

Election Forum

County Measures

Measure No. 6

Shall Morrow County levy \$2,469,040 outside the tax base for operating purposes during fiscal year 1986-87?

The Morrow County Special Levy has been reduced \$99,690 since voters rejected the county proposal in the March levy election. The tax rate for the levy will be \$3.74 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The hospital levy and the Lifeguard serial levy have already been approved with tax rates of 48¢ and 4¢ per \$1,000 evaluation.

The following cuts were approved by the County Court:

- \$39,255 from the Road Fund, Capital outlay was reduced by \$7,200 for the purchase of a pickup, \$1,000 for purchase of a radio, and \$3,000 for purchase of air conditioners for three blades. The balance of the cuts were in the area of material and services: \$10,000 from weed spraying, \$2,000 from fire insurance, and \$10,000 from diesel purchases since the cost of

petroleum products has gone down recently.

- \$8,543 from the North Morrow Ambulance levy.

- \$1,604 from the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

- \$904 from the Fair and Rodeo Fund.

- \$1,841 from the city road districts, an automatic reduction because the total is figured on a percentage of the levy for the county road fund.

- \$48,083 from the general fund: \$20,000 from the Sheriff's Department jail fund.

- Also from the General Fund, the Weed District was cut \$1,000; the Soil and Water Conservation District \$1,500; the Extension Service \$1,000; the Watermaster \$100; the Lexington Blow Control \$25 (a 50% cut); the Veterans Administration \$100; and the County Counsel \$2,401.

Measure No. 7

Shall Morrow County School District levy \$6,180,808 outside its tax base and increase its net tax rate to permit raising requested dollars?

After lengthy discussion, the Morrow County School Board decided to resubmit the same levy request that was defeated in the March 25 special election.

The proposed \$6,180,808 special one-year operating levy for next year is up \$282,631 or 4.79% over the levy which was approved for this school year. No election is required to approve the \$834,809 tax base and the \$709,684 bonded tax levy; adding these two amounts to the special levy will result in a \$9.66 property

tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value. This year's tax rate is \$8.75.

Next year's total proposed operating budget is \$9,471,688, a 9.07% increase or \$787,387 more than this year's total budget. Expected resources other than property tax are \$2,915,036. The largest expenditure increases are due to staff additions and negotiated salary and benefit costs, item, replacement, school vehicle replacement, and continuation of several maintenance projects.

Measure No. 8

Shall Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District become a taxing district and establish a \$93,000 tax base effective next year.

The directors of the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District are proposing to organize a S.W.C.D. taxing district to include all of Morrow County.

The tax rate for the proposed \$93,000 tax base would be 12¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

One of the reasons for this venture is to stabilize the weed control program. At present, the weed control budget comes out of county funds; if the county budget fails, it causes a problem for the district.

Another important reason is that the federal government is doing its best to get out of the conservation business, say S.W.C.D. directors.

The tax base will provide technical services to help control and eradicate noxious weeds; provide range inventory and management assistance; control and prevent soil erosion; develop water resources; control flooding; improve water quality; improve fish and wildlife habitat; increase timber production; build diversion ditches, grassed waterways and install tile drainage and develop recreation.

The tax base will also help the district maintain education and soils information programs. It will enable the district to obtain matching funds and apply for project and grant monies.

Election Forum

Non-Partisan Ballot

Justice of the Peace



Charlotte S. Gray

Charlotte S. Gray, 45, Heppner, has filed for re-election to the six-year term for Justice of the Peace.

She and her husband David have two grown children.

Gray has attended National Judicial College on the University of Nevada Campus at Reno; and all seminars and classes sponsored by the Justice of the Peace Association. She graduated from Shoreline High School, Seattle, Washington.

She is a member of the Justice of the Peace Association and the National Judges Association.

She has submitted the following statement regarding her candidacy for Justice of the Peace.

"In Morrow County your Justice of the Peace must have experience, training and knowledge both as a clerk and as a judge. I have both. This includes Deputy Municipal Judge in The Dalles for four years, Court Clerk position there for five years and seven and one-half years as Morrow County Justice of the Peace. I have been involved with the Judicial system for 13 of the last 15 years. I can give you the most efficient use of your tax dollars. I will be honest, fair, and give you even-handed justice, as I have done for the last seven and one-half years."



Ed Glenn

Ed Glenn, 45, Boardman, has filed for the six-year term of Justice of the Peace in Morrow County.

