale Carnegie course and has been a member of the Elks for 17 years.

Dale Harlan

"I'm running because I've always been interested in politics," Dale Harlan said.

He added that he thinks his 23 years of experience as an attorney could help the county save money. "There have been some leases entered into that maybe could have been considered more," he said.

Also the ability to arbitrate and negotiate are important to his trade, and he feels these are skills appropriate for a county commissioner.

Harlan feels that the economy is the top priority, and he said that maybe the county even needs to create some jobs. There are people who've always worked that are unable to find a job, he pointed out.

"About equal" to the problem of the economy is the crime problem.

"You'd be amazed at how many people are afraid to open their doors to people on a main street in broad daylight," he said.

He said that money must be spent on law enforcement, even with the economy being like it is.

Harlan said that he enjoyed his two terms as a state Representative (1965-69) but did not run for a third term as he felt he needed to get back to the practice of law.

Harlan, a Democrat from Milwaukie, has served on city budget and county advisory committees for the past 12 years.

Bev Henderson

The "absolute" bottom line is getting full value for our tax dollars, contends Bev Henderson, a partner in American Professional Marketing, a firm that sells gas additives and maintenance products.

The Lake Oswego Republican has also worked for Weyerhaeuser, Dant & Russell, Lewis and Clark College and at the Oregon Bank.

Two years ago Henderson also ran for the commission, losing by less than a vote and a half per precinct.

Her top three priorities include tightening the budget, better communication with citizens and a working, compatible board.

About the current commission, she said, "They don't operate in a business-like manner. A difference of opinion is healthy but they don't even talk."

"I will debate the issues, not personalities."

As examples that the county is not spending tax dollars wisely Henderson pointed out the board paid \$2,000 to a polling firm to find out why the senior levy was voted down, \$57,000 was spent on a weight reduction program, and an out-of-court settlement on a lease two years ago reportedly cost \$187,000. The board also voted themselves a raise two years ago, according to Henderson, who thinks the commissioners' salaries should be cut 20 percent.

"They're more interested in taking the fat off employees than in taking the fat out of the budget," she said.

Those expenses add up, she said, and have contributed to the current shortfall. More people could have been employed had they managed the budget more proficiently, she added.

As to getting along with the other commissioners, she points out that she has five brothers and thus is able to "handle rowdy boys."

Stan Skoko

Stan Skoko has served an unprecedented fourth and fifth terms as county commissioner. He's seeking his sixth, but not necessarily his last.

He said that he's in good health, and added, "Hell, who knows, I might go for two more terms."

He is a self-described "conservative Democrat," looking out for the interests of the county.

"The entire county is being thrown to the wind right now," he said, adding that he's trying to cut back on the programs that we can't afford.

He said the county has faced these problems before, but that this year revenues are "really down."

He feels the economy is the top priority. The road system is also a concern, he said. It's our "lifeline."

"I'm running because I think I can improve the lifestyle in Clackamas County," Skoko said.

"I can argue with anyone that Clackamas County is one of the best in the U.S.," he said. He's lived here 62 years, having moved to the area when he was 6.

A row crop farmer, Skoko said he is money conscience, having grown up during the depression. "I'm not a spendthrift," he said.

He acknowledged his reputation for being outspoken, and said he has no regrets about his work as a county commissioner.

"I can always get to sleep at night," he said.

Scott Taylor

"I am of that school of thought that says if you feel you can do a better

job you get involved," said Scott Taylor, a Democrat from Canby.

Taylor, who has a master's degree in public administration from Portland State University and is the manager of the Clackamas County Corrections Residential Center, said that better management of personnel and of the budget is needed.

Instead of a line-item budget, which lists items, Taylor advocates a zero-based or program plan budget. With a program plan budget, which would require more planning and work by department heads and others, one can actually see where the money is going, Taylor said.

He also favors an incentive plan for employees who have ideas that would save the county money.

Taylor said that department heads need to start meeting, perhaps once a

month, which would help improve communication and could eliminate duplication.

Taylor said "we should consider our priorities" when it comes to ballot measure three, which authorizes the issuance of bonds totaling \$60 million for a corrections facility.

Taylor said that on the average it costs as much every four years in maintenance as the original cost of a jail facility.

In other words if a \$60 million corrections facility were built, in four years \$60 million would have been spent to operate and maintain it.

We all agree that violent people should be institutionalized, Taylor said. He said there is an axiom that "if you build a jail you'll fill it."

