

# Nebeker: Virus biggest issue

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years as a county commissioner, chair and vice chair of the board; 25 years as a Gearhart planning commissioner, chair and vice chair

**Why should people vote for you?** I have many years of experience in a wide range of government agencies, setting policies in land use, public health, human services, housing, mental health, county health, staffing, budget process, justice system, and other aspects of policy making.

In addition, I have run a successful small business for 45 years, and I understand the important interface of business and government.

### Top three issues:

1. COVID-19: Managing the effects on county services.
2. COVID-19: Budgeting better

in this time of uncertainty.

3. COVID-19: Maintaining, if not increasing, transparency in how the county goes about the public's business.

### How would you approach those issues?

1. I've been a strong supporter of our County Health Department over my years in office. We need to do even more to prepare for future challenges. We have great leadership and staff; let's make certain they have the right tools. That means making certain Clatsop County, especially the Health Department, gets its fair share of federal and state resources and support.

2. Each year's county budget represents our policy choices and priorities. Over the years, our staff has won awards for their best practices in budgeting and accounting for the pub-

lic's tax dollars. I've been proud of our public budget process and our professional staff that translates our board's policies into the reality of the budget. I believe we're well prepared to face new pandemic-driven budget challenges in a transparent, public process.

3. The need for our fellow citizens to have confidence and trust in their governments at all levels has never been greater.

I can only speak to our county government, where last year, as chair of the board, I appointed, over considerable skepticism and opposition, a certified, professional parliamentarian to attend our board meetings.

The result has been a better focus on agenda issues, clearer communication with the public and shorter, more efficient meetings. In short, more transparency! Greater transparency leads to greater public trust.

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ence. All business in Clatsop County is conducted through boards and committees. Candidates should have experience working as part of a team, bringing people together toward a common goal, not a personal or party agenda.

I have social skills. You don't need to agree with everyone, but you must respect everyone.

I have vision. I can imagine the enormous potential of Clatsop County and understand the steps needed to get there.

Commissioner Nebeker is not a bad person, she just supports bad policy like the cap and trade law, a policy that Sen. Betsy Johnson calls "a notion that leaves the details behind" and a vote to opt-out of a lawsuit, which denied our county over \$200 million that could have

been spent on education, infrastructure and safety. I will prioritize infrastructure improvements, support better housing and child care, and allow the careful use of our natural resources.

### Top three issues:

1. Critical infrastructure deficiencies.

2. Too many regulations on small businesses. We must facilitate responsible growth to create more and better job opportunities for our kids.

3. Affordable housing and child care for working families.

### How would you approach those issues?

1. I will support emergency preparedness in Clatsop County by focusing on building critical infrastructure and making sure our first responders and brave volunteers have the necessary equipment to keep themselves and our residents safe.

2. I will represent the working families of Clatsop County by looking for the best ways to support small business, increase living wages, and support family health care and education.

3. I will support affordable housing in Clatsop County by listening to working families and limiting short-term rentals that eat up the available housing inventory in our coastal communities.

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#### AARON'S CLOSURE

Aaron's furniture in the Pre-marq Center has closed permanently, a company spokeswoman said.

The decision to shutter the store was made before recent stay-at-home orders due to the pandemic.

"It was for a lot of reasons," she said. "It had been planned to shut down before COVID happened."

The company's stores in Longview and Aberdeen, Wash., are handling accounts and questions regarding the Warrenton store's closure.

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