He and his wife, Frances, have two children: Harold, 15, and Laurel, 12.

He earned a J.D. at the University of Oregon in 1971 and a Bachelor of Science degree from there in 1969; prior to that he attended Eastern Oregon State College from 1966-68, and graduated from LOSTINE High School in 1959.

He has been a member of the School Board at LaGrande from 1972-74; a member of the LaGrande Planning Commission from 1973-74; and was a member of the Morrow County Jail committee, 1978-79; and has been chairman of the Umatilla-Morrow county vocational education and employment training council.

He has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"The Justice Court handles some very technically legal matters and my legal training and experience will be invaluable in those cases. My 15 years experience as a lawyer will make me more comfortable in dealing with other judges, lawyers, police officers and other professionals than a layman might be."

"The Justice Court also deals with people, some of whom are hardened criminals, but most of whom are law-abiding folks with an infrequent transgression. I believe I know the difference and can treat each accordingly. I will administer justice with firmness when required, but tempered with compassion when appropriate."

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District Attorney



Richard J. Mc Nerney

Incumbent Richard J. Mc Nerney, 37, Boardman, has filed for re-election to the four-year office of Morrow County District Attorney. He has served one four-year term.

Mc Nerney, and his wife Susan have been married since 1974.

He attended the University of Oregon School of Law and received a J.D. in 1981; Willamette University in the Graduate School of Administration; the University of Oregon and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1972; and also attended California Lutheran College and Portland State University. He is a graduate of Franklin High School in Portland.

His community activities include a one-year internship on the Columbia Little League Board of Directors, membership in the Chamber of Commerce both in Boardman and in Heppner, and membership in the Lions Club of Irrigon and the Heppner Elks Club.

He lists the following other qualifications which prepare him for the office of district attorney: summer intern as a trial deputy in the Coos County District Attorney's Office; one and one-half years as administrative assistant to the Chief of Eugene Police; and membership of the Oregon State Bar Uniform State Laws Committee.

He has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"I am Rick Mc Nerney and I am running for re-election as your District Attorney on May 20. I need your continued support for another term of office. As you know, I already live and work in Morrow County."

"In my campaign four years ago, I promised cost-effective, even handed law enforcement. I kept that promise."

"The budget for the District Attorney was reduced each of the three years I have been in office. I promise to continue giving you the cost effective service you have come to expect."

"So vote to re-elect District Attorney Mc Nerney on May 20."



Jeff M. Wallace

Jeff M. Wallace, 36, Pendleton, has filed for the four-year term of Morrow County District Attorney. He is currently employed as the Deputy District Attorney for the Umatilla County District Attorney's office.

He has two children: Kelly, 8, and Katie, 4. He is not currently married.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism [with honors] from the University of Oregon in 1972, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Willamette Law School in 1976. He is a 1967 graduate of Umapine High School.

His community activities include membership in the Oregon Bar Association, the sixth Judicial District Bar Association, and the Oregon Farm Bureau.

He lists the following accomplishments which further qualify him for the office of district attorney: rank of First Lieutenant in the Oregon National Guard, Judge Advocate General's Corps, six years prosecution experience, and experience in municipal law.

He has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy for office:

"I am looking forward to living in Morrow County and serving as your district attorney. The issue in this election is plea bargaining. Morrow County has one of the highest per capita crime rates in the state. Yet, of 500 cases submitted to the district attorney for prosecution last year, charges were filed in only 270 cases. Between 1983 and 1985, the number of felony and misdemeanor filings in Irrigon Justice Court dropped 50%. I am an experienced trial attorney and a lifelong eastern Oregon resident. I have experience and ability necessary to serve as your district attorney."

Republican Ballot

County Judge

board member of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, a member of the PNWA Waterways Council, a board member of Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, a member of the PNWA trade committee, and a member of the advisory committee to the Department of Environmental Quality.

He says that he has a good working relationship with the industrial tenants of Morrow County, and a credible relationship with the Boeing Corporation, Portland General Electric, and with the Oregon State Departments relating to Morrow County government and the Oregon Congressional delegation.

He has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"As Judge of Morrow County, the political objectives are basically the same no matter who the candidate."

"The approach to these objectives is the reason for political contests."

"As Morrow County Judge, my emphasis would be on prudent administration of county funds, open

communication between the public and the County Court, and the use of counsel in the decision making process as the Judge of the Juvenile Court."