In some cases there are alternatives, he said.

Diane Quick

Diane Quick, beauty parlor owner and Happy Valley land-use coordinator to the county, is running in the Democratic primary for county commissioner with an eye for business considerations in planning.

She's presently involved with urban renewal efforts in Oregon City where she feels the county should locate offices downtown to restore the city core, leaving choice commercial hilltop property sought by the county for restaurants she represents.

Quick said last year she attended some 160 county meetings including hearings in Hoodland and feels qualified to discuss land-use questions countywide.

She said there's too much friction on the board and views Commissioner Stan Skoko's candidacy only as a personal vendetta against other commissioners.

She advocates a volunteer salary board comprised of business and citizens, and feels commissioners shouldn't be allowed to set their own salary.

She's vice-chairperson of Citizens' Involvement Committee of Clackamas County and a founder of the county's first community school.

She advocates commissioners' involvement in attracting more light industry, cleaning up farm-residential zoning catch-22s and decreasing assessment challenges.

She claims the Teamster's endorsement.

Cedar Ridge sewer extension protested

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Residents from the Mt. Hood area and representatives from the Mountain Area Corridor Citizens took issue with the proposed extraterritorial extension of a sewer line from the Hoodland Service District into the Brightwood area last Thursday, May 6.

The extension of the line was being sought to provide sewer service to the Timberline Rim subdivision and three developments proposed for the still undeveloped Cedar Ridge area.

Opponents to the extension did not object to the servicing of Timberline Rim but argued that by providing sewers to Cedar Ridge it would be an open invitation to developers. Any development in that area, they claimed, would have a serious impact on wildlife and fisheries along

the Salmon and Sandy Rivers.

Biologists from the Department of Fish and Wildlife have said the Cedar Ridge area, which has been under fire the past 10 years due to proposed developments, is an important habitat for wildlife. It's a winter range for deer, as well as a riparian and wetland area.

Dave Abraham, director of Clackamas County's utilities division of the Department of Environmental Services, said approval of the extraterritorial extension should be a formality since the boundary commission approved of Cedar Ridge's annexation to the service district at an earlier hearing.

However, Beth Normand, a Beaverton-based land use attorney representing MACC, took issue with both this hearing and the 1980 annexation hearing.

Normand said due to the inade-

quate notice that was given for the annexation hearing, that the boundary commission should "reverse its decision on the annexation," and that the issue currently before them is premature.

She told the commissioners that the notices sent out on the annexation hearing were inadequate since they identified the area in question to be adjacent to Highway 30, which runs through the Columbia River Gorge, not Highway 26, which runs through the Mt. Hood Corridor.

Normand said that this misleading information was published in the Sandy Post and the Oregon City Enterprise Courier, as well as posted on telephone poles in the area.

She said that "annexation was improper" due to such notices and that new hearings should be held to address various environmental issues pertaining to the development of the

Cedar Ridge area.

Commission Chairperson Gene Ginther told her that such an action "is beyond the scope of this hearing."

Normand advised him that she was "now on the record" in saying that their decision was not a valid one.

In respect to the extension of the sewer line, Normand said that the commission's staff report is inadequate because it doesn't make any "findings and conclusions" on applicable state-wide planning goals, policies of the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan or the Mt. Hood Community Plan. It also didn't address a number of considerations pertaining to the county's zoning and development ordinances.

Normand said that the extension of the sewer line would allow the development of the Cedar Ridge

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Firwood students listen to a talk by Dr. John Wall, a weather forecaster from a Portland television station.

11 seek Clackamas County clerk's job

When Clackamas County Clerk George D. Poppen decided not to seek another term, seven Democrats and four Republicans tossed their hats in the ring.

They are listed below in alphabetical order.

Bill Anton

Anton, executive administrator for a private foundation, development officer for Clackamas Community College, farmer and small businessman, said, "I think people have forgotten this part of the county exists, and I think that's terrible."

The clerk's office seems to be one people retire in, Anton said. He said that he would get out and explain special measures on the ballot, as well as addressing issues like low voter turnout and direct mail voting.

He said that there are some qualified people running, but he doesn't think they have the management experience he has. Anton, a Democrat, claims 12 years of management experience, both in and out of government.

Carol Bogumil

Bogumil is one of four Republican candidates for county clerk.

Bogumil has worked 18 and a half years for the county in various capacities.

He worked nine years in the clerk's office as supervisor of elections and recordings, and as a microfilm supervisor.

