

all department heads to develop creative solutions in order to provide needed services

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better to have people with competence in the area to run the department rather than the elected officials.



Earl Fisher

Dorschler (R) – I think the county commissioners are responsible over every department but only if they have trouble would it come before the commissioners.

3. What do you think the commissioner's job or responsibility should be?

Corsiglia (D) – From my experience, it's the most diverse job I've ever had. It can change by the minute based on the demands of running a county. I can get to work with a plan which changes when I hear my voicemail. You have to be a 'jack of all trades' and be extremely flexible. Also need to be able to share turf with the other two commissioners.

Fisher (D) – Should be to oversee the operations of all the county departments and look to develop policy to best guide the county through issues of focus. They need to make sure they create a communication system and have good relations with the people they represent. they need to look out for the welfare of the citizens they represent.

Dorschler (R) – Commissioners should be servant leaders of the county. I'm a public servant, not a politician. I served Scappoose for 14 years as a public servant. The county commissioners should have meetings in Vernonia and Clatskanie as the two cities furthest from St. Helens. We should meet several times a year in those two cities in meetings open to the people so they can come to us and share with us their needs and concerns.

4. What improvements would you like to see in county government?

Corsiglia (D) – I always believe we can do a better job of communicating with the public and, by public, I mean the owners of government. We can always do a better job of being open.

Fisher (D) – I think there has got to be a vision of where we want to be in five years and 10 years. They have gotten so busy trying to drain the swamp, they've lost the vision. We have got to foster commitment through hard work and building relationships. Most people I've worked with in public service have been hard working individuals who need to know they are appreciated.

Dorschler (R) – I place a very high priority on the Sheriff's Office and the need to fight crime and make sure we support the Sheriff's Office with what they need. There needs to be fiscal responsibility in making sure the Sheriff's Office is funded. Over-arching all of that we have to have an economic development plan. The Scappoose Airport is the key to developing a far reaching goal of getting businesses to move to the airport.

5. Nehalem Valley feels it gets little in the way of county services. What would you do to change this perception?

Corsiglia (D) – I have worked on this personally by visiting those communities and working on communication. There is a reality that the further you are from St. Helens, the less you get, but when I do come out and listen I can tell you the priorities and concerns. I do what I can to help. I believe in a steady forward progress of small businesses. I'm working with Tim Bero on plans to extend the Vernonia airport runway and help encourage businesses at the airport. I encouraged Barlow's Bikes to come over here.

Fisher (D) – I think all of the north county has that perception. We need to work very hard to be visible and be seen in the community and bring more services to these areas.

Dorschler (R) – I would be here for the people. We need to be accessible to the people and hold meetings here to show that we're concerned about them.

6. Anything you'd like to tell our readers?



Glen Dorschler

Corsiglia (D) – I've worked hard to know our community and understand the people of this valley. I have been involved with community activities and charities, like Natal Grange, and that helps me know the needs of the people better.

Fisher (D) – I think it's important for our county to attempt to all work together as times get worse in order to leverage all our resources to our best advantage. This is not a time to blame others – this is a time to come together. My track record is to bring people together to cooperate and solve problems.

Dorschler (R) – My vision for Columbia County is to work to build economic growth and vitality. If elected, I will work hard to do what I can towards this vision. If my vision is moving forward, I would run again, but I will serve only two terms. That is my own form of term limits.

Columbia County Commissioner Position 1

There is only two candidates for Position 3 –Democrat Patricia Zimmerman, and Republican Tony Hyde. Their responses are in alphabetical order.

1. What are your plans if federal

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timber dollars don't come to the county?

Hyde (R) – The reality is we will have to find \$2 to 2 1/2 million to cut. As budget officer, it's going to be on me to find areas to cut. That amount is about 25 percent of the budget. As the county with the least amount of employees per capita in the state, we are already at bare bones. We need to find a way to create more revenue and increase the economy. My focus has not changed from the last election four years ago, we



Tony Hyde

need a diverse economy that supports local family wage jobs.

Zimmerman (D) – Those dollars are about \$2.2 million out of a net \$20 million budget so it's about 10 percent. My background is in high tech and I start from a zero budget so I would certainly take a very hard look at where the money is going and use it as efficiently as possible.

2. Do you think the county commissioners should reassume responsibility for departments rather than depending on middle managers to assist department heads?

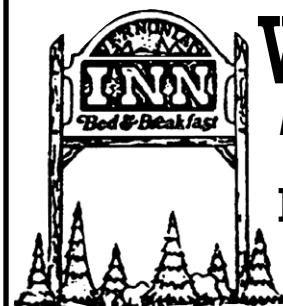
Hyde – We don't have middle managers. I try not to micro manage the department heads. The three commissioners meet at staff meetings with department heads to handle any issues they have.

Zimmerman – No, I don't because you get into a potential for getting into a lot of problems. Portland has been back and forth on this issue. It's hard to hold department heads accountable because the commissioners are in there too.

3. What do you think the commissioner's job or responsibility should be?

Hyde (R) – Manage all departments and the \$50 million plus budget. I also think we're responsible for economic development and to manage outside influences as liaisons to both the state and the federal government. If you are not at the table, you are part of the

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