"The emotional demand and the time demand of the job seems to create certain barriers between the public and the office. For this reason I would use the public advisory committees for all of the agencies and encourage a liaison group to work with the departments for a better public understanding of the extent of each department's role in the county government."

Questions and Answers

1. How would you suggest balancing the county budget since federal revenue sharing may no longer be available?

Since revenue sharing was originally designed for one-time projects beyond normal county capabilities, the impact should be

minimal. Approximately 6% of the revenue sharing budget is currently being used for day-to-day operation. Obviously the elimination of revenue sharing will reduce or eliminate building projects, renovation, and land acquisition. No new taxes are expected.

2. Is the current arrangement for housing prisoners satisfactory? If so, why? If not, how would you try to improve the situation?

The current arrangement for housing prisoners is not satisfactory. However, the alternatives are not all clear at this time. Obviously not all small populated counties are capable of building and maintaining their own prison system. One alternative might be to have a regional detention facility supported by five counties.

3. What steps would you take to upgrade the county road system?

County roads are a continuing big ticket item to the budget. Steps must be taken to develop a comprehensive long-term program that is within the capability of the taxpayer to operate and maintain. It is essential that a competent full-time director of public works be employed to direct this program under the watchful eye of the road committee and the Morrow County Court.

4. What would be your first goal or objective if elected?

Build confidence in a working relationship between the County Court and the public, the county agencies, and the county departments.

5. How should the disagreement about the site of the senior citizen center be resolved?

There are two separate issues pending:

-Are the proposed sites both offered without major encumbrances or public objection? If there are major restrictions or objections, these must be satisfied between the fair board and the objector before

transfer of the title is completed.

-If both sites are available, which of the two is the most acceptable to the majority of the seniors? The accessibility of the site, cost of the building, parking and compliance with the land-use codes will play a major role in determining the most suitable location. Only the seniors can make this final decision.

6. As judge for juvenile court, how would you deal with kids who are in trouble with the law? How will they benefit by your actions?

This is the major role of the Morrow County Judge. I would work closely with professional counselors, the director of the Juvenile Services and with the schools who deal with the problem in the early stages. Even more important is to work closely with the parents of the children involved. Juvenile problems are a manifestation of family stress, and often of the deterioration of family communication.

County Commissioner

Photo not available.

Cleo B. Childers

Cleo B. Childers has filed on the Republican ticket for the four-year term of County Commissioner. He is unopposed.

He and his wife, Marilyn, have three grown children.

He is a high school graduate and is employed as the president of B&C Repair, Inc.

He has served on the Lone City Council for 10 years and has been the council representative to the city planning commission. He is a member of the Elks Lodge No. 358, and the Lone United Church of Christ.

He has knowledge of equipment, purchasing, and repair.

Attend transplant celebration

Bud and Ramona Marshall attended the "Celebration" for the 1,000th kidney transplant held at the Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, Friday, May 9. To date, there have been 1,028 successful transplants performed at O.H.S.U.

The recipient of the transplant in 1959 and her twin sister, who was the donor, were present for the celebration.

Ann Van Winkle, vice president of the Kidney Association of Oregon, who received her kidney transplant in 1974 and was the 173rd

patient transplant, presented Dr. Barry, the University surgeon with a plaque. To date, Dr. Barry has performed 750 successful transplants. Van Winkle has also written the book "Me, God and Machine". After telling of her seven years experience being on dialysis, of the first kidney machine, and of her kidney transplant, she introduced Charlie Whittock, who along with Dr. Drake developed the first kidney dialysis machine. Whittock happened to be Van Winkle's back yard neighbor, but was not aware of her condition. Dr. Drake just happened to stop by Whittock's to pick up his daughter. The two men got to talking about the need for a kidney dialysis machine. Whittock, and inventor always game for a challenge, immediately set out to develop the (now) Drake-Whittock machine, which is manufactured in Portland.

Judy Nichols, a former Heppner teacher, was also present. She is another person who has received a successful kidney transplant.



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Louis A. Carlson

Louis A. Carlson, 56, a Heppner farmer, is running unopposed on the Republican ticket for the six-year term of County Judge.

He and his wife Betty have four grown children.

He graduated from Lone High School, attended Oregon State University for two years. He has continued his education through workshops, seminars and hands-on experience in community, county, state and national involvement with organization and management.

He is President of the Port of Morrow board of commissioners, a board member for the Columbia Improvement District, a member of the Extension Advisory Committee, past president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, past chairman of the National Waterways Committee (NAWG), a board member of the National Waterways Council, a