Bogumil worked as an appraiser for two years and eight years in the property department where he currently works as a right-of-way agent.

When Bogumil was working in the clerk's office he experienced the progression from paper balloting to voting machines to the present punch card system.

John Kauffman

Kauffman, Democrat, is currently the deputy county clerk and is in charge of supervising records and elections.

Kauffman began his career with the county by working as a typesetter in the print shop of the elections division.

Kauffman said his employment in the clerk's office makes him the most

qualified candidate as he is familiar with budgets, recordings, elections, and working with county, city and special district administrators.

Norman LeVe

Republican candidate LeVe said that if elected, before making any changes he would first evaluate the office and then, after careful consideration, make necessary changes.

LeVe is currently employed as a contractor. He is a former employee for the city of Lake Oswego engineering department, as well as for the county's surveyors and engineers offices.

In addition he has a background in safety and industrial engineering, corporate planning and auditing.

LeVe said that one of the concerns he has is "the lack of interest that people take in politics." He said that he would work towards educating students in the process of government with the goal of getting them involved.

Benton Marberry

Marberry, Republican, is a former telephone company employee, police officer and real estate salesperson who has worked in the clerk's office since 1979.

Marberry started out in February of that year as a circuit court clerk. In July he was promoted to coordinator of special district elections.

He was promoted in April 1981 to his current position of administrative assistant.

Marberry said he would not make a lot of changes if elected except "professionalize it more."

He said the office has come along way the past few years with its positive attitude. He would continue to promote that atmosphere.

Juanita Orr

Orr, a property tax analyst, is running for the county clerk's office because "I think I can do a real good job."

As county clerk she would update the voters' list and "actually try to get people to vote."

She said, "I do have the precinct lists and they are really bad. They need updating."

She believes the county clerk needs to get to "other parts of the county" and get the word out on special elections.

Orr, a Democrat, lives in the Lake Grove area, served four terms as a state legislator and eight years as county assessor.

Jeanie Sharp Phillips

Democratic candidate Phillips is a licensed real estate sales associate with Mayfair Realty.

Her past occupational background includes working as a mobile operator for Sharp Logging Company, a proctor for state EMT exams, a radio dispatcher, and as a farm manager for her family's business.

Phillips' prior governmental experience includes working as a Democratic precinct committee person in the Milwaukie area, as well as having worked on several campaigns of party members.

Phillips said she will provide active and timely information to the public if elected. She said that she will make herself available the second Saturday morning of each month to receive personal calls from concerned citizens.

Douglas Poppen

Poppen, son of the current county clerk, said his decision to run was not a spontaneous one.

Poppen said when he got out of the Army after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam he told his father that if he ever decided not to seek re-election he would be interested in the job.

That was 12 years ago.

Poppen is executive director of Parrott Creek Ranch, a social service agency that provides counseling and supportive services for troubled youths and their families from Clackamas County.

One major task facing the new clerk will be to explore alternatives to the existing voting procedures to insure larger voter turnout at the polls, said Poppen.

Poppen said the current "vote-by-mail" procedure currently being experimented with by Linn and Benton Counties is just one option that will have to be evaluated.

Burt Redick

Redick is a county probation counselor who has spent 25 years in public service.

A Democrat, Redick said that if elected he would explore the possibilities of implementing a vote-by-mail system.

Redick's background includes working a police officer, a substitute teacher, a counselor with the Portland public schools, a special deputy sheriff, a probation officer, and a liquor control officer.

Due to his past background and job experience in preparing civil and legal reports and working around the courthouse, he feels that he is qualified for administering the duties of county clerk.

Robert Rielly

Republican candidate Rielly believes county government is big business, and he is qualified to fill the position of clerk.

Rielly is the president and management consultant of Robert Rielly & Associates Personnel Agency, Inc.

His prior employment includes working as a credit manager executive, a public accountant, and a corporate accountant and controller.

Rielly's governmental experience includes working as a precinct committeeman, as well as serving as the treasurer and chairperson of Clackamas County's Republican Party.

Carl Roley

Roley, a real estate broker from Oregon City, has been interested in politics for some time, and has considered the county clerk's office for about five years.

"It's a job I think I could do well," said Roley, a Democrat.

If elected he said he would not go in and make a lot of changes. "It's being well run, or reasonably so," he said.

He said he would run the clerk's office with the same concern with which he runs his own business.

Roley, a native Oregonian, has served two four-year terms on the Oregon City planning commission. His second term expired